

Jesus Forgives Sins

Matthew 9:1 And he entered into a **ship**, and passed over, and came **into his own city**. 2

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man sick of the palsy, lying on a

bed: and Jesus **seeing their**

faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son,

be of good cheer; thy **sins be**

forgiven thee. 3 And, behold,

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This *man* blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus

knowing their thoughts said,

Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, *Arise, and walk*? 6 But

**that ye may know
that the Son of man
hath power on earth
to forgive sins,** (then saith

he to the sick of the palsy,) *Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.* 7 And he arose, and departed to his house. 8 But when the multitudes saw *it*, they **marvelled, and glorified God,** which had given such power unto men.

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A. Cooperation. Several men got together to bring this man to Jesus.

B. Determination. It didn't matter what the obstacles were they wanted to get him to Jesus **Mark 2:4** And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they **uncovered the roof** where he

was: and when they had broken *it* up,
they **let down the bed** wherein
the sick of the palsy lay.

C. Compassion. The man was sick and they wanted to get him help

1. They very likely didn't understand that his greater problem was spiritual
2. They believed that Jesus could heal him and came believing
3. They may have been discouraged to hear Jesus tell him that his sins were forgiven when they wanted him to be able to walk again

D. Men of faith in Jesus

1. You do not expend all of this effort to get someone to Jesus if you do not believe that He can truly make a difference in their life

2. Obviously the paralyzed man himself must have also believed enough to allow them to take him
 3. Jesus told the paralyzed man to be of good cheer which might indicate that his faith was a little weak
 4. Their faith caused them to go above and beyond what might normally have been expected
- E. Things we should consider as we pray over this passage
1. Are we working together to get people to Jesus, faith in Him, and salvation
 - a) I challenge you to always pray in every service that God would work
 - b) I challenge you to be inviting people
 - c) I challenge you to always talk to visitors and welcome them

- d) I challenge you to be in your place so that people you invite will see you when they come
 - e) I challenge you to be very careful how you talk about Jesus, God, the church, and your faith because you are impacting lives with the gospel, one way or the other
2. How hard do you work on getting people to Jesus
- a) Do you just invite them one time and forget it
 - b) Do you pray for them that God will deal with them about their faith
 - c) Do you really believe that you have been determined to get them to faith in Christ
3. Do you hurt for those that are lost and on their way to hell.

- a) Do you ever consider their lost condition
 - b) Do you hurt that sin is destroying their present and their future
 - c) Do you really believe that Jesus could make a difference in their lives
4. Do you believe that Jesus has the power to heal and save from sin, make a difference in the lives of your friends

II. Jesus understands man's condition **3** *And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.* **4** *And Jesus **knowing their thoughts** said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?* **5** *For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?*

- A. It was one thing to heal a person but another to forgive sins
1. They were offended that any human could believe that he was able to forgive sin
 2. They knew that in essence Jesus was putting himself in the place of God, the ability to forgive sin
 3. Jesus is intentionally putting it in their faces that God has come in human form in the person of Jesus Christ
- B. Notice that Jesus knew what they were thinking **4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts** said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?
1. God does know your thoughts
I Chronicles 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect

heart and with a willing mind: for **the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the**

thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Psalm 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou **understandest my**

thought afar off.

2. Knowing their thoughts was showing who He was in human flesh
 - a) God knows what you are thinking even when no one else knows
 - b) That is God knows everything and Jesus was God in human flesh

- C. The people in Jesus day often associated sickness with sin
 - 1. They believed that if you were sick it was because of someone's sin, yours or your families
 - 2. They knew that it was very powerful that Jesus could heal but didn't want Him to go so far as to say that He could forgive sin and by that put Himself in the place of God
- D. In this part of Matthew we have seen a progression as Jesus healed the sick, then calmed storms but now forgives sin. He is God in human flesh
- E. Lessons for you to consider
 - 1. Jesus understands you. He knows where you live, what has happened in your life

2. He knows that you are unable on your own to change, to get up and walk
3. He knows that your greatest need is to have your sins forgiven
4. He knows exactly what is going on in your heart and mind right now and stands ready to help you
5. You have nothing to hide because He already knows and still loves you

III. Jesus forgives sins **6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,** (then saith he

to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

A. The greatest need any of us have is forgiveness of sins

1. Sin means to transgress God's law

I John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**

a) God gave us the law to show us our failure

b) The law was to drive us to Him and His grace

c) You can't keep the law

2. Sin is rebellion against God

I Timothy 1:8 But we know that **the law [is] good, if a man use it lawfully;**⁹ Knowing this, that **the law is not made for a**

righteous man, but **for the**
lawless and
disobedient, for the ungodly

and for sinners, for unholy and profane,
for murderers of fathers and murderers
of mothers, for manslayers,¹⁰ For
whoremongers, for them that defile
themselves with mankind, for
menstealers, for liars, for perjured
persons, and if there be any other thing
that is contrary to sound doctrine;¹¹
According to the glorious gospel of the
blessed God, which was committed to
my trust.

3. Sin is taking your own path,
determining your purpose, going your
own way **Romans 3:12 They are all**

gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. [Isaiah 53:6](#) All we like sheep have gone astray; **we have turned every one to his own way**; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

B. Forgiveness of sin was promised by God

1. It means separating us from our sin

[Psalm 103:12](#) As far as the **east is from the west**, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

2. It means being shown mercy as Paul put it when referring to his salvation

[I Timothy 1:13](#)

3. It means nailing all against us to His cross [Colossians 2:14](#) **Blotting out the**

handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross;**

- C. The main point of this story is that you would know that Jesus has the power to

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1. All the world is seeking the same thing, we all want to fix our relationship with God
2. Everyone knows something is wrong inside, way down in the depths of their heart that know something is missing
3. There is One that is able to change you and give your life real purpose
4. Do not go to religion, or self help, or anything else when God in Jesus is ready to save you from sin and self and what it is doing to you