

***Sermon Title:* "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED"**

Date: June 11, 2023 - Luke 5:17-26

Central Idea: The greatest need in life is to get to Jesus by whatever means possible. Have you met Jesus?

Introduction: The third scene in Luke 5 begins in verse 17, a few days after Jesus cleanses the leper. The Lord is now teaching the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, the scribes. These were the "holy men" of Israel, the religious leaders. They have come from everywhere—even Jerusalem—to hear Jesus speak. They were there to investigate what He was doing.

In this account, Jesus teaches us ways to meet Him.

- 1. A Coming Battle v. 17**
- 2. A Demonstration of Faith vv. 18-20**
- 3. A Theological Objection v. 21**
- 4. An Object Lesson vv. 22-24**
- 5. A Triumphant Celebration vv. 26-27**

Conclusion: The paralytic was unable to come to Jesus himself, but he was fortunate enough to have four friends who were able to get him to Jesus. These four individuals are examples of how friends ought to minister to one another and help needy sinners come to the Savior. Our Lord's miracles not only demonstrated His deity and His compassion for needy people, but they also revealed important spiritual lessons about salvation.