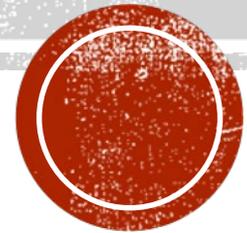


# CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGION

Luke 5:12-39



# CHRIST OVERCOMES THE EFFECTS OF SIN (12-16)

- <sup>12</sup> While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>13</sup> And Jesus<sup>3</sup> stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him.



# **CHRIST OVERCOMES THE EFFECTS OF SIN (12-16)**

- <sup>14</sup> And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” <sup>15</sup> But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. <sup>16</sup> But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.



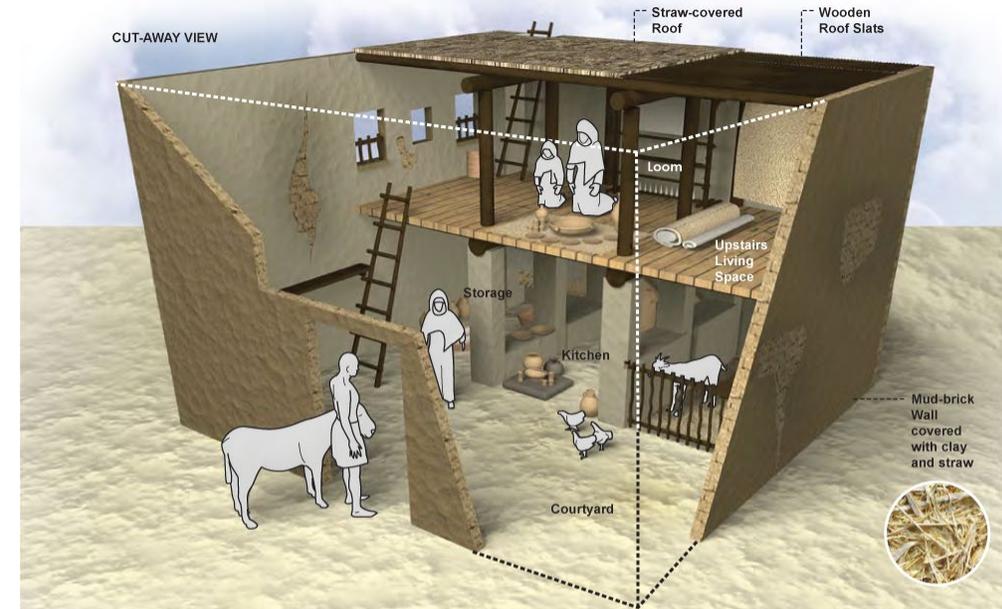
# **CHRIST OVERCOMES OBSTACLES TO SALVATION (17-20)**

- **<sup>17</sup> On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.**



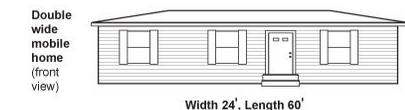
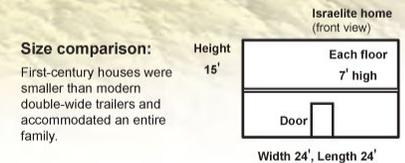
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- <sup>18</sup> And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup> And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”



## First-Century Israelite House

The homes of poor families were small and plain. They were built of rough stone (or mud-brick) walls and roofs of woven branches covered with clay. Living spaces were used for household work—cooking and weaving. At night, the family's domestic animals were housed in the lower level.



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# **CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGIOUS OBSTACLES TO FAITH (21-26)**

- <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?”



# **CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGIOUS OBSTACLES TO FAITH (21-26)**

- <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>24</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”



# CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGIOUS OBSTACLES TO FAITH (21-26)

- <sup>25</sup> And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”



# **CHRIST OVERCOMES CULTURAL PREJUDICE (27-32)**

- <sup>7</sup> After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. <sup>29</sup> And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.



# **CHRIST OVERCOMES CULTURAL PREJUDICE (27-32)**

- <sup>30</sup> And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”



# CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGIOUS DUTY (33-35)

- <sup>33</sup> And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.” <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? <sup>35</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.”



# **CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS (36-39)**



- <sup>36</sup> He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old



# CHRIST OVERCOMES RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS (36-39)



- <sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. <sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. <sup>39</sup> And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.' ”



# CONCLUSION

- Man-made religion is a barrier to a saving relationship with Christ because it focuses on what man *should* do instead of what Christ *has* done.
- Legalism sets up man-made laws/rules that are contrary to God's grace which contrasts man's *efforts* instead of God's *gift* of salvation.
- Christianity is absolutely different than any other religion.



# DISCUSSION

- How is religion both appealing and discouraging?
- How does Christ provide the solution to man-made religions?
- What religious expectations and traditions do we still need to overcome through grace?

