

MATTHEW CHAPTER 9

- ¶ 1. And when he boarded the boat, he crossed over and came to his own city.
(His home city is Capernaum, not Nazareth.)
2. And they brought to him a paralytic lying on a little bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son. Your sins are forgiven.”
 3. And some of the scribes said within themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”
 4. Then perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts?”
 5. For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?
 6. But so that you might know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – then he said to the paralytic – “Get up! Take up your bed and go home.”
 7. And he got up and went home.
 8. When the multitude saw *this*, they were awe-struck, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

MARK 2

- ¶ 1. After some days, he entered again into Capernaum, and it was heard that he was at home.
2. And immediately, so many gathered together that there was no more room, not even near the door, and he began speaking the word to them.
3. And some came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.
4. But unable to come close to him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was, and when they had dug an opening, they lowered the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.
5. Then Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”
6. Now some scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts,
7. “Why does this man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but one, God?”
8. Right away, Jesus knew in his spirit that they were thinking that way within themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you think those things in your hearts?
9. Which is easier? To say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say ‘Get up; pick up your pallet and walk’?
10. But so that you might know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – he said to the paralytic –
11. I say to you, ‘Get up; pick up your pallet, and go to your house.’”
12. And he immediately got up, took up his pallet, and went out in the sight of them all, so that they all were astonished, and they glorified God, saying, “We have never seen the like.”

LUKE 5

- ¶ 17. It happened on one of the days when he was teaching that Pharisees and teachers of the Law were sitting there who had come out of all the villages of Galilee and Judea, and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was there to heal them.
18. And men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they wanted to bring him in and set him before *Jesus*,
19. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they climbed up on top of the house and lowered him, with the little bed, through the tiles into the midst, in front of Jesus.
20. And seeing their faith, he said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
21. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?”
22. But Jesus knowing their thoughts, answered and said to them, “Why do you reason in your hearts?
23. Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you’? Or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’?
24. But so that you might know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – He said to the paralytic – I say to you, arise and take up your bed, and go to your house.”
25. And immediately, he stood up before them and lifted up what he had lain upon and went away to his house, glorifying God.
26. And they were all beside themselves, and glorified God, and they were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today.”

THE STORY OF THE PARALYZED MAN

RED = MATTHEW 9:1-8

PURPLE = MARK 2:1-12

BLUE = LUKE:17-26

And when he boarded the boat, he crossed over and came to his own city, Capernaum, and it was heard that he was at home. And immediately, so many gathered together that there was no more room, not even near the door, and he began speaking the word to them. He was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the Law were sitting there who had come out of all the villages of Galilee and Judea, and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was there to heal them.

And they brought to him a paralytic lying on a little bed carried by four men. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they climbed up on top of the house, and removed the roof where Jesus was. And when they had dug an opening through the tiles, they lowered the pallet on which the paralytic lay into the midst, in front of Jesus.

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And some of the scribes and the Pharisees said within themselves in their hearts, "This man is blaspheming. Why does this man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but one, God? Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?"

Right away, Jesus knew in his spirit that they were thinking that way, and perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you think those evil things in your hearts? Why do you reason in your hearts?"

"For which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But so that you might know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – then he said to the paralytic – "Get up! Take up your bed and go home."

And immediately he got up; he stood up before them, lifted up what he had lain upon, and went out in the sight of them all, and went home, glorifying God.

When the multitude saw *this*, they were awe-struck; they were all beside themselves, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men. And they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today. We have never seen the like."

Now, what is really important about this story?

Really important things contained in the story of the healed paralytic:

1. Jesus had to leave Nazareth and move to another city, Capernaum, in order to complete the work God gave him to do.
2. Ordinary people, as well as Israel's religious leaders, were so attracted to Jesus that they inconvenienced themselves to be in his presence. Why?
3. Jesus was pleased to see some people tear through his roof to get to him. He saw their faith.
4. Jesus' first response to the paralyzed man was to forgive his sins.
5. The religious leaders were offended at the suggestion that God would delegate His authority to a man on earth.
6. To prove to them that God had done so, Jesus healed the paralyzed man and sent him home.
7. No one could get in the house, but the healed paralytic had no trouble getting out.

Matthew 9 (continued)

- ¶ 9. Going on from there, Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax station, and he said to him, “You follow me.” And he rose up and followed him.
- ¶ 10. And it happened, as he reclined at the table in the house, that many tax collectors and sinners came and reclined with Jesus and his disciples.
11. And the Pharisees, looking on, said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
12. But when Jesus heard *it*, he said to them, “Those who are well don’t need a doctor, but those who are sick.
13. Go and learn what it means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”
14. Then the disciples of John approached him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?”
15. Jesus said to them, “Can the groomsmen mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
16. No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth onto an old garment; for its fulness tears away from the garment, and the hole is made worse.
17. Nor do people pour new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved together.”

MARK 2

- ¶ 13. And he went out again along the sea, and all the multitude came to him, and he taught them.
14. Then, going on, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax collector's booth, and he said to him, "You follow me." And he rose up and followed him.
15. And it happened that as *Jesus* reclined for a meal in his house, many tax collectors and sinners reclined at table with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and they followed him.
16. And the scribes and the Pharisees, seeing him eat with the tax collectors and sinners, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"
17. And when Jesus heard *that*, he said to them, "Those who are well don't need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
- ¶ 18. And the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees were fasting, and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and those of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"
19. And Jesus said to them, "The bridegroom's attendants can't fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they can't fast.
20. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken from them, and then, in those days, they will fast.
21. No one sews a patch of new cloth on an old garment; otherwise, the new *cloth* that fills it up pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.
22. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and the wine spills, and the wineskins are ruined; but new wine must be put into new wineskins.

LUKE 5

- ¶ 27. After these things, he went out, and he saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at the tax collector's booth, and he said to him, "You follow me."
28. And he left everything, got up, and followed him.
29. And Levi made him a grand reception in his house, and there was a large group of tax collectors and of others who were there with them reclining at the table.
30. And the Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at his disciples, saying, "Why are you eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?"
31. But Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well don't need a doctor, but those who are sick.
32. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
33. They said to him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, as those of the Pharisees also do, but yours eat and drink?"
34. He said to them, "Can you make the bridegroom's attendants fast while the bridegroom is with them?
35. The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then, in those days they will fast.
36. He also spoke a parable to them: "No one sews a patch from a new garment onto an old garment; otherwise, he will have torn the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.
37. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled and the wineskins ruined.
38. But new wine is poured into new wineskins, and then both are preserved together.
39. And no one drinking old *wine* immediately prefers new, for he says, 'The old is *just fine*.'"

Matthew

- ¶ 18. While he was saying these things to them, one of the rulers came and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter just now died, but come lay your hand on her and she will live.”
19. And Jesus rose up, and his disciples, and he followed him.
20. And a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years came up from behind and touched the tassels of his garment.
21. For she said within herself, “If I just touch his garment, I’ll be healed.”
22. And Jesus, turning about and seeing her, said, “Take heart, daughter. Your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that moment.
23. Then, when Jesus entered the ruler’s house, he saw the flute players and the people wailing tumultuously,
24. and he said to them, “Go away. The little girl is not dead; she is sleeping.” And they laughed at him.
25. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took hold of her hand, and the little girl rose up.
26. And this report spread throughout all that region.
- ¶ 27. As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, son of David!”
28. And when he had entered the house, the blind men approached him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, sir.”
29. Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith, let it be to you.”
30. And their eyes were opened, and Jesus warned them sternly, “See to it that no one knows *of this*.”
31. But when they had gone out, they spread his fame throughout that region.
- ¶ 32. As they were leaving, *some* people brought to him a dumb man possessed by a demon.
33. And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke, and the crowd marveled, saying, “Never has such been seen in Israel!”
34. But the Pharisees were saying, “He casts out demons by the ruler of demons.”
- ¶ 35. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, declaring the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every malady among the people.
36. And seeing the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and cast down, like sheep having no shepherd.
37. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest *is* indeed great, but the laborers *are* few.
38. So, entreat the Lord of the harvest, that He send laborers out into His harvest.”