

Outline for January 29, 2012 (Luke 5:18-26) - We Have Seen Extraordinary Things Today

Introduction: We have seen extraordinary things today! What a perfect statement regarding the wonder of forgiveness and the majesty of King Jesus. Is there anything sweeter to the believer's ear than to hear that he or she is forgiven? By the great and awesome work of King Jesus on the cross our sins have been lifted up and carried away. His precious blood has absolved our guilt and God's wrath has been borne away by the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. How sweet is the gospel!

I. Luke's preface and the introduction of John the Baptist and Jesus (1:1-2:52)

II. Preparation for Ministry: the supremacy of God in the fullness of time (3:1-4:13)

III. The Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)

A. Summary of the Galilean ministry (4:14-15)

B. Preaching in Nazareth (4:16-30)

C. The necessity of preaching the good news of the kingdom of God (4:31-44)

D. Gathering of disciples (5:1-6:16)

1. The remarkable providence of God (5:1, 12, 17)

2. The miraculous catch of fish and Peter (5:1-11)

3. The sovereignty, authority and mercy of King Jesus (5:12-16)

4. An amazing confrontation (5:16-17)

5. "We have seen extraordinary (strange) things today (5:18-26)

a. The most desperate need of our lives – "a man who was paralyzed" (5:18-19)

(1) Paralysis of body and spirit

(2) The great boldness of the paralytic's friends – "their faith"

b. The sweetest words ever spoken – "Man, your sins are forgiven you" (5:20)

(1) "sins" – disobedience to the law of God, rebellion, transgression, iniquities, wickedness

(2) "forgiven" – lifted up and carried away, buried, trampled underfoot, removed, blotted out, remitted, set free

- The debt is paid in full (Ephesians 1:7f; Colossians 2:13-14)

- Free from the bondage of (Psalm 32:1-2, 51:7-12; Romans 6:6-11)

- Released from the penalty of sin (Psalm 130:3-4)

- Guilt removed, stained cleansed, wrapped up and around the steadfast love of God (Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14)

c. "the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (5:24)

(1) Confrontation with the Pharisees

(2) The great question

(3) Religious confusion

(Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:33-34; Micah 7:18-19)

d. The amazement and awe of that day (5:26)

(1) "amazement seized them all"

(2) "they glorified God"

(3) "and filled with awe..."

(4) "We have seen extraordinary things..."

(Ephesians 4:32, 5:1, 8, 15)