

HEADLINES: Controversy in the Life of Jesus “This Almost Got Jesus Wasted”

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and **Pharisees and teachers of the law** were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

Luke 5:17 (NIV)

¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, ¹⁹ **but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd**. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. ²⁰ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.” **Luke 5:18-20 (NLT)**

THE CROWD GOT CAUGHT UP IN THINKING JESUS WAS ONLY FOR THEM!

HIS FRIENDS CARE TOO MUCH TO LEAVE HIM THE WAY HE IS!

²⁴ “So I will **prove to you** that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” ²⁵ And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. ²⁶ **Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today!”** **Luke 5:24-26 (NLT)**

WHEN WE DO ALL WE CAN DO... GOD DOES WHAT ONLY HE CAN DO!

When a COMPLACENT CROWD gets challenged by a few PASSIONATE PEOPLE, great things happen!