

Messiah Liberator! (Matthew 9:1-34)

Introduction: A review of the context of Matthew's Gospel

I. The freedom of forgiveness of sins (9:2-8)

The bold "intercessory faith" of those who carried the paralytic
Jesus as the sin-bearing substitute

II. Freedom from scrupulous rules and regulations (9:9-17)

The calling of Matthew the tax-collector
The controversy over separation from sinners
The controversy over fasting or feasting

III. Freedom from sickness and death (9:18-26)

A woman is delivered from 12 years of hemorrhaging through pursuing faith
A father's undying faith sees the resurrection of his dead daughter

IV. Freeing the blind, deaf and dumb (9:27-34)

The unyielding faith of two blind men
The healing of a mute – a call to faith