

## Repent, then what?

### John the Baptist

**Luke 3:8** “Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.” (NLT)

### Jesus

**Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Luke 6:45** A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. (NLT)

### Paul

**Acts 26:20** I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.

## A Jesus Encounter

### Mark 2, Luke 5, and Matthew 9

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard He had come home. So many people gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and He preached the word to them. Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and from Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was there for Him to heal the sick.

Some (four) men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house and lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered him on the mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, take heart son, your sins are forgiven.”

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, “Why are you thinking these evil things? Which is easier to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....He said to the paralytic, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’”

Immediately, he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God, who had given such authority to men. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”