

The Gospel of Matthew #80

Overview of Matthew 8-9: authority & compassion in action

8:1-17	3 healings	8:18-22	cost of following Jesus
8:23- 9:8	3 miracles	9:9-17	Matt called; a New Day
9:18-34	3 healings	9:35-38	summary of authority & compassion

JESUS CAN FORGIVE YOUR SINS**Matthew 9:1-8**

Matthew continues to unfold the amazing authority of Jesus.

Not only over winds and waves, and hundreds of demons, but even over sin itself!

I. The **story**: Matt 9:1-9 // Mk 2:3-12 // Lk 5:18-36II. The **Lessons**:

A. Jesus is not disturbed by _____

B. Jesus knows _____

Sees their faith (9:2); sees teachers' thoughts (9:4); possibly the young paralytic's heart (9:2): the man was scared; possibly also preoccupied with guilt

Sees *your* heart—right now

C. Jesus has _____ to declare sins forgiven (9:2)

The priority need

D. His authority _____ in His healing (9:4-7)

Cannot see sins forgiven

But can see a paralytic get up and walk!

Could a blasphemer do that in the power of God?!

Have you seen Jesus' power displayed in observable ways (historical and contemporary Church; esp people you know) so that you can believe He can forgive your sins?

E. Forgiving sins is the _____ of the miracles so far

1. It is the most powerful work because it requires a Substitute to take the sins upon Himself

2. It is the key to every other ultimate healing because it unlocks the Gate to Heaven

Forgiveness of sins opens the door to every other blessing:

- Health
- Heaven
- Happiness

Are *your* sins forgiven?

This outweighs every other matter in life.