

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we saw Jesus' interaction with, and call of, Simon Peter. Even though Simon had seen Jesus perform many healings, it was the manifestation of a major catch of fish to get his attention. As a result, Simon confessed his sinfulness, willingly left his business, and followed Jesus.
- * From this point, Jesus begins to travel throughout the regions of Galilee and Judea, and uses Simon's house as his "house of operations" while back in Capernaum - His adopted city.
- * Today, we begin to follow Jesus on these journeys. Immediately, we are introduced to one of Luke's favorite words when it comes to describing Jesus' travels: egeneto - translated in the NKJV as "Now it happened ..." or "Now it came to pass ..." Egeneto is used 208 times in the New Testament; 129 of those times are by Luke! (Luke - 75; Acts - 54) The next closest of usages is Mark, John and Revelation with 18 each! Egeneto is the aorist indicative of ginomai, which means "cause to be" or "to become." When Jesus came to the earth, He had a plan and a purpose. There would be appointments that He would "happen" to keep and people that He would "happen" to meet. Over the next weeks and months, as we see many of these appointments, we need to recall that God is still in control of "Now it came to pass ..."!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE LEPER

A. The Display of Faith

1. HIS C _____ (cf. Leviticus 13:45-46; Numbers 12; 2 Chronicles 26:16-21)
2. HIS C _____

B. The Display of Authority

1. THE W _____ OF THE MESSIAH
2. THE P _____ OF THE MESSIAH

II. THE PARALYTIC

A. The Display of Faith

1. THE FAITH OF THE F _____ (v. 17-20)
2. THE FAITH OF THE P _____ (v. 24-25)

B. The Display of Authority

1. THE D _____ OF THE MESSIAH (v. 20)
2. THE D _____ OF THE MESSIAH (v. 20-24)

INTROSPECTION

- * Do you believe that Christ CAN heal you, if He is willing?
- * Do you believe that Christ can redeem your family members and friends?
- * What are you doing to "bring" your family and friends to Jesus?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How does our participation in evangelistic endeavors reflect our declared beliefs regarding the ability of Christ to use us? What does it declare about our faith?