

Matthew 9

Jesus

I. Complete Healing

1 So [Jesus] got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Jesus leaves those who reject Him...Heads for Capernaum in Galilee

Mark 2:1 [Read Parallel] [Jesus] entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.

Word getting around...Jesus is in the house

...2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

▪ Packed House

1. No room for even one more person to jam in
2. Jesus is preaching the Word to them

...3 Then they came to [Jesus], bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

▪ Four guys carrying a stretcher: Man paralyzed

1. Come to the door
2. Climb on roof/Tear off tiles above Jesus
3. Let down the guy on the bed...Jesus looks up

Did Jesus marvel? Did He smile? Did He laugh?

2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus **saw their faith**, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; **your sins are forgiven you.**"

- **Jesus saw their faith:** Faith of the man and four friends...

Luke 5:20 ... "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

**Jesus deals with the main issue first...Salvation of his soul
Knows exactly what he is doing...**

▪ God's Manifold Wisdom, Works, Grace

1. Man will be saved
2. Man will be healed
3. Religious leader taught
4. People will be amazed
5. **God will be glorified**

Jesus begins by freaking everyone out...Man your sins are forgiven

3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

Mark 2:6 [They] were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts **7b... Who can forgive sins but God alone?"**

They were absolutely right...Only God can forgive sins.

- **Left with only 2 Choices**
 1. Jesus was not God and blaspheming
 2. Jesus was God and could/did forgive
- **Sins are forgiven:** heb. ä-fe'-a-me; i.e. to send away

John 1:29 [J the B testified of Jesus] "Behold! The Lamb of God who **takes away** the sin of the world!

- **Religious Leaders:** This man blasphemes...

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, '**Your sins are forgiven you,**' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?"

Much easier to say your sins are forgiven
Say arise and walk the guy would have to get up and walk

6 But that you may know that the **Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"**

- Turns looks at the man on stretcher...

—then He said to the paralytic, "**Arise, take up your bed,** and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house.

- Religious leaders now more accountable: Moving to Ch. 12
- More light/revelation given regarding who Jesus is...

Luke 12:48 For everyone to whom much is given, from him **much will be required**

- **Man got up/picked up his bed and went home...**
 1. Spiritually Healed
 2. Physically Healed

8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Mark 2:12b... [He] went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "**We never saw anything like this!"**

Luke 5:26 ... and were filled with fear, saying, **"We have seen strange things today!"**

- **Back story:** What happened just before the forgiveness/healing

Luke 5:17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the **power of the Lord was present to heal them.** 18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man...

- Power of the Lord was present to heal them...instead they mocked Him
 1. Man saved
 2. Man healed
 3. Religious leaders taught
 4. People amazed/feared God

God was glorified that day as the man walked home for the first time

- "Good people" mocked God
- "Bad people" embraced God. Even the writer of this Gospel...

SUMMARY Complete Healing

II. Matthew

9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." ...

- **Matthew:** AKA Levi
 1. Tax Collector
 2. Hated for working for Rome/extorting citizens
 3. **God was waiting for him...**

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

- **Matthew heard a different** voice than that of Religious Leaders...Voice of love

Song of Solomon 2:10 [King calling His bride] "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away. 11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone. 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes Give a good smell. **Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away!**

v 9 **So Matthew arose and followed Jesus.**

- Walk together to Matthews home...

10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in [Matthew's] house, that behold, **many tax collectors and sinners** came and sat down with [Jesus] and His disciples.

Mark 2:15b ... for there were many, and **they followed Him.**

1 Samuel 22:2 [David's mighty men?] ...everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So [David] became captain over them.

- **Sinners are attracted** to Men/Woman after God's own heart because they are...
 1. Approachable/Humble
 2. Accepting yet...Uncompromising and Real
- Many tax collectors/sinners sat down with Jesus/Disciples...

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Luke 15:1 Then **all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to [Jesus]** to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: '**I desire mercy and not sacrifice.**' For **I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**"

1 Timothy 1:15 ... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

Romans 3:10 There is none righteous, **no, not one;** 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. **23** ... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

**If you are not a sinner, I did not come for you
These know they are sinners and I came for them**

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III. New Wine

14 Then the disciples of John came to [Jesus], saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"

Why are your guys not seeking God by fasting?

15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?"

Why are your guys not seeking God by fasting?
Because God is here.

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "**God with us.**"

- Purpose of fasting is to seek God. I'm here...**so rejoice!**

15b... But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

- **Jesus taken away:** Crucified/Rise again/Ascend to Father
- **Disciples:** Fast/pray/wait/seek Holy Spirit/rejoice again Pentecost

I am here now...that is why they are happy

16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

John the last of the OT prophets walks onto pages of the NT

John 3:30 He [Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease.

- Law ushers in Grace as John ushers in Jesus...

Jesus: I'm doing a brand-new thing...

I came to pour My Spirit [New Wine] into man and make him new

- I did not come to patch up the Old Covenant filled w/laws you can't keep
- I did not come to put my Spirit into old worn out ideas of religiosity

What makes a wineskin ready for New Wine? Humility to accept you can't keep the Law
I came to put my Spirit into those who know they need grace

2 Corinthians 5:17 ...if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**

Galatians 6:15 [Neither] Jew/Gentile] avails anything, but a **new creation.**

We now are free to walk in the Joy of the Holy Spirit

SUMMARY New Wine

III. Twelve Years

18 While [Jesus] spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

As Jesus spoke of this New Life/New Joy/Joy of a **man's life was ebbing away**

- **Synagogue Ruler named Jairus:** My 12-year-old daughter is dying!
- Pain Unknowable unless happening to you

Luke 8:41 [Worshipped Him] ... [Jairus] down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, 42 for he had an only daughter about **twelve years of age**, and she **was**

dying.

Mark 5:23... "My little daughter lies at the **point of death...****24** So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and **thronged Him.**

- Crowd is pressing in as He leaves for Jairus house...

19 So Jesus arose and followed [Jairus], and so did His disciples.

All is well! Jesus will go and to my house, touch my daughter and she will be okay!

- **That was easy:** Be careful when we think we have God figured out...

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. **21**For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

Luke 8:43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any...

I just need to touch Jesus robe

- Exhausted/Ashamed
- Embarrassed/Wounded by Ridiculed
- Unclean physically/spiritually but **she's feisty and fed up**

Crowd all around...She sneaks up behind Jesus/touches His robe...

Mark 5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. **30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had **gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" **31** But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"**32** And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. **33** But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and **told Him the whole truth.**

- Crowd pressing in. Jesus asks "Who touched Me?"

"Augustine: 'Flesh presses, faith touches.' ... [Jesus] can always distinguish between the [pressing] of a curious mob, and the **agonized touch of a needy soul.**" [Morgan]

- Jesus staring directly into the woman's eyes.
- Waiting for this day to show her His Mercy/Grace

Woman knew she was found out. Can't escape Jesus gaze...

- **Falls down shaking violently;** Lit. in *dread and terrified*
- Spill her guts to Jesus and in the presence of multitude

Her Testimony to the Crowd: Healed **12-year-old** illness

22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, **daughter**; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

Jesus strategically calls the woman "**daughter**"
Time is running out. Jairus is melting. What about my daughter?

- **Manifold Wisdom, Works, Grace:** He is perfecting faith of Jairus

Mark 5:35 While He was still speaking [to the woman He healed], some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "**Do not be afraid; only believe.**"

...the only thing that Jarius had to believe in was Jesus' word. Everything else told him that his daughter was gone forever. This is both the best place to be and the hardest place to be. [Guzik]

- ...only believe, and **she will be made well**

23 When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, 24 He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. 25 But when the crowd was put outside...

After Jesus throws out doubters...Gently touches the girl

- *Talitha cumi* Lit "**Little lamb...wake up**"

25b...He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

Luke 8:55 Then her **spirit returned**, and she arose immediately...

Mark 5:42 Immediately the girl **arose and walked**, for she was **twelve years** of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

26 And the report of this went out into all that land.

- Woman with 12 years of suffering slowly Healed/Thankful
- Man with 12-year-old daughter dying quickly Restored/Jairus faith complete
- People amazed/Report went out God was glorified **in all of it**

God is the Great multi-tasker
Manifold Wisdom Accomplishing His Manifold Works by His Manifold Grace

Even in times when we don't understand what God is doing
We will trust Him for He is Good and He is Faithful

IV. Two Blind Men Healed

27 When Jesus departed from there, **two blind men followed Him**, crying out and saying, **"Son of David, have mercy on us!"**

- Jesus departs Matthews house/**hears shouting behind Him...**

Son of David, have mercy on us!!!

Two Blind men following Jesus

- **Son of David:**
 1. Term for Messiah/Savior
 2. Term for King of Israel

Have mercy on us?

Their sole appeal was to mercy. There was no talk about merit, no pleading of their past sufferings, or their persevering endeavors, or their resolves for the future; but, 'Have mercy on us.' He will never win a blessing from God who demands it as if he had a right to it. [Spurgeon]

28 And when [Jesus] had come **into the house**, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, **"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"** They said to Him, **"Yes, Lord."** 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, **"According to your faith let it be to you."**

Jesus is back in the house...

- **Simple transaction**
 1. **Q.** Do you believe I can heal you
 2. **A.** Yes...we believe You can heal us

According to your faith let it be done!

30 And their eyes were opened.

According to your faith?

- Not according to the *amount* faith
- But according to the *object* of faith...**Jesus Christ**
 1. Appealed to His Mercy **He is Good**
 2. Trusted in His Ability **He is Able**
- **Jesus heals the blind...**World is blind. Unable to see what is good/bad/right/wrong

2 Corinthians 4:4 [Minds of the unbelieving world] ... **god of this age has blinded...** lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Jesus opens Eyes of the Spiritually Blind

- **We were all Spiritually Blind...**

1. Unable to understand Word
2. Unable to see our Sin
3. Dead in sin...

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ

- **Made alive.** Once blind we now see. Transition from Darkness/Light. Death/Life

**...And their eyes were opened
Imagine first sight you ever see is Jesus!**

30b... And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." 31 But when they had departed, **they spread the news** about Him in all that country.

- More work needed w/regard to obedience...

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V. Mute Man Speaks

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

Mute man...brought to Jesus

Exodus 4:11 [Moses uses disability as excuse] So the Lord said to [Moses], "Who has made man's mouth? Or **who makes the mute**, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? **Have not I, the Lord?**

God is not unaware of our disability. Not a mistake...

- Sometimes caused by Demons as here [C.f. Mat. 12:22, Luke 11:14]
- Sometimes result of our Sin...

John 5:14 [Jesus warned one He healed] "See, you have been made well. **Sin no more**, lest a worse thing come upon you."

- **Sometimes** genetic, accidental, age related or none of the above...

God will use our disability to display His ability...

John 9:1 ... [Jesus] saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the **works of God should be revealed in him.**

- **We all have a disability:** Sin. Debilitating.
- **Believers will be made whole...**

Philippians 3:20 ...our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will **transform our lowly body** that it may be **conformed to His glorious body**

Demon possesses/mute man brought by friends to Jesus?
2 Demons in tomb would not be led by the hand [Ch. 8]

- Ranks/Types/Kinds of Demons...

Matthew 17:20 [Disciples unable cast out demon] ... **this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.**"

- This one able to be brought to Jesus...[docile demon?]

33 And when the demon was cast out, **the mute spoke**. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

Man Rambling on and on...Multitudes Marvel
Never a time like this in Israel...God is Good!

34 **But** the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Power of Beelzebub: Lord of the Flies/Ruler of Demons
Religious leaders to Jesus: Your power is of the Devil

Luke 11:18 [Jesus answer] If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

Why would Satan cast himself out? Irrational

- **Things that make Legalists crazy**[er]
 1. Losing power over people
 2. Freedom/Security of those saved by Grace
 3. **Next...**Compassion of Jesus to the Great Unwashed

SUMMARY Mute Man Speaks. People Marvel. Pharisees keep digging

VI. Compassion of Jesus

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

- **Jesus Mode of Operation:**
 1. **Teaching** ...the Word of God
 2. **Preaching** ...the Gospel of the Kingdom
 3. **Healing** ...the Sick and every disease

36 But when He **saw** the multitudes, He was **moved with compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

- **Looks up at the crowd:**
 - Jesus saw...and was Moved with compassion

1. Tired/worn out/Scattered. Wandering in circles
2. Not knowing their purpose. Why they get up in morning
3. Confused/Messed up/Bound up/ Blinded by sin
4. **Like Sheep** with no Shepherd to guide them.

- **Sheep:** More than 500x in Bible

1. Act like stupidest animal on earth: Wander from what is good for them
2. Have no direction...lost, they just keep walking
3. Weak/need a Shepherd
4. Easily become Restless
5. Need lots of water
6. If not sheared for while...Can't get up on own
7. But they respond to Shepherd's voice

Jesus saw/was moved w/compassion as He looks at our world...Are we?

Do we weep for the world or condemn the world?

A Jesus who never wept could never wipe away my tears. [Spurgeon]

**We need the eyes/heart of Jesus by His Holy Spirit
Compassion/Lovingkindness**

Matthew 14:14 [Later] ... Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was **moved with compassion** for them, and healed their sick.

- **Jesus saw/had compassion:** Compassion sees

Some of us are so busy being religious...

We didn't even notice we stopped being decent a long time ago

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers** into His harvest."

- Lots of things done in the Name of God but not led by the Lord of the Harvest

Where are the instructive, soul-winning ministries?" [Spurgeon]

- It is the **preaching of grace** that wins souls...

Acts 20:24 I [want to] **finish my race** with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the **gospel of the grace of God.**

- **Finish the race:**

1. Finish my life with joy/purpose
2. Preaching grace/people saved/restored/joyful

SUMMARY Compassion of Jesus