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welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and as you saw in the opening clip there many fishermen fish actually with nets rather than rods and back in the day of Jesus this was a commercial enterprise and this is not only how men fed their families it's actually how they made their living and what we're going to see in Luke chapter 5 is these masterful these masterful fishermen coming up short coming up empty no catch even though their labor all night and Jesus is going to change all of this and this has a real significance so let's get right into Luke chapter 5 first we'll ask God's blessing our Heavenly Father we come before you with with joy in our hearts father although the world that we live in is it's in upheaval it's in turmoil certainly it's in transformation father we have peace in christ and we thank you for that we thank you God for your word we thank you that we can study chapter 5 of the Gospel of Luke and we ask your blessing on our study now that you would enrich us that you would deepen our understanding and that you would transform us from the inside out we praise You God and ask your blessing now in Jesus Holy Name Amen so last week we studied Luke chapter four and we found Christ in the wilderness and in the wilderness after fasting for 40 days and

struggling with Satan for 40 days then being tempted with Satan's masterful temptations but even overcoming those and then beginning his ministry and when he began his ministry he began quoting from the book of Isaiah and I just want to go back to that to see what is it exactly that he was reading and we'll read that together to get context for Luke chapter 5 so here in chapter 4 if we just go back to where we left off in last week Luke 4 and verse 17 he was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah and when he had opened block or open the scroll he found the place where it was written and so there's a specific prophecy that he found and I think sometimes we may think of this I know that there are some brethren that will just sort of open the Bible to any page and wherever it lands it lands and we consume so maybe have that impression that Christ just sort of open the scroll and it just happened to open at this verse but I don't think that's the this the sense here I think the sense is that he received the scroll and he had to unscrew it to get to this specific prophecy and so he was unscrewing it to get to this specific prophecy which we entitled Isaiah 61 and so he scrolls to get to that prophecy and then he begins to read it and he reads after searching for it he finds what he's looking for and then he reads the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted to proclaim Liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind to set at liberty those who are oppressed to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and then he closed the book or he rolled

up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down so now he's in a teaching position and the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on him so he was looking for this specific passage he read it and then they want to know what does he have to say about this passage and then he's and the passage now is taken from Isaiah 61 but before we read that passage in its context of the chapter I want to give a broader context and this is in what what's called second Isaiah beginning really begins in chapter 40 and to understand Isaiah 61 it would really be good to read the whole of second Isaiah from chapter 40 right through really to the ND what they call third Isaiah but that will give us the context this endtime prophecy and how Israel's God comes to visit them to redeem them and that's what second Isaiah is all about but if we just pick up from Isaiah 52 Isaiah writes therefore my people shall know my name so this is a time when every Israelite will know God's name therefore they shall know in that day that I am he who speaks behold it is I so there's going to be come a time when when Israel will actually know their God even though he was silent for a while even though they had to be punished and they were alienated from him there's coming this time when this intimacy will be reestablished and in and in that context then Isaiah writes how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings this good news is just beautiful he's going to be up and down these mountains bringing this good news who proclaims peace who brings glad tidings of good things who proclaims salvation so there's going to be salvation there's

this there's this mission of salvation  
the proclamation of salvation who says  
to Zion your God reigns so there's all  
these Babylonian gods there's all these  
pagan gods there's this rampant idolatry  
and the oppression that goes with this  
idolatry but it's coming to an end and  
the god of Zion is going to be the god  
of the whole earth and he's going to be  
restored and he's going to rain verse 9  
break forth into joy sing together this  
is a prophecy of triumph it's a prophecy  
of joy it's a prophecy of redemption  
break forth into joy sing together you  
waste places of Jerusalem so although  
Jerusalem is going to be laid waste  
although Jerusalem we know it's going to  
be surrounded by armies it's going to be  
burned up it's going to be devastated  
yet there's a prophecy that that shows  
us that those waste places in Jerusalem  
meet to rejoice because the god of  
Jerusalem reigns  
and so he says break forth into joy sin  
together you waste places of Jerusalem  
for the Lord has comforted his people  
finally God has acted he has this  
outstanding promise to Abraham he has  
this outstanding promise to David and he  
is he's a God of his word he does not go  
back on his word so although Israel has  
to go through difficulty although Israel  
has to go through oppression and an  
exile and and and and slaughter yet the  
prophecy says that the Lord will comfort  
his people he has redeemed Jerusalem so  
he has a plan to bring back Jerusalem  
and to redeem Jerusalem for the Lord has  
made bear his holy arm in the eyes of  
all the nations so this is telling us  
that God intends to come into the earth  
and and make his arm bear to make and  
everybody will see it so there is this  
plan that somehow in the redemption of

Israel God the God of Israel is coming into the earth he's going to come into Jerusalem and all nations are going to see him and ago and they're going to see his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God that is they will see the salvation of Israel and then through Israel the salvation of all the world now in this context we see Isaiah prophecy of this mysterious servant there is a mysterious servant that is pivotal and instrumental in the salvation of Israel he says Isaiah writes behold my servant this mysterious servant shall deal prudently he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high so this servant is going to be very high and we know from Philippians that God Jesus left the Godhead and and being made himself a servant but because of his obedience he will be his name will be above every name and every knee shall bow to him so who is this mysterious servant just as many were astonished at you so his visage was marred his face was marred more than any man and his form more than the sons of men so this servant this mysterious servant is coming and he's going to be abused more than more than the sons of men but who has really believed our report 53 verse 1 and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed so on the one hand the whole earth will see the arm of the Lord and yet at the on the other hand through this work of this mysterious servant when the arm of the Lord is revealed not everybody's going to know so it seems like there's two advents of this arm of the Lord because who believes our report that we've seen the arm of the Lord and you can think of John saying that you

know his glory was with us and we Sui  
beheld his glory the Word was made flesh  
for he shall grow up so this is this is  
now what the Jews did not understand  
that the Messiah is coming but initially  
he's coming as this mysterious servant  
for he shall grow up before God as a  
tender plant so that's what Luke has  
been writing about up to now that we've  
seen that he was just this this this  
born as a baby to a humble family to a  
poor family and he's growing up as a  
tender plant as a root out of a dry  
ground he has no form nor comeliness and  
when we see him this mysterious servant  
there is no beauty that we should desire  
him he is despised and rejected by men a  
man of sorrows and acquainted with grief  
and we hit as it were our faces from him  
he was despised and we did not esteem  
him surely he has borne our griefs that  
is Israel's griefs surely he has borne  
is yours grief so this mysterious  
servant comes into the earth and takes  
all of Israel's griefs on his back and  
he carried our sorrows yet we esteemed  
him stricken smitten by God we accused  
and we  
thought he was a criminal we thought he  
was cursed by God and afflicted but what  
we didn't understand was that he was  
wounded for our transgressions that is  
Israel's transgressions this is the  
mechanism or the means through which  
Israel can be returned to the Land  
Israel would disobeyed they broke the  
Deuteranomic covenant and so they had  
to be exiled they had to be ejected from  
the land according to the terms and  
conditions and yet this this servant  
comes as the representative of Israel  
and he lives the perfect life to satisfy  
the conditions of the Covenant so that  
Israel can be redeemed so that when they

take him as their Savior He they can  
come back into the land and be restored  
and no longer be under this pagan  
oppression but be in their rightful  
place as the Israel of God but he was  
wounded we didn't understand that he was  
wounded for Israel's transgressions he  
was bruised for Israel's iniquities the  
chastisement of Israel's peace was upon  
him and by His stripes Israel is healed  
but all we that is Israel like sheep  
have gone astray we have turned every  
one to his own way and the Lord has laid  
on him the iniquity of us all he was  
oppressed and yes by extension you know  
once Israel sins are forgiven and Israel  
is put in place as the the priests of  
God then that salvation is extended to  
all of mankind so yes it is correct to  
say the iniquity of all mankind is laid  
upon him but as we follow the plan of  
God it is the iniquity of Israel that is  
laid upon him so that Israel can be  
redeemed and then serve as the priests  
of God to bring in all of mankind he was  
oppressed this servant this mysterious  
servant was oppressed and he was  
afflicted yet he was he was so focused  
on his mission he had to be the perfect  
sacrifice and so he opened not his mouth  
despite the oppression and affliction he  
was led as a lamb to the slaughter  
behold the lamb of god and as a sheep  
before it's Shearer's is silent in the  
same way he opened not his mouth he was  
this mysterious servant is on a mission  
to redeem Israel and it's right it's  
right in front of Israel but they don't  
understand what's happening yet it  
pleased the Lord to bruise him this was  
part of God's plan he has put him to  
grief when you make his soul an offering  
for sin that's the whole point is he's  
coming to redeem Israel and so his soul

is the sin offering he shall see his  
seed he shall prolong his days and the  
pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in  
his end so somehow this this offering  
this the death of this servant is not  
the end clearly there's a resurrection  
and the pleasure of the Lord shall  
prosper in his hand and so all of this  
is the context that leads up to and  
really we should begin at chapter 40 and  
read the whole passage and priced  
obviously was very familiar and he just  
went to the part that he wanted them to  
focus on which is here in 61 verse 1 but  
when it says the Spirit of the Lord God  
is upon me what Christ is saying is I am  
this mysterious servant I am the servant  
that Isaiah prophesied that somehow when  
this servant comes into the land that he  
is the perfect sacrifice and through his  
sacrifice he's able to redeem Israel and  
so on the other side of Isaiah 53 on the  
other side of this lamb perfect lamb  
sacrifice we now have the declaration  
the proclamation that we see in Isaiah  
61 the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me  
because the Lord has anointed me this is  
that servant that humble servant that  
has been anointed and why was he  
anointed this is why to preach good news  
to the poor that it that is the the  
mission of this servant to tell those  
that are oppressed that there's good  
news coming the kingdom is gone coming  
in and they're going to be relieved of  
this  
impression he has sent me to heal the  
brokenhearted that and again if we read  
of the work of this mysterious servant  
beginning in Isaiah 40 all the way up to  
61 we see that he has a healing ministry  
and so this servant is sent to heal the  
brokenhearted and to proclaim Liberty to  
the captives that there is something



happening here that this servant comes into the earth and it is the beginning of something it's the beginning of the kingdom of God it is the end of the pagan kingdoms these brutal fierce oppressive kingdoms that have been ruining mankind since Nimrod that have been destroying Israel because of their unfaithfulness that God is going to see to it that his promise to Abraham is kept and that through Abraham all the families of the earth will be blessed and that through Abraham Israel will be put in the Covenant position as the priests of the Lord and the kingdom will be restored to Israel so that Israel can free all of mankind from these principalities and these powers and these the spiritual wickedness that rules over mankind and as we saw in Luke chapter 4 that the devil says he gives these kingdoms to whoever he pleases and he made the offer to Christ but price turned it down but others are working with the devil and here there under Roman oppression and all of this Roman government this entire Roman system is of the devil and this servant is coming into the earth to redeem Israel and to proclaim good news to proclaim Liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and then he stopped and he rolled up the scroll at this point and he gave it back to them and he didn't finish the rest of the verse so he stopped halfway through verse 2 which is just to read the first part to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and then he said all of this has been fulfilled before your eyes so he's telling them I am the servant that Isaiah prophesied I am the Lamb of God I am the one who's

going to be the perfect sacrifice to redeem you and my work is to proclaim the good news of this coming kingdom of God and I am that King and we're going to now this you're now witnessing the beginning of the process of overturning the pagan governments of this world and freeing Israel so he stopped halfway because this is the first part of his work and this is what Israel didn't understand is that the Messiah comes it really has two comings the first coming at the proclamation and the beginning the establishment of the kingdom but the second coming is the actual restoration of the kingdom and that's when he comes with the force that that Israel was expecting they were actually disappointed with his coming because they didn't understand that he was coming to do the work of this humble servant and so the rest of Isaiah 61 which they should understand of the work that that's attached to the servant is then to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God so God is patient but he's going to have vengeance and those who are not in Christ are going to experience the brunt of this vengeance but he's patient and he's gathering Israel and he's grafting into Israel and and and and those who accept Christ as their Passover will avoid this vengeance but it's coming and that's that that's the sea he didn't this is when he comes back and when he comes back then he will comfort all who mourn not some who mourn all who mourn to console those who mourn in Zion to give them beauty for Ashes so somehow is Zion is going to be burnt to a crisp the Zion is going to be surrounded by armies and completely demolished and destroyed and and when Christ returns

he's going to replace those ashes with beauty the oil of joy for mourning the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness that they may be called trees of righteousness this is the Covenant will of God that Israel be called the trees of righteousness and yes Israel has been faithless Israel has been unfaithful but God is faithful God when he makes a promise as we see way as we said in Luke one when we opened that that when God makes a promise he keeps it and so Israel will be made the trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord that he may be glorified that then in the establishment of Israel the whole world will glorify the God of Israel the whole world will glorify the faithfulness of the God of Israel and then notice this as a result of the work of this mysterious servant Israel shall be named the priests of the Lord and that goes all the way back to Exodus 19 with the Mosaic Covenant and that was the whole purpose of God from the very beginning they failed and so God is now working through the New Covenant but the purpose remains the same that Israel will be the priests of the Lord and through Israel all of mankind will be redeemed so first God uses Abraham to establish this kingdom of Israel and then through the kingdom of Israel he redeems all the sons of Adam those who will recognize him and repent and take him as their Savior so through Israel they Israel will be named the priests of the Lord and they will call you the servants of our God you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles so as the priests we are we will be those in Israel we will be collecting the offerings from the people's and all Gentiles will be coming to Zion they'll say they'll know

that the law goes forth from Mount Zion  
and you'll see that in Micah 4 verse 1  
and so they will travel  
to Jerusalem to bring their offerings  
and all over the world Israel will then  
accept these offerings on behalf of the  
people and lead the people to God but it  
says here you shall eat the riches of  
the Gentiles and in their glory you  
shall boast so in other words though the  
work of Israel is to bless the whole  
earth so that is the context of what  
Christ was doing when he turned to  
Isaiah 60 61 verses 1 and 2 or verses  
one and half of two that he was showing  
them that he is the servant that Isaiah  
prophesied about and as a result of his  
work there is good news for Israel  
Israel will be established as the  
priests of God and through Israel all of  
mankind will be relieved from the  
oppression of pagan governments who are  
at the behest of the devil all of these  
pagan governments are established  
because the devil is in there in  
cooperation with the devil and the devil  
has allowed them to be there by God's  
grace by God's allowance but but Christ  
has come to turn all of this over and  
that that's his work and so here then we  
see what he says here in the scripture  
is that we read that that the Spirit of  
the Lord so so he read verses 1 and 2  
Spirit of the Lord is upon me why  
because he's anointed me to fulfill the  
work of this servant to the mysterious  
servant to preach the gospel good news  
to the poor to heal the brokenhearted to  
proclaim Liberty to the captives and  
recovery of sight to the blind to set at  
liberty those who are oppressed and so  
through the rest of chapter 4 and now  
through actually through the rest of  
these few chapters that were going to be

reading we're going to see him fulfill this scripture and so here in the latter part of chapter 4 we see that demons came out of many many in Israel world were oppressed by demons and Christ came and he exercised them and and many demons came out and as they came out they cried out saying you're the Christ the Son of God but he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak they knew that he was the Christ so it was not time yet for people to understand who he is and so they didn't fully understand but he knew who he was and the demons knew who he was and he silenced them it wasn't time yet for the public to know who he was and now when it was day he departed and went into a desert deserted place and the crowd sought him and came to him and tried to keep him from leaving them but he said to them I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also other cities in Israel because for this purpose I have been sent in other words I am the servant in that Isaiah prophesied about and we actually read that in Isaiah 52 verse 7 how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news who proclaims peace who brings glad tidings of good things who proclaim salvation who says to Zion your God reigns that that this servant comes to overthrow the pagan governments of this world so he's telling them I have to fulfill the prophecies that Isaiah prophesied and I am this servant and so yes I've preached good news to you but I've got to preach good news I've got to go up and down these mountains and preach good news to all of Israel and in that context then we come into Luke chapter 5 Luke chapter 5 and verse 1 so it was as the multitude pressed about to

hear the word of God so Jesus was popular people wanted to hear him they were amazed they were astonished at him and they followed him and gathered him he was popular until he went to Jerusalem that's really where he had the big problem and actually where he ends up being crucified it's the challenge was with the leadership who were in league with the Roman Empire who was in league with the devil but the poor the oppressed the brokenhearted they loved his message and so they're great multitudes that followed him and he stood by the lake

jacinta rhett and saw two boats standing by the lake but the fisherman had gone from them and we're washing their nets so these are commercial fishermen and they spend their time or the overnight catch catching fish and then selling them but now the the fishing operation is over they parked the boats there now washing their nets getting them ready for the next day and it says here then he got into one of the boats which was Simons and asked him to put out a little from the lands I get the sense here that these two boats it's a commercial business these two boats are probably in partnership they're probably part of the same operation but he chose Simon's to get in and asked Simon then to just put it out a little from the land so that he could use it really as a platform to speak back to the people on the land so that everybody could hear him and he could take advantage of the natural acoustics that would have been there and so he sat down in the boat and taught the multitudes from the boat so we don't know exactly what he taught them but we do know from Luke chapter 4 that he says I've got to preach the kingdom of God

I've got to preach the good news of the kingdom of God so so we don't know the details but we know that this is what he's doing he's going he's fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah to preach glad tidings and good news of the salvation for Zion and to tell Zion that your God reigns and so that's basically the big picture the details Luke doesn't tell us he just tells us that he was teaching Luke wants us to focus on something else when he had stopped speaking he said to Simon launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch so so this is interesting Simon is a masterful fisherman this is what he does he's a commercial business man this is what he does and yet he's been laboring and didn't catch anything and along comes Jesus to say try again but Simon answered him so Simon is a master we have toiled all night and caught nothing nevertheless at your word I will let down the net and when they had done this so so he was kind of you know doubtful but it's okay if you want me to do this I'll do this when they had led them when they had done this they caught a great number of fish and their net was breaking so what you see here in the video is ridiculous this is this is not what happened what actually happened was they're trying to pull up these uh these fish and there are so many fish in the net that the net starts to break and and he says when they had done this they caught a great number of fish and their net was breaking so they signal to their partners yeah this is where they say the other boat are in partnership with them so they signal to their partners in the other boat to come over and help them and so those partners came over and they came and they filled both boats there

were so many fish they filled both boats that they began to sink and when when Simon Peter saw it he fell down at the at Jesus knees saying depart from me for I am a sinful man Oh Lord so Simon just realized something divine has happened here something miraculous this is not ordinary you know we know this we know the lake we know the fish we know when to fish we know how to fish and we know when when the fish aren't biting and so we've toiled all night it's now morning the daylight is now on the that the fish can see the Nets so there's no point now fishing in the in the day when the fish will just avoid the nets and yet we do what we do is Jesus says and there are so many fish we can't even handle it it did both boats begin to sink and he just realizes this man he doesn't fully know who he is but he just knows this man is divine and he realizes the way you know in Ezekiel interactive with God his sinfulness just became front and center and so the Peter realizes he's a sinful man

and he key does not deserve to be in the presence of his Lord for he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken this wasn't ordinary they were astonished this this was strange and what Luke is showing us is that God has come into the earth God has come into the earth and so also where James and John the sons of Zebedee who were partners with Simon so Simon would be on one boat James and John would be in the other and Jesus said to Simon don't be afraid so always you see whenever whether it's angels or it's the Lord when they interact with man it's always merciful until we get to the book of Revelation when it's all over but until then it's always merciful



that's immediately don't be afraid be staying yours keep your wits about you stay in your right mind and then he says from now on you will catch men now these fish that they caught obviously those fish are going to die but when you look at the word that is used here as a Grail so grill it means to take alive so you're going to take men alive and bring them into the fold so he says don't be afraid from now on you will catch men so when they brought their boats to land they forsook hall and followed him so remember Jesus was in the boat with them because he was speaking to the to the multitudes on the land and so the other people come over with their boats and they fill both boats and there's practically sinking and they get to the land and Jesus says you're going to catch men and so they bring their boats to land with this incredible bounty and you know what they first took it all so they brought all of this fish which I don't know what it would be worth but it'd be worth a lot and they they first took it all and they followed him and it happened when he was in a certain city so again he's going from city to city proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God so it happened when he was in a certain city that behold a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus and this was a quite a disease I mean they're this is an awful awful disease it was it's you know if you look at people who suffer from leprosy it's it's terrible I guess Ollie I mean I can't articulate it it's uh what you saw there was a mild case this man was full of leprosy he saw Jesus and when he saw Jesus he fell on his face and he begged him saying so he understood something this man is not an ordinary man so he's

hearing the teachings he's seeing the miracles and he says Lord in the Greek kurios in the Hebrew Yahweh if you are willing you can make me clean so there seems to be this recognition that you just have to decide and this can be done and if you look at Deuteronomy with respect to leprosy there are a number of scriptures that show that leprosy was a curse from God take heed in an outbreak of leprosy sore if there is an outbreak of leprosy that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you so there's a specific way that they had to handle this outbreak so that it doesn't spread through the whole camp just as I commanded them so you shall be careful to do remember what the Lord your God did to marry him on the way when you came out of Egypt so she was cursed and stricken with leprosy and there are other scriptures as well to show that God used leprosy as a curse on Israel and so this man certainly would have been an outcast and yet he as an outcast had such faith in Christ that he made his way to Christ and realized your God and if you will you can reverse this and take this away from me and so look at Christ's response then he put out his hand and touched him like nobody would touch a leper but he touched him saying I am willing be cleansed immediately immediately so cry uh Luke is showing us what's going on here so first he conquers the devil then he begins preaching the good news in all the different cities of Israel he comes into Galilee he goes into the synagogue he goes straight to the Book of Isaiah the specific part that says that he is there to preach good news to comfort those who more to liberate the prisoners

to liberate those who are oppressed and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and so that's what he's doing as this mysterious servant but it's also clear that this mysterious servant is God and while I'm on this topic I want to offer you a book an article that was written by pastor Ian Boing is Jesus really god this is the question of our day this is the question I mean simian said that Christ is going to be a polarizing figure and he's going to cause the downfall of many in Israel but also the salvation of many in Israel and he's going to continue to be a polarizing figure this is the question of our day is Jesus really God and you can get this by going on our website CGI org just go to CGI org cgi org go to literature and just search is jesus really got it there's a great article by hand boy and not only should we understand that Jesus is God we should be able to explain to others we should be able to articulate it to others and I think this reprint article will certainly help you to do that so he says I am willing he cleansed and immediately the leprosy left him and he charged him to tell no one so it was just a kindness to him it wasn't a publicity stunt it was just God being kind to his creation but go and show yourself to the priest and this is significant so he says to to the neck to the leper go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing as a testimony to them just as Moses commanded this notion that people want us to believe that Christ came breaking all of the law and saying the law is done away and the law doesn't matter and look at Luke who was a Gentile grafted into Israel who's writing to a Gentile

about the salvation to the Gentiles Luke is going to great pains to show us that Christ was born to a very Torah observing family and that Christ was Torah observant and that every opportunity has he shows us that Christ respected the Torah and here he heals the leper and then tells the leper to do exactly what Moses commanded with respect to the cleansing of leprosy to go to the priests and do that so so he tells him that however the report went around concerning him all the more I mean he does this he doesn't care that anybody knows that he's done it and this is amazing a leper has been healed and cleansed and so this just spreads everywhere that this this is phenomenal and great multitudes came together to hear so they're listening to him and he's proclaiming the good news of the gospel he's comforting those who mourn but he's also healing the brokenhearted he's also releasing those who are in prison so he came they came to hear and to be healed by him of their infirmities fulfilling the prophecy in Isaiah 61 so he himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed and again Luke wants us to know consistently that Christ always prayed that Christ got his power from the father that product Christ was renewed from the father and so you know he's around he's famous and multitudes are around him constantly but he needs time to recharge and so he spends time alone with God praying with God being refueled by God now it happened on a certain day as he was teaching again fulfilling Isaiah 61 and teaching the good news of the kingdom of God it came to pass on a certain day it happened as he was teaching that there were Pharisees and

teachers of the law sitting by who had come out of every town of Galilee Judea and Jerusalem so these are teachers but they're actually coming in there listening to him as well and the power of the Lord was present to heal them so Luke tells us that Christ was praying and now he tells us that the presence the power of the Lord was present to heal them again to help as Christ as this humble servant of the Isaiah servant to come and to do his work then behold men brought a bed on a bed a man who was paralyzed so let's put ourselves in their position that you have somebody in your family a loved one who is paralyzed maybe has been paralyzed for a really long time and this news is spreading everywhere that there is a man in Israel and people bring their sick to them to him or the sick people even people with leprosy go to him and he's healing everybody he's healing everybody but there's so many there's such a crowd around him you have no chance of bringing your loved one to him so they just we we have to get him in front of Christ and so they become very creative they get up on the roof and they actually let him down through the roof but by any means necessary they have to have their loved one in front of Christ they're not going to miss this opportunity and so they they brought the man on a bed who is paralyzed whom they sought to bring in and lay before him and when they could not find how they might bring him in because of the crowd so the multitudes were all around they went up onto the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus and when Jesus saw their faith he said to him man your sins

are forgiven you so so this whole curse  
that's on Israel he's coming to relieve  
it and he sees this man paralyzed and he  
says to him Wow I admire your faith your  
sins are forgiven you now remember the  
scribes and the Pharisees were around as  
well and the scribes and the Pharisees  
began to reason saying who is this who  
speaks blasphemies who can forgive sins  
but God alone and that is the question  
and again I'm going to remind you to get  
this reprint article is Jesus really God  
because that's the question of our day  
and it was the question of their day and  
from the moment Christ began his  
ministry this has been the question is  
he really God and so this is what they  
were asking is he really God who can do  
this and this is blasphemy he's a man  
and he's forgiving sins but when Jesus  
perceived their thoughts he answered and  
said to them why are you reasoning in  
your hearts which is easier to say your  
sins are forgiven you or just say rise  
up and walk so so Christ saying choose I  
could have said rise up and walk the he  
that he came for healing I could have  
just said to him you're healed but I  
said your sins are forgiven you now if  
you were in my shoes what would you say  
well it's actually easier to say your  
sins are forgiven you I mean who can  
prove that  
I could say that anybody is sir your  
sins are forgiven you and and how do you  
know that God is actually forgiving the  
sins so that's actually easier to say  
what's harder to say is if a paralyzed  
man comes in front of me and I say to  
him get up and walk well now I actually  
need the power of God to say that and so  
he understands what their reasoning in  
their heads and he puts this right in  
front of the me he makes no no bones

about it you decide what's easier to say  
your sins are forgiven you or rise up  
and walk but that you may know that the  
Son of man has power on earth to forgive  
sins so this is who I am you need to  
open the scroll of Isaiah and study this  
mysterious operation of God where where  
God God is coming into the earth to  
personally go on a mission to redeem  
Israel and if you understand that  
mission you would understand that i have  
i am god and i have this power so  
although it's harder to say rise up and  
walk that's what I'm gonna say now so  
that you can know so you can know the  
answer to your question whether or not I  
have the power to forgive sins but that  
you may know that the Son of man has  
power on earth to forgive sins he said  
to the man who is paralyzed I say to you  
arise take up your bed and go to your  
house now this passage or this statement  
son of man if they know the scriptures  
it's alluding to Daniel 7 when the  
kingdom of God is established and here  
he says I was watching in the night  
visions and behold one like the Son of  
man coming with the clouds of heaven and  
he came to the Ancient of Days and they  
brought him near before him so what we  
see in this establishment of the kingdom  
is actually there are two gods there's  
the Ancient of Days and then there's the  
son of man who comes to him and then the  
Ancient of Days gives the kingdom to the  
son of man  
and so he's telling them I am the son of  
man and I have the power to forgive sins  
and this is really the understanding the  
family of God and again if you write for  
that reprint article is Jesus really God  
it'll just help clarify some of this so  
when he says to him which is harder to  
say although it's harder to say he says

to him when he said some rise up take up  
your bed and walk and go to your house  
immediately his same way that the leper  
was immediately healed the same way when  
they cast in their nets the fish  
immediately came immediately he rose up  
before them took up what he had been  
lying on this this paralyzed man is  
paralytic took up the bed he had the  
strength now to lift up the bed and  
departed to his own house glorifying God  
and they were all amazed and they  
glorified God and were filled with fear  
saying we have seen strange things today  
indeed today this scripture has been  
fulfilled in your very eyes Isaiah 61 is  
coming to pass we have seen strange  
things today when God comes into his  
creation we're going to see mysterious  
things after these things he went out  
and he saw a tax collector named Levi  
sitting at the tax office so these were  
odious people extortioners people who  
took advantage and impoverished people  
for their own benefit and he said to him  
follow me so he left all rose up and  
followed him the Levi gave him a great  
feast in his house he was really  
grateful he recognized him me he was  
grateful to be a part of this this  
movement and there were there were a  
great number of tax collectors and  
others who sat down with them so they're  
all celebrating now this this good news  
that Jesus is proclaiming they're  
accepting the good news and they're  
celebrating and their scribes and the  
Pharisees complained against his  
saying why do you eat and drink with tax  
collectors and sinners so they were very  
holy men and they would never do this  
they were very separate and above and  
apart and basically looked down their  
noses on these uh these sinners Jesus



answered and said to them those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance this is my mission this is my mission Israel has failed Israel is faith failed because of their faithlessness because of their sinfulness and because of that I have now come to be the perfect Israelite to satisfy the terms and conditions of the Covenant and to redeem Israel but I've also come as this this this mysterious servant to call sinners to repentance and so that's what I've done that that I've come now no you know I'm the physician but I'm actually going to them and bringing them to repentance then they said to him well then why do the disciples of John fast often remember John is still there with his ministry of repentance why did the disciples of John fast often and make prayers and likewise those of the Pharisees but your disciples eat and drink so John had disciples the varices has disciples Christ has disciples but Christ's disciples are eating and drinking the other disciples are fasting often and he said to them can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them so so the bridegroom and he makes it very clear there's a marriage ceremony coming and Christ is going to be married to Israel and so there with the bridegroom but he says the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them then they will fast in those days and in the time that we're living in is getting intense and the bridegroom is not with us and we need to put our  
faster and as these days get more and more intense we will have to fast more

and more often to have this supernatural power of Christ so that we can do what Christ did that we can usher in this kingdom the way Christ ushered it in and we're going to see that next week when we study Luke chapter 6 but for now he says they will fast in those days then he spoke a parable to them and he says this no one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one so nobody does that and he says here no one no one does that and otherwise the new makes a tear and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old so there's there's some sort of conflict going on here and Christ is saying there's a there's a fundamental incompatibility so everybody is joyful people are celebrating they were receiving the good news why shouldn't say everybody's joyful the scribes and the Pharisees are not joyful they're upset and remember the scribes now they're they're in power they're in control and Christ is coming and he's really upsetting the whole power structure and he's uh shirring in the kingdom of God and it's going to turn everything I was going to say upside down but i should say right side up so he's going to turn everything right side up and they're taking exception to what's going on here and then the popularity that christ is enjoying a christ is using first of all this this the metaphor of a garment to say that if i take a piece of new cloth and put it on some old worn-out cloth the new cloth when you wash it and it shrinks it's going to tear the old cloth and even even if it didn't do that when you look at it people are going to say it doesn't is a mismatch then he goes further and he says no one

puts new wine into old wineskins and wine skins were actually made out of animal skins so so after they've taken all the fur off the animal they've taken all the flesh they would take the skin and use it to make wine after they washed it all that because it had some elasticity in it so as the wine ferments the skin could expand almost like a balloon it could stretch and then and then cope with that fermenting process but after a while it would lose its stretch it would lose its stretch so you wouldn't then put new wine into these old wineskins because they've stretched all they can and if you put new wine in and it starts going through this fermentation process and starts letting off the carbon dioxide gases and then it starts sighs expanding then what's going to happen is the the wineskin that's old and can't stretch anymore it's going to burst and you're going to lose all that wine if you think of say the size of an ox or sheep that's a that's a lot of wine that that the wineskin could hold and you think about bursting and losing and nobody's going to do that that's it's too costly a mistake so you put new wine in new wineskins and I and you put old wine in old wineskins so that it's not going through that fermentation process so he says then no one puts new wine into old wineskins or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled and the wineskins ruin so you lose the new wine and you ruin the wine skins but new wine must be put into new wineskins and both are preserved and no one having drunk old wine so that's the case so you have to put new wine into new wineskins but here's the problem if the new wine is good if the new wine is desirable if a new thing is happening in

the earth those who are stuck on the old ways are not going to value it they're not going to recognize it and they're not going to value it and they're going to try to hold on to what they have and so he says here no one having drunk old wine immediately desires new for he says the old is better and that is now the problem with the Pharisees even though the old what what they currently have means that they're in subjection to the Roman Empire means that they can be abused at any time means that they have to watch their loved ones abused and they have no power to resist still they figure out a way to live and they make it work and there the Pharisees and and they like things the way they are and now Christ comes ushering in the kingdom of God which means that Israel is going to be restored the kingdom will be restored to Israel as the disciples asked in in in acts 1 and Israel will be put in pride of place and all the Gentiles will come to Israel to learn the ways of the Lord so even though the new wine is better those who are with the old wine are not going to accept it and that's really a prophecy now prophecy now what we're going to see that those who have drunk the old wine they're going to resist this this this entrance of the kingdom of God this entrance of the kingdom being restored to Israel they're actually going to resist it because they're drinking the old wine and we're going to begin to see this process the beginning next week in Acts chapter Luke chapter 6 of how Christ is ushering ushering in this new kingdom but we'll stop here Luke chapter 5 hopefully this is all starting to come together and it's making more sense and we're seeing

how Luke is writing this and there's this consistent thread and how Christians today have come up with a religion and put that our religion where you know Christ came to say when you die you go to heaven and if you're bad you go to hell and we must worship on Sunday and Christ came to do away with the law we don't see that in any of the Gospels and even though Luke was a Gentile grafted in writing to Gentiles about Jen the Gentiles coming in he makes it very clear Christ is very careful to observe the law of Moses and he's assuring in the kingdom of God restoring it to Israel and redeeming Israel to take their rightful place in this strange operation of God which is about restoring all of mankind through Abraham so will end here I'll go on the chat and looking forward to speaking with you about Luke chapter 5 and really looking forward to getting into Luke chapter 6 next week god bless you remember Jesus Christ is Lord King and Savior