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FIRST: TWO DEMON POSSESSED MEN

[Mark 5:15 \(NLT\)](#) “A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane...”

[Matthew 8:16–17 \(NLT\)](#) “That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, “He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.”

SECOND: A MAN WHO HAD LEPROSY

[Matthew 8:2–3 \(NLT\)](#) “... “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” ³ Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

THIRD: A MAN WHO WAS PARALYZED

[Matthew 9:2 \(NLT\)](#) “Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.”

[Verse 6 -7 says...](#) “Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home! And the man jumped up and went home!”

FOURTH: TWO MEN THAT WERE BLIND

Matthew 9:28–30 (NLT) ²⁸ They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, “Do you believe I can make you see?” “Yes, Lord,” they told him, “we do.” ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, “Because of your faith, it will happen.” ³⁰ Then their eyes were opened, and they could see!...

FIFTH: A WOMAN WITH AN ISSUE OF BLOOD

Matthew 9:20–22 (NLT) ²⁰ Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, ²¹ for she thought, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” ²² Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, “Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

SIXTH: A FATHER WHOSE DAUGHTER PASSED AWAY

Matthew 9:18 (NLT) “As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. “My daughter has just died,” he said, “but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her.”

Matthew 9:23–26 (NLT) “When Jesus arrived at the official’s home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. ²⁴ “Get out!” he told them. “The girl isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.” But the crowd laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up! ²⁶ The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.”

Romans 8:25 (NLT) “... if we look forward to something we don’t yet have, we must **wait patiently** and **confidently**.”

