

Jesus and Forgiveness

Forgiveness and Salvation

- *Luke 1:76–77* What does Zechariah say about the nature of people's salvation as he talks about his son, John the Baptist, and Jesus? What are some of the adjectives that Zechariah uses in his prophecy to talk about sin and forgiveness?

The Gospel Writers and Forgiveness

Matthew

- *Matthew 6:9–15* What is the relationship between human forgiveness and God's forgiveness?
- *Matthew 9:2–8* What is the relationship in this story between physical and spiritual healing?
- *Matthew 18:21–22* How often should Jesus' disciples forgive?
- *Matthew 18:23–35* How does God expect us to forgive?

Mark

- *Mark 1:1–8* What drew people to John the Baptist? Why is the confession of sins attractive to people?
- *Mark 2:1–12* How does the healed person react to his physical and personal healing?
- *Mark 11:25* How should forgiveness be part of a person's prayer life?

Luke

- *Luke 5:17–26* Who has the authority to forgive sins on earth? Is this still the one who forgives our sins on earth? How?
- *Luke 6:37* As Jesus encourages forgiveness in this passage, what does he discourage? Is there a relationship between forgiveness and these actions?
- *Luke 17:1–4* What is the connection here between repentance and forgiveness?
- *Luke 24:36–49* What does Jesus want proclaimed after he ascends to his Father?

John

- *John 20:19–23* Where do you see Jesus' charge to the Apostles being lived out today?

