

# Matthew 9

9:1-8 The healing of a paralytic based on “their faith.”

Jesus points to the man’s core problem: personal sin.

The point: sin paralyses.

Jesus declares Himself “the Son of Man.”

Therefore, He has the power to forgive sins.

Jesus *proves* He has the power to forgive sin: “Walk!”

9:9-13 – The call of Matthew by His simple words: “Follow Me.”

Matthew’s dinner demonstrates that Jesus has compassion on all people, including you and me!

9:14-17 – Jesus declares that religious practices such as fasting are not the answer to being right with God. Being right with God lies in being in a close relationship with Jesus.

9:18-34 – Four healings with a point:

The synagogue official's daughter: she was dead!

The woman with a hemorrhage: she was unclean!

The blind men were healed: a result of their faith!

The mute, demonized man was able to praise God!

9:35-38 – Jesus was “going,” “teaching,” “proclaiming,” and “healing every kind of disease and sickness.”

All of Jesus’s healings were based on love and compassion.

In commissioning His disciples, He is foreshadowing the spread of the gospel (forgiveness of sins).