

# Luke 5:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

## Analysis

It came to pass on certain day as he taught that Pharisees doctors of law sitting by come out of every town Galilee Judea Jerusalem and power of Lord was present to heal. Certain day specific occasion. Taught en didaskōn ongoing teaching. Pharisees Pharisaioi separated ones religious party. Doctors of law nomodidaskaloi Torah teachers scribes. Sitting by kathēmenoi seated position of learners or observers. Come out of every town ek pasēs kōmēs comprehensive representation. Galilee Judea Jerusalem religious centers. And kai conjunction. Power dynamis supernatural enabling. Of Lord kyriou Christ. Was present to heal eis to iasthai eautous available for healing. Religious leaders investigating Jesus. Not seeking truth but finding fault. Yet power present despite their hardness. God grace available even to opponents. Reformed theology distinguishes common grace (general benefits to all) from special grace (salvation to elect). Healing demonstrates common grace God kindness to believer unbeliever. Special grace saves. Common grace restrains evil provides temporal blessings.

## Historical Context

Pharisees numbered about 6000 first century. Strict Torah observers traditions. Doctors of law scribes professional scholars. Their presence indicates Jesus

growing fame attracted official attention. Came from everywhere shows coordinated investigation. Sanhedrin likely sent representatives. Jesus taught in house (mentioned earlier) now crowded with curious crowds and hostile investigators. Power present suggests occasions when healing power more manifest. Not that Jesus power limited but Father determined when to manifest power. Every healing was sign pointing to Christ identity. Religious leaders witnessed undeniable miracles yet rejected Jesus. Hardness of heart blinds to truth. Early church faced similar opposition religious authorities (Sanhedrin) opposed apostles despite miracles. Truth is spiritual issue not merely intellectual.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does presence of investigating religious leaders demonstrate about growing opposition despite mounting evidence?
2. How does power being present to heal even hardened opponents show God common grace and patience?

## Interlinear Text

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νομοδιδάσκαλοι οἵ ἦν ἐληλυθότες ἐκ πάσης  
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καὶ δύναμις κυρίου ἦν εἰς τὸ ἰᾶσθαι αὐτούς  
And the power of the Lord there were present to G3588 heal he  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 6:19** (Parallel theme): And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

**Luke 8:46** (Parallel theme): And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

**Acts 19:11** (Parallel theme): And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

**Matthew 11:5** (Resurrection): The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

**Acts 4:30** (Parallel theme): By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

**Mark 5:30** (Parallel theme): And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

**Mark 7:1** (Resurrection): Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

**Matthew 15:1** (Resurrection): Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

**John 3:21** (Parallel theme): But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

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