



LEAP of Determination

Leap of Faith, Part 3

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WHO IS THIS JESUS?

- Just where did you come from Jesus?

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Mark 2:5

- He is God.
- WHY DOES THIS MATTER? Because it is essential to our healing.

WHAT IS OUR PROBLEM?

- We all have a mat. The mat represents our alienation from God, from nature, from each other, and even from ourselves.

HOW DOES JESUS HEAL US?

STEP 1: He heals the alienation between us and Him.

- God's word on who we are actually defines us. Only God can do that.
- The healing of our identity is the precursor to all other healing.

STEP 2: He then heals the guy's felt need.

HOW ARE WE TO BE A FRIEND TO OUR 6?

1. Have faith for your friend.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

2. Go to strange lengths.

3. Put them in front of Jesus.

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