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"And again **He** (Jesus) entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was heard that He was in the house. And immediately many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not even near the door; and He preached the word unto them. And they came unto Him, bringing a paralytic, who was carried by four. And when they could not come near unto Him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed upon which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven you.' But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 'Why does this Man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?' And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves. He said unto them, 'Why do you reason these things in your hearts? What is it easier to say to the paralytic 'Your sins be forgiven you'; or to say, 'Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has Authority (Power) on Earth to Forgive Sins, He said to paralytic. 'I say unto you, arise, and take up your bed, and go your way into your house.' And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, 'We never saw it like this.' " (Mark 2:1-12)

Son of Man: from the Greek words <u>*huios tou anthropou*</u> which mean: <u>Son of Man</u>; or <u>Son of Mankind</u>; a title of Jesus meaning: descendent of mankind who shares the same physical nature as other human beings, as it says:

"... and (He) took upon Himself the nature of a servant, and was <u>made in the likeness of</u> <u>men (mankind)</u>. And <u>being found in nature as a Man</u>, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, <u>even the death of the Cross</u>..." (Philippians 2:7-8)

"Forasmuch then as the children (human beings) are partakers of flesh and blood, <u>He (Jesus)</u> also <u>Himself likewise took part of the same (flesh & blood)</u>; so that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and to deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly He took not on Himself the nature of angels; <u>but He took on Himself the seed (descendants) of Abraham</u>. Therefore, in all things He was obliged to be made into the likeness of His (human) <u>brethren</u>, so that He might be a <u>merciful</u> and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:14-18)

Has Authority: from the Greek words <u>exousian exei</u> which mean: <u>has authoritative-power</u>; has delegated-empowerment; has morally empowered-authority; has authority; has power, "It is used in the New Testament to describe the power or right to act, command, or control. This authority can be <u>inherent</u>, as in the Divine authority of God, or delegated, as in the authority given to individuals or institutions. "Exousia" encompasses both the right, and authority, to exercise power, and the power itself." His authority <u>to do so</u> was questioned:

"And when He (Jesus) had come into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto Him as He was teaching, and said, '<u>By what **authority**</u> do You do these things? and <u>who</u> gave You <u>this **authority**</u>?' And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you <u>by what</u> <u>**authority** I do these things.' 'The baptism of John, <u>from whom was it</u>? From Heaven (i.e. from God), or of men?' And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, 'From Heaven' He will say unto us, 'Why did you not then believe him?' But if we shall say, 'Of men' we fear the people; for everyone holds John to be a prophet.' And they answered Jesus, and said, 'We cannot tell.' And He said unto them, 'Neither do I tell you by what **authority** I do these things.' " (Matthew 21:23-27) (see also Matthew 28:18)</u>

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Upon Earth: from the Greek words <u>*epi tes ges*</u> which mean: <u>upon the earth</u>; *ges* meaning: earth, land, ground, soil (depending on context); it can denote the entire planet, a specific region or country, or the ground itself. In context: 'upon the earth' is wherever Jesus encounters sinful people on earth.

To Forgive: from the Greek word <u>aphienai</u> which means: <u>to send away</u>, to remove; to leave, <u>to forgive</u>, to pardon, to release; etc. depending on context.

("a versatile term used in the New Testament to convey the act of sending away or letting go. It is most commonly translated as "forgive" in the context of releasing someone from a debt or offense. The term also encompasses meanings such as leaving behind, permitting, or abandoning. In the context of forgiveness, it reflects a conscious decision to release someone from the burden of guilt or obligation, embodying the grace and mercy central to Christian doctrine." from Bible Hub)

Sins: from the Greek word <u>hamartias</u> which means: <u>sins</u>; missing the mark; thus: guilt, sin, a fault, a failure (in an ethical sense), sinful deeds, self-originated sins. ("primarily used to denote sin, which is understood as a moral failing or transgression against God's law. It encompasses both the act of sinning and the <u>inherent sinful nature</u> of humanity. The term implies a deviation from God's standards and a failure to live up to His holiness.").

The fact is: that only God can forgive and completely remove sin and it's 'stain' from the soul of a person. Jesus can forgive sin, and it's 'stain' from the soul of a person, because He is God incarnate. Jesus said, "He who has seen Me <u>has seen the Father</u>!" (John 14:9) And again; "<u>I and the Father are One</u>!" (John 10:30) The paralytic who was healed by Jesus, was credited to them by Jesus, based on their faith in Jesus's willingness to heal him! Please also consider this 'faith' based deliverance from sin by Jesus:

"And one of the Pharisees desired of Him (Jesus) that He would eat with him. And He went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to a meal. And, behold, a woman in the city, who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at a meal in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster flask of perfumed-oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping, and began to wash His feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with the perfumed-oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw it, he spoke within himself, saying, 'This Man, if He were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him; for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' And he said, 'Teacher, say it.' 'There was a certain creditor who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me therefore, which of them will love him most?' Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most.' And He said unto him, 'You have rightly judged.' And He turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, 'Do you See this woman? I entered into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet; but she has washed My feet with tears. and wiped them with the hairs of her head. You gave Me no kiss; but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss My feet. My head with oil you did not anoint; but this woman has anointed My feet with perfumed-oil. Therefore, I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little. And He (Jesus) said unto her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' And those who sat at the meal with Him began to say within themselves, 'Who is this who forgives sins also?' And He said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.' " (Luke 7:36-50)

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The **authority** which Jesus has to forgive sins was made universal on earth for all future people through His death on the Cross for everyone who <u>believes on Him with faith</u> for their salvation! Please consider the following:

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that <u>through this Man (Jesus)</u> is preached unto you <u>the forgiveness of sins</u>! And in Him <u>everyone who believes (has</u> <u>faith in Jesus</u>) are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." (Paul speaking in <u>Acts 13:38-39</u>)

"And I (Paul) said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, '<u>I am Jesus</u> whom you persecute. But rise, and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared unto you for this purpose: to make you a minister and a witness both of these things which you have seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto you; delivering you from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send you, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith that is in Me.'" (Acts 26:15-18)

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of <u>His (Jesus) death</u>, we shall also be in the likeness <u>of His resurrection</u>; knowing this: that <u>our old man is crucified with Him</u>, so that <u>the body of sin might be destroyed</u>, so that henceforth <u>we should not serve sin</u>. For he who is dead <u>is freed from sin</u>. Now if we are dead with Christ, **we believe** (<u>have faith</u> in Jesus) that <u>we shall also live with Him</u>; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; **death has no more dominion over Him**. For in that he died, **He died <u>unto sin</u>** <u>once</u>; but in that He lives, He lives unto God. Likewise reckon you also yourselves to be <u>dead indeed unto sin</u>, but alive unto God <u>through Jesus Christ our Lord</u>. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lusts of it." (<u>Romans 6:5-12</u>)

"And these things we write unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, <u>that God is Light</u>, and <u>in Him is no</u> <u>darkness at all</u>. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, <u>we lie</u>, and do not the Truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son <u>cleanses us from all sin</u>. If we say that we have no sin, <u>we deceive ourselves</u>, and <u>the Truth is not in us</u>. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to <u>forgive</u> <u>us our sins</u>, and <u>to cleanse us</u> from all <u>unrighteousness</u>." (I John 1:4-10)

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He did so with the paralytic and the harlot !! And He does so now and forever for everyone who has faith that Jesus has all authority and power in Heaven and earth to forgive their sins and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness !!

All His Authority and Power is Divinely Inherent within Himself Because Jesus is God incarnate !!

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for cleansing us from all sin ! Thank You Christ Jesus for securing our Salvation through the Cross !

Come again soon Lord Jesus !