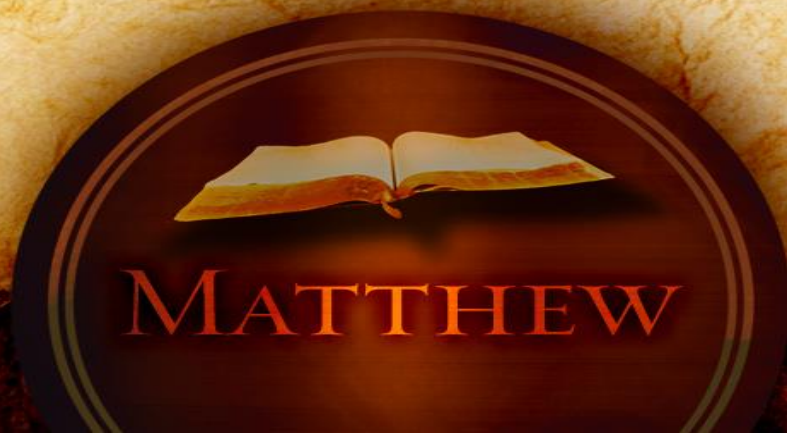




Matthew 9:1-8

“Your sins are forgiven”





Hebrews 3:3

“For He [Jesus] has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, in so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.”



Philippians 2:9-11

“Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus *EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that *EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that Jesus Christ is *LORD, to the glory of God the Father.”

*Isaiah 45:23-25



Outline

1. The Faith of a Destitute Sinner to Seek Him.
2. The Kindness and Compassion of Jesus Christ to save.



Matthew 9:1-8

And getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over the sea and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man blasphemes.” And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? “But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your bed and go home.” And he got up and went home. But when the crowds saw this, they were afraid, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



Keep in mind:

1. The connection between sin and sickness.
2. The utter sinfulness of mankind.
3. The end result of the sinfulness of mankind.
4. The hope and salvation of Mankind (Jesus!)



Act 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”



Matthew 9:2a

2 And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed....”



Luke 5:18-19

“And behold, some men [4] were carrying on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down before Him. But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.”



Matthew 9:2

“Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”



Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”



John 14:1-3

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”



Matthew 9:3

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Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.”

Isaiah 44:22 “I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a cloud. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.””

Jer. 31.34 “And they will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know Yahweh,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares Yahweh, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”



Matthew 9:4

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?”

Question: What’s the evil they are thinking?

Answer: That Jesus COULDN’T forgive sins.



They are the ones sinning because they do not see Jesus as they SHOULD see Jesus—as the Messiah!

Isaiah 53!

→ Specifically vv. 4-5, 8, 10-12



Matthew 9:5-6

“For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? “But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your bed and go home.”



Matthew 9:7-8

“And he got up and went home. But when the crowds saw this, they were afraid, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.”



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