



## Jesus Heals

Luke 4:31-44; 5:12-26  
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### Redefined: Jesus Heals

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Main Idea: Jesus used His miraculous powers to authenticate the good news about the kingdom of God.

#### Connecting

Describe an event that left you awestruck.

Share an example of someone who backs up what they say with what they do.

#### Understanding

In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus says His mission is to proclaim freedom and release for those on the margins of society. Read the following and discuss how each passage underscores this central mission: Luke 4:31-37; Luke 4:38-44; Luke 5:12-16; Luke 5:17-26.

How do the people respond to Jesus' miracles? What is the relationship between His miracles and His message?

Why do the Pharisees disapprove of Jesus' ministry to the paralytic (5:17-26)? What does this passage imply about Jesus' identity and mission?

#### Living

Do you find it difficult to believe biblical accounts about miracles and exorcisms? Why or why not?

How does the idea of an invisible, spiritual reality influence your life and your thinking?

Do your prayers focus more on physical difficulties or spiritual realities? Explain.

In what ways has Jesus already freed the oppressed? In what ways are we still waiting for the full establishment of His kingdom?

Who are the "untouchables" in our world? How can we participate in Christ's mission to restore them?

Thank God for His promise of restoration in Christ. Pray that the Spirit will work through us to proclaim the story with power.

#### Sneak Preview

Next Sunday: "Jesus Prays - A Lot," Luke 11:1-13

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