

# The Power of the King over



Matthew  
9:1-8

**Introduction:** No one likes to talk about \_\_\_\_\_ today!

Forgiveness is found through \_\_\_\_\_ – turning from **SIN**.

- Numbers 32:23
- Romans 6:23
- 1 John 5:16
- Mark 1:4
- Matthew 4:17
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 26:19-20
- Hebrews 9:27

Pastor Adrian Rogers used to say often, “The Bible addresses one problem– \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible has one villain–\_\_\_\_\_. The Bible has one hero–\_\_\_\_\_. The Bible has one purpose–to \_\_\_\_\_ God.”

**Get this down – Jesus Christ is the answer to man’s \_\_\_\_\_ issue.**

**I. Jesus crossed over and came to His own \_\_\_\_\_ – 9:1**

*1 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.*

Why did Jesus get back into the boat so soon? Because He was \_\_\_\_\_ by the city people in the Gergesenes (8:34).

Jesus left their \_\_\_\_\_. He got back into the boat, and He crossed back over to his own city. His own city of course is Capernaum (See 4:13).

## II. Jesus is brought a paralytic and He \_\_\_\_\_ his sins – 9:2

*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."*

We don't read it here in Matthew's Gospel, but over in Mark 2, we read that large \_\_\_\_\_ had gathered at the house where Jesus was.

9:2 - *Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed.*

Mark's Gospel tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ men were carrying their paralytic friend on his bed, and that they sought to get him before Jesus.

All of us need this message – **GET YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS! No matter the cost.**

These four men came up with \_\_\_\_\_ plan.

Our verse reads, *When Jesus saw their faith,*

Don't you think it would take \_\_\_\_\_ to cut through your neighbor's roof

Mark 2:5 - *When Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ their faith.*

The faith of those who brought their friend to Jesus, and the faith of the friend to permit them to go through such actions on his behalf. These guys had an \_\_\_\_\_ **faith**. They had an \_\_\_\_\_ **faith**. These guys were not going to allow anything to get in the way of bringing their friend to Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, He spoke to the paralytic and said, *"Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."*

I can only imagine what was going through the mind of the paralytic at that very moment. What? I didn't have my friends carry me here to have my \_\_\_\_\_ forgiven, no, I wanted my body to be healed. I want to walk again. What is this stuff about my sins being forgiven?

Jesus saw something that we don't always see in people. **This paralytic had a \_\_\_\_\_ need that was far greater than his physical need.**

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Jesus speaks both a hope and a future into this man's life. He says to him, *"Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."*

Is that what this man wanted to \_\_\_\_\_? Probably not. What he wanted to hear was, *"Arise, take up your bed and walk."*

## III. Jesus is accused of \_\_\_\_\_ – 9:3

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

Jesus' words put the religious people at \_\_\_\_\_ with Him immediately. They said within themselves that Jesus was speaking blasphemy.

Mark 2:7 - "Who can forgive sins but \_\_\_\_\_ alone."

They understood the claim that Jesus was making when He \_\_\_\_\_ the paralytic his sins. They knew that Jesus was claiming to be God.

#### IV. Jesus knows their \_\_\_\_\_ – 9:4

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

Here is another insightful truth about Jesus Christ. Like God, He is \_\_\_\_\_ (All Knowing). He had the ability to see into hearts.

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for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, (Matthew 15:18-19).

One author penned, "Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ people in the world are religious people who are unable to celebrate the salvation of another individual."

#### V. Jesus questions the \_\_\_\_\_ – 9:5

5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?

Jesus asked the Scribes a question. Is it \_\_\_\_\_ to tell someone their sins are forgiven, or to heal someone?

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As I look at this section of Scripture, I see what I call **the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_** – The Greater is having his \_\_\_\_\_ forgiven. The Lesser is having his \_\_\_\_\_ healed.

#### VI. Jesus has the power on earth to \_\_\_\_\_ sins – 9:6

6 But that you may \_\_\_\_\_ that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Jesus has the power to both forgive a man his sins, and to say to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your home."

Two things transpired – a cleansed \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ body. This is the power of the King!

## VII. The crowds \_\_\_\_\_ God – 9:7-8

7 And he arose and departed to his house. 8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

You have got to love this scene. The \_\_\_\_\_ arose and departed to his house. What must it have been like for this man to \_\_\_\_\_ again? To be made whole, to be made complete, and on top of all that, to his sins forgiven. What a good day for him! He was made whole both spiritually and physically.

All miracles are for one purpose – **that God be \_\_\_\_\_** .

9:8 - And when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

**Application** – Whether God \_\_\_\_\_ you and washes away your sins, or whether He \_\_\_\_\_ you physically make sure that you encourage people around you to glorify God. Salvation and Healing come from God. Acknowledge it!

Luke 5:26 - “We have seen \_\_\_\_\_ things today.”

**Conclusion:** What are the take-home truths from this miracle? There are \_\_\_\_\_ of them. They are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus wherever He takes you.
2. Bring your \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus. They do have a need. Physical or spiritual.
3. It’s more important to have your \_\_\_\_\_ forgiven than to be healed of some physical infirmity.
4. Healing is always determined by God’s \_\_\_\_\_
5. People do not like it when Jesus proclaims His \_\_\_\_\_ . This is true even today. God is okay, Jesus not so much.
6. Jesus knows the \_\_\_\_\_ of people – He is Omniscient (all-knowing).
7. Forgiveness needs no \_\_\_\_\_ sign, whereas physical healing requires some evidence of a change.
8. Jesus both \_\_\_\_\_ and heals.
9. Physical healing brings \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
10. Spiritual forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ should also bring glory to God.