

Jesus Heals Paralytic

<p>MAT 9:1 And getting into a boat, He crossed over, and came to His own city.</p> <p>MAT 9:2 And behold, they were bringing to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven."</p> <p>“palsy”, in some translations, is an abbreviation of the word paralysis referring to a paralytic.</p> <p>They likely went up by means of the stairs in the porch or by ascending to the roof of an adjoining house and stepping across to the roof the house and then removed some of the tiles.</p>	<p>MAR 2:1 And when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.</p> <p>MAR 2:2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.</p> <p>MAR 2:3 And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men.</p> <p>MAR 2:4 And being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.</p> <p>MAR 2:5 And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."</p>	<p>LUK 5:17 And it came about one day that He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.</p> <p>LUK 5:18 And behold, some men were carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in, and to set him down in front of Him.</p> <p>LUK 5:19 And not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus.</p> <p>LUK 5:20 And seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."</p>
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1. Jesus “came into His own city” - “Capernaum” (Matt. 9:1; Mk. 2:1).

a. He was born in Bethlehem of Judea. (Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1).

<p>MIC 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."</p>	<p>MAT 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,</p>
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b. He was raised in Nazareth located in Galilee. (Matt. 2:23).

2. A large number of people were gathered at the home. (Mk. 2:2; Lk. 5:17, 19).

3. “Four men” brought the paralytic. (Matt. 9:2; Mk. 2:3).

a. Luke says “some men.” (Lk. 5:18).

b. The “paralytic” is brought to Jesus on “a bed” or “pallet.” (Matt. 9:2; 2:4, 12; Lk. 5:18).

c. It is noteworthy that he likely would not have been healed if it had not been for these “four men.”

d. They had enough faith to bring him to Jesus.

4. The men bringing him had “faith.” (Matt.9:2; Mk. 2:5; Lk. 5:20).
 - a. They manifested their unwavering faith in Jesus by action.
 - b. “Their faith” included the “four men” and likely included the paralytic.
5. “They removed the roof,” that is, some tiles from the roof. (Mk. 2:4; Lk. 5:19).
 - a. Mark says “they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening.” (Mk. 2:4).
 - b. Luke says “they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus.” (Lk. 5:19).
- 6 The let him down through the roof. (Mk. 2:4; Lk. 5:19).

They Accuse Jesus Of Blasphemy

MAT 9:3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This fellow blasphemes." <small>""blasphemeo" [blas fay me' o] - "to blasphemy"</small>	MAR 2:6 But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, MAR 2:7 "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"	LUK 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"
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1. They charge Jesus with blasphemy. (Matt. 9:3; Mk. 2:7; Lk. 5:21).
2. They contend that only God can forgive sins. (Mk. 2:7; Lk. 5:21).

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3. They failed to realize that Jesus was Deity.
 - a. His miracles should have convinced them of Jesus’ Deity, but they charged Jesus was doing His miracles by the power of devil. (Matt. 12:24).

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- b. Deity of Jesus - See Jn. 1:1; 20:28; Matt. 1:23; Phil. 2:5-7; Heb. 1:8; Isa. 9:6,7.
- c. As Deity, Jesus could forgive sins and did on more than one occasion.

Jesus Forgives And Heals The Man

<p>MAT 9:4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?" MAT 9:5 "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk'?" MAT 9:6 "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- then He said to the paralytic-- "Rise, take up your bed, and go home."</p>	<p>MAR 2:8 And immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?" MAR 2:9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet and walk'?" MAR 2:10 "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- He said to the paralytic-- MAR 2:11 "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."</p>	<p>LUK 5:22 But Jesus, aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?" LUK 5:23 "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?" LUK 5:24 "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"-- He said to the paralytic-- "I say to you, rise, and take up your stretcher and go home."</p>
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1. Jesus knew their thoughts. (Matt. 9:4; Mk. 2:8; Lk. 5:22).
2. Jesus healed the man to prove He had authority to forgive sins. (Matt. 9:5,6; Mk.2:9-11; Lk. 5:23, 24).
3. Jesus forgives the man.
 - "Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven." (Matt. 9:2).
 - "My son, your sins are forgiven." (Mk. 2:5).
 - "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." (Lk. 5:20).
 - The writings are giving an inspired paraphrase of what Jesus said.
- 4 Jesus, as God's Son, had the authority to forgive sins. (Lk. 7:48; 23:39-43; Matt. 28:18).

<p>LUK 7:48 And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."</p>	<p>LUK 23:39 And one of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" LUK 23:40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" LUK 23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." LUK 23:42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" LUK 23:43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."</p>
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The Man Is Instantly Healed

<p>MAT 9:7 And he rose, and went home.</p> <p>MAT 9:8 But when the multitudes saw this, they were filled with awe, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.</p>	<p>MAR 2:12 And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."</p>	<p>LUK 5:25 And at once he rose up before them, and took up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God.</p> <p>LUK 5:26 And they were all seized with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."</p>
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1. The man was “immediately” healed. (Mk. 2:12).
 - a. Luke says “at once he rose up.” (Lk. 5:25).
 - b. The healing was instantaneously and complete.
2. He glorified God. (Lk. 5:25).
3. He went home. (Matt. 9:7; Lk. 5:25).
4. The multitude was convinced a miracle had occurred.
 - a. “The were all amazed and were glorifying God.” (Matt. 9:8; Mk. 2:12). “filled with awe” (Matt. 9:8). “filled with fear” (Lk. 5:26).
 - b. They made these comments.
 - “We haven never seen anything like this.” (Mk. 2:12)
 - “We have seen remarkable things today.” (Lk. 5:26).

The Call Of Matthew

MAT 9:9 And as Jesus passed on from there [the house in Capernaum], He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office [booth]; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

1. Matthew had 2 names. (Mk. 2:14; Lk. 5:29).

<p>MAR 2:14 And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose and followed Him.</p>	<p>LUK 5:29 And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax-gatherers and other people who were reclining at the table with them.</p>
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- a. James the less was the son of another man named Alphaeus.
 - b. Matthew (Levi) is never called the brother of James.
 - c. There were many men by the name of Alphaeus.
2. Matthew was most likely already a disciple of Jesus.

3. Many or all of the apostles were followers of Christ before being called into full-time service and apostleship.

Jesus Eats With Tax-Collectors

MAT 9:10 And it happened that as He was reclining at the table in the house [of Matthew], behold many tax-gatherers and sinners [those especially wicked or deemed so] came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

1. Matthew was excited to be a follower of Christ, and was inviting his friends and perhaps others to dine with them that they might hear Jesus.
2. He was inviting those who most, especially the religious leaders, would not fellowship.

Pharisees Criticize Jesus

MAT 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

1. The Pharisees would not dine with such and they were appalled that Jesus was eating with them.
2. The words "your Teacher" show they were not followers of Christ.
3. Very few Pharisees were disciples of Christ - Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were exceptions. (Jn. 3:1; Lk. 23:50).

MAT 9:12 But when He heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

1. This is true of those who are physically healthy. They do not need a physician.
2. This is also true of those enslaved to sin. They desperately need a physician.
3. The Bible teaches that all of us are sinners. (Rom. 3:23).

MAT 9:13 "But go and learn what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." See Mk. 2:17; Lk. 5:32.

1. Jesus loosely quotes Hosea 6:6.

HOS 6:6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

2. Sacrifices were important, but sacrifices without mercy were vain.
3. In the absolute there are none who are righteous. (Rom. 3:10). See Rom. 3:23.
4. Jesus came to save the lost and those who were too self-righteous to see their lostness would die in their sins.
5. All who seek salvation must come to God through Jesus Christ. (Jn. 8:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

<p>MAT 9:14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"</p> <p>MAT 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.</p> <p>MAT 9:16 "But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.</p> <p>MAT 9:17 "Nor do men put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."</p>	<p>LUK 5:33 And they said to Him, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers; the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same; but Yours eat and drink."</p> <p>LUK 5:34 And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"</p> <p>LUK 5:35 "But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."</p> <p>LUK 5:36 And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.</p> <p>LUK 5:37 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.</p> <p>LUK 5:38 "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.</p> <p>LUK 5:39 "And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.'"</p>	<p>MAR 2:18 And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"</p> <p>MAR 2:19 And Jesus said to them, "While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom do not fast, do they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.</p> <p>MAR 2:20 "But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.</p> <p>MAR 2:21 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.</p> <p>MAR 2:22 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."</p>
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1. "The disciples of John" did not understand why Jesus' disciples did not fast. (Matt. 9:14; Mk. 2:18; Lk. 5:33).
2. "The disciples of John" fasted, but we do not know how often they fasted.
 - "the disciples of the Pharisees" were also fasting. (Lk. 5:33; Mk. 2:18).
 - a. The fact they mention the fasting of the Pharisees may suggest they were frequently fasting.
 - b. John the Baptist was one who fasted.

MAT 11:18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'"

3. The Pharisees fasted twice a week - Mondays and Thursdays. (Lk. 18:12).

One is surprised to find disciples of the Baptist in the role of critics of Christ along with the Pharisees. But John was languishing in prison and they perhaps were blaming Jesus for doing nothing about it. At any rate John would not have gone to Levi's feast on one of the Jewish fast-days. "The strict asceticism of the Baptist (#11:18) and of the Pharisaic

rabbis (#Lu 18:12) was imitated by their disciples" (McNeile).

5. Jesus fasted on one occasion for 40 days and nights. (Matt. 4:1-2; Lk. 4:2).

MAT 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "The attendants [sons, guests] of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

1. {The sons of the bride-chamber} (\hoi huioi tou numph“nos\). It is a late Hebrew idiom for the wedding guests, "the friends of the bridegroom and all the sons of the bride-chamber" (_Tos. Berak._ ii. 10). Cf. #Joh 2:29|. RWP
2. Jesus indicates there would be a proper time for His disciples to fast, that is, following His ascension into heaven.
3. We are not commanded to fast, but Jesus anticipated His disciples would fast. (Matt. 6:16,17).

MAT 6:16 "**And whenever you fast**, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

MAT 6:17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face

MAT 6:18 so that you may not be seen fasting by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Some Examples of Inappropriate Things

- These are given to show it was inappropriate to fast while Jesus (the bridegroom) was with them.
- These examples have nothing to do with Jesus’ disciples fasting, but emphasize there are some things that are inappropriate.

MAT 9:16 "But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

MAT 9:17 "Nor do men put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

1. “New wine” ferments and expands.
2. “skins” usually were goat skins. K.J.V. has “bottles,” but is more literally “wineskins.”

Jarius - A Synagogue Official

<p>MAT 9:18 While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came a synagogue official, and bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live." MAT 9:19 And Jesus rose and began to follow him, and so did His disciples.</p>	<p>MAR 5:22 And one of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and upon seeing Him, fell at His feet, MAR 5:23 and entreated Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, that she may get well and live."</p>	<p>LUK 8:41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began to entreat Him to come to his house; LUK 8:42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes were pressing against Him.</p>
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1. This ruler was named Jarius and was “a synagogue official.” (Mk. 5:22; Lk. 8:41).

2. He worshiped Jesus. (Matt. 9:18).

MAT 9:18 While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came a synagogue official, and bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

a. Mark says he “fell at His feet.” (Mk. 5:22).

b. Luke says “he fell at Jesus’ feet.” (Lk. 8:41).

3. Luke informs us that his daughter was “about twelve years old.” (Lk. 8:42).

a. Matthew reports him saying, “My **daughter** has just died.” (Matt. 9:18).

MAT 9:18 While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came a synagogue official, and bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

b. Mark says he said, “My **little daughter** is at the point of death.” (Mk. 5:23).

c. Luke says of the girl that “she was dying.” (Lk. 8:42). He also points out that this was his “only daughter.”

d. In Matthew Jarius likely meant that his daughter was as good as dead. He believes his daughter would die if Jesus did not come.

- He probably fears she may have already died since she was near death when he left her.
- The Greek word “arti” can be rendered “just now” or “now” died or the word can rarely mean “near” and may be translated with idea of “near death.”
- The fuller accounts in Mark and Luke show he did not know she had died when he came to Jesus.
- He heard this news after healing the woman with an issue of blood. (Mk. 5:35; Lk. 8:49).

Jesus Heals Woman With Hemorrhage

- Matthew, Mark and Luke all record this heart-touching miracle.
- Matthew account is very brief compared to Mark and Luke.

MAT 9:20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;

MAT 9:21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I shall get well."

MAT 9:22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." And at once the woman was made well.

MAR 5:25 And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,
 MAR 5:26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse,
 MAR 5:27 after hearing about Jesus, came up in the crowd behind Him, and touched His cloak.
 MAR 5:28 For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall get well."
 MAR 5:29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.
 MAR 5:30 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"
 MAR 5:31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"
 MAR 5:32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.
 MAR 5:33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth.
 MAR 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

LUK 8:43 And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone,
 LUK 8:44 came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His cloak; and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.
 LUK 8:45 And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes are crowding and pressing upon You."
 LUK 8:46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me."
 LUK 8:47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.
 LUK 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

MAT 9:20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;

1. Mark and Luke also state she had suffered with this condition 12 years. (Mk. 5:25; Lk. 8:43).
2. Mark says that though she had spent all her money with many physicians she had gotten worse. (Mk. 5:26; Lk. 8:43).

MAT 9:21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I shall get well."

1. Mark 5:28 gives the same information, but Luke 8:43 omits her conversation with herself.
2. Talking to oneself can be positive or negative.

MAT 9:22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." And at once the woman was made well.

1. Matthew reports that touching Jesus made her well.
2. Mark gives more details. (Mk. 5:29-31).

MAR 5:29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

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MAR 5:31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

3. Luke gives some other details. (Lk. 8:46,47).

LUK 8:46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me."

LUK 8:47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

4. Mark and Luke record Jesus telling the woman "go in peace." (Mk. 5:34; Lk. 8:48).

Jesus Raises Girl Who Had Died

MAT 9:23 And when Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder,

MAT 9:24 He began to say, "Depart; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him.

MAT 9:25 But when the crowd had been put out, He entered and took her by the hand; and the girl arose.

MAT 9:26 And this news went out into all that land.

MAR 5:35 While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?"

MAR 5:36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe."

MAR 5:37 And He allowed no one to follow with Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

MAR 5:38 And they came to the house of the synagogue official; and He beheld a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing.

MAR 5:39 And entering in, He said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."

MAR 5:40 And they began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was.

MAR 5:41 And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!").

MAR 5:42 And immediately the girl rose and began to walk; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

MAR 5:43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this; and He said that something should be given her to eat.

LUK 8:49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore."

LUK 8:50 But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she shall be made well."

LUK 8:51 And when He had come to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

LUK 8:52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep."

LUK 8:53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.

LUK 8:54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise!"

LUK 8:55 And her spirit returned, and she rose immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat.

LUK 8:56 And her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

MAT 9:23 And when Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder,

1. Mark and Luke report he had already learned of the death of the girl. (Mk. 5:35,36; Lk. 8:49, 50).
2. Matthew, Mark, Luke record the noisy disorder. (Matt. 9:23; Mk. 5:38; Lk. 8:52).
3. Mark records only Peter, James and John were allowed to go with Him. (Mk. 5:37).

MAT 9:24 He began to say, "Depart; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him.

1. Matthew, Mark and Luke record the scorning. (Mk. 5:40; Lk. 8:53).
2. They did not believe anyone could raise the dead.

MAT 9:25 But when the crowd had been put out, He entered and took her by the hand; and the girl arose.

1. Mark and Luke give those who witnessed the miracle. (Mk. 5:40).
 - a. Parents (Mk. 5:40).
 - b. Peter, James and John (Mk. 5:37).
2. Mark records these words in Mark 5:41,42.
 - a. "Talitha cumi" - wake up, little girl.
 - b. "Talitha" was Aramaic meaning "maiden."
3. Mark gives her age. (Mk. 5:42).
4. Mark records Jesus requesting the girl being given something to eat. (Mk. 5:43; Lk. 8:55).

MAT 9:26 And this news went out into all that land.

1. Mark and Luke added that Jesus requested that this miracle should not be reported to others. (Mk. 5:43; Lk. 8:56).
2. Mark and Luke stress she was made alive immediately. (Mk. 5:42; Lk. 8:55).

Two Blind Men And The Dumb Demoniac.

MAT 9:27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

1. They were convinced that Jesus was the Messiah.
2. The Messiah would be the "son of" [the descendant of David].

MAT 9:28 And after He had come into the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

1. These men were convinced Jesus could heal them.

2. They believed the Messiah could heal them.

MAT 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Be it done to you according to your faith."

1. These men were healed because of their faith in Jesus.
2. Jesus, at times, healed where there was no faith in Him. (Jn. 5).

MAT 9:30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See here, let no one know about this!"

1. See Matt. 8:4; 12:16.
2. **Some think Jesus was usually reverse psychology and really wanted them to spread the news of the miracle.**
3. **This is unlikely.**
 - a. Jesus did not want the miracle published because the multitudes would come, in overwhelming numbers, to beseech Him for help.
 - b. His main mission was to save the lost (Lk. 19:10) - not to heal all diseases and other medical problems.
 - c. Jesus may also have been afraid they would try to make Him king. (Jn. 6:15).
 - d. Jesus came to die, but the more men promoted His miracles the more His enemies would seek to kill Him and prevent the completion of His earthly ministry.
 - e. Jesus had certain things that needed to be accomplished before His death.

MAT 9:31 But they went out, and spread the news about Him in all that land.

1. They disobeyed Christ and spread the word of this healing.
2. They may have thought Jesus forbid them to tell it the miracle because of his modestly, but the bottom line is they disobeyed Jesus.

Dumb Demon-Possessed Man

MAT 9:32 And as they were going out, behold, a dumb man, demon-possessed, was brought to Him.

MAT 9:33 And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying, "Nothing like this was ever seen in Israel."

1. The multitudes recognized this as a true miracle.
2. This is evidenced by his speech and the absence of the demon.

MAT 9:34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

Teaching And Preaching Of Jesus In The Cities And Villages

MAT 9:35 And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

MAT 9:36 And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion [touched with pity] for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.

1. “sheep without a shepherd” will perish.
2. It is vital that we have a shepherd [the Lord Jesus Christ] and submit to Him.

MAT 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful [abundant], but the workers [reapers] are few.

1. This is a statement true then and now.
2. Not everyone is interested, but there are more people interested in salvation than we have workers.

MAT 9:38 "Therefore beseech [urge] the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

- “Lord of the harvest” - owner of the harvest, the Lord to whom the harvest belongs.
- “to send” is from “ekballo.” It means to thrust out, eject by force (Matt. 15:17; Acts 27:38), to send forth, send out. (Matt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2).

1. We need to be workers.
2. We need also to pray that God will “send out workers into His harvest.
3. Without reapers much of the harvest would perish and without reapers much of the world today will perish.

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