

Never...Ever! Part 2 5.22.16

Mark 2:1-12 "We never saw *anything* like this!" NKJV

Luke 5:26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were

filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" NKJV

Matthew 9:8 Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. NKJV

The inconceivable may be true: good enough for our transatlantic friends ... but unworthy of the attention of practical or scientific men. British Parliamentary Committee, referring to Edison's light bulb, 1878.

Talk about some things no one would have believed would have or could have happened 30 years ago, maybe 30 years in the future...?

Mark 5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. **And they were overcome with great amazement.** NKJV

What amazes you the most about God/Jesus today?

Mark 6:51 Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. **And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.** NKJV

It would have been much easier for Jesus to say "Your sins be forgiven," for nobody could prove whether or not the man's sins were indeed forgiven. So, Jesus backed up His word of forgiveness with a word of healing, and the man went home whole.

Two things stand out in this story that are "Never...Evers of God's kingdom and character.

They had: **Never seen forgiveness like that! Never seen power like that!**

Why did Jesus emphasize forgiveness so much while he was on the earth?

Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. NKJV

Matt 18:21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" **22** Jesus

said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Refer to the rest of this story in Matthew 18:21-35 So also My heavenly Father will deal with every one of you if you do not freely forgive your brother from your heart *his offenses*. AMP

The sum is used to show that the debt was immensely large, and that our sins are so great that they cannot be estimated or numbered.

Should there be a limit to our forgiveness of others?

Jesus must of meant to teach that the offences which our fellow-men commit against us are very small and insignificant compared with our offences against God. Since God has forgiven us so much we ought to forgive each other the small offences which are committed

From the cross Jesus cries out in Luke 23:34 Father, forgive them for they know not what they do! Church, if you choose to, you can forgive and forget! We can be the most forgiving people in the world because we are the most forgiven people in the world!

Incredible forgiveness!

Important to remember that they believed that sin and sickness were undeniably linked together. Jesus solves this dilemma completely. Pardon was sealed by power!

The palsy is an emblem of sin's paralyzing power and of our utter helplessness as sinner's to do anything about it in our own ability or power.

Incredible power! Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit & power – Acts 1:8

Look at this in Matthew 9:18-34 (Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56)

Matthew 9:33... And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

Exceedingly - Ephesians 3:17-21 Discuss the power that works, lives in us as Christ-followers / How do we appropriate that power

Eye has not seen - 1 Corinthians 2:9-12 Imagine together what things your eyes could see, your ears could hear, and your heart could grasp of the goodness and greatness of God. Dream Big!