

# The Ministry of Christ

## Narrative and Themes

Christ as Master over Nature

Christ as Master over Illness

Christ as Master over the

 Spiritual Realm

Christ as Master over Death

Christ the Great Teacher







No. 2. The Opening Events of Christ's Life.



# Luke 5

- Leper Cleansed – the radical nature of Jesus
  - To tell no one
  - Leviticus 14
- Vs.16 – Withdrew to pray
- Healing of the Paralytic
  - Forgiveness of sins is more important than physical suffering
  - Romans 8:28 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

# Luke 5

- Matt 10:27
  - “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.
- Direct threat to the power of the Scribes and Pharisees
- The purpose of miracles was to establish Jesus’s authority
- Matthew the tax collector – Christ came to save sinners
  - Be on constant guard against an excluding attitude
  - Cf. James 2
- Jesus teaching on fasting
- A Parable







# John 5

- Healing at the Pool of Bethesda
  - 38 years – no doubt of the healing
  - Was the man breaking the Law?
  - Vs. 14 – Is Jesus linking physical suffering and sin
    - Principles of Hermeneutics
    - Let clear passages help interpret difficult passages
    - John 9 –
      - Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
      - 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.
- Working on the Sabbath



# Luke 6

- Eating grain from the grain fields on the Sabbath
- Healing on the Sabbath
  - Jesus's challenge to the scribes and Pharisees
  - What did the Law actually say?
    - Ex. 31:15; 35:3; Num. 15:32
  - The hardness of heart of the scribes and Pharisees
- Does “doing good” trump following commands?
- Problems with false dichotomies

# Luke 6

- Man with the withered hand
- They were watching, waiting for Him to heal
- Are we watching out to accuse others?
  - 1 Thess 4:10 But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,
  - Gal. 5:14 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!