

## Matthew Chapter 9

### Matthew 9:1

And he entered into a ship, and passed over and came into his own city.

After Jesus delivered the two men that were possessed with demons and gave the demons permission to go into a herd of swines, the town people wanted Jesus to leave.

They saw the power of God in action, but they didn't want it in their city. It could have been because they were afraid of the supernatural or it may have been they knew the light of Jesus was going to shine into their darkness, and they preferred darkness rather than light. Jesus left the city not because He was afraid, but because He wasn't welcome there. Jesus will do us the same way, if we don't want Him, He will not push Himself on us. We're spiritual being housed by a physical body, and the temple of God is in our body if we let Him come in.

### Matthew 9:2

And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Faith put us in the position to receive.



Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Without faith we cannot please Him. The man that was sick had people around him that had faith. When you're expecting something from God, you can't have people without faith around you, because if you hang with them long enough you too will begin to lose faith.

### Matthew 9:3

And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

The scribes didn't understand that Jesus was sent from God to manifest His power through His Son. Secondly, they were jealous. When people don't understand or is jealous it can become dangerous. The wise thing to do when we don't understand a matter is to seek God in prayer, and ask for understanding. As Christians we shouldn't be jealous of anyone. Jealousy is one of Satan's character.

### Matthew 9:4

And Jesus knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your heart.

Jesus knew what was in their heart, and just as He knew what was in their heart, He knows what's in our heart. We may fool

people, but God knows what's in the inside. Jesus never stated that He was the Son of God, but He always let them know that He was sent from God. Many times people reject us because they don't understand and because they don't understand, they reject what God has sent to them. The very ones we reject, can be the ones that can set us free through the Spirit of God that lives within them. The word of God tells us to know them that labor among us.

### Matthew 9:5

For whether is easier, to say, thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?

Jesus wanted them to know their thoughts and the evilness in their heart, He already knew, He asked them a question, what would be easier. Too many times Christians want the easy way out. The easy way out can make us lose our blessing as well as stagnate us from spiri-

**Matthew 9:6**

**But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, then saith he to the sick of the palsy) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.**

Jesus didn't back down from their comments. Many times we don't do what God has called us to do because we're worried about what people will think or say. Don't worry about people, be concerned about what God is thinking about you. Jesus knew who He was, and He was demonstrating who He was. Jesus let them know not only did He have the authority to forgive sins, but He was able to heal the sin spiritually as well as physically.

**Matthew 9:7**

**And he arose, and departed to his house.**

The man's life changed that day, it didn't take Jesus a couple of hours to set him free. The anointing that was in Him worked instantly. There is no way we can come in contact with Jesus and we're the same. Every time He touches us, He activates something within us.

**Matthew 9:8**

**But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.**

The multitude saw God working through Jesus. They knew this power came only from God. They gave glory to God rather than Jesus because they didn't understand who Jesus was. Too many times we glory the people that God uses instead of glorifying God that gave the gift. God will manifest Himself through those who submit to Him. Our worship should go to God.

**Matthew 9:9**

**And Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.**

After Jesus healed the man, He went to another part of the city or town. When He requested Matthew to follow Him, the man didn't hesitate, he immediately followed Jesus. Jesus is calling many, but they are too busy seeking the things of the world.

**Matthew 9:10**

**And it came to pass, a Jesus sat at meat (the table) in the house, behold, many publicans (tax collectors) and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.**

Jesus didn't ignore the sinners, He welcome them to join Him. How can the unlearned learn about Jesus if we're running them away with our attitudes, holier than thou. In order to draw people to Jesus, we must be compassionate, we must have the love of God abounding in our hearts.

**Matthew 9:11**

**And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners.**

The religious leaders didn't understand God nor His ways. They taught religion and didn't have a clue about the relationship God desires to have with His people. Christians are busy having religion when God is waiting for a relationship. Relationship brings about an understanding of the individuals and what part they play. By Jesus having a relationship with the Father, He knew that God loved the sinners, but He didn't love their sin. In order for Him to draw the people to the Father, He had to be around them

to draw them. It's the same with us, we shouldn't be avoiding sinners, be around them, let them see the Father through precept and example.

**Matthew 9:12**

**But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.**

Jesus didn't mean since Christians have Him, they didn't need Him, we need Him even the more when we have decided to submit ourselves to Him. Jesus needed to be around those that didn't know the power of God. Those that couldn't perceive whatever they may have done. He wanted them to come to an understanding that God was a God that forgive sin when the individual repent from their heart. If Jesus didn't go around the sinners, they never would have known about the love and saving Grace of God. The Christians knew about Him, the sinner didn't.

**Matthew 9:13**

**But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice: For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

Christians should have a repenting heart daily. Whether we know or don't know if we've sinned; repent anyway. The heart of Christian should always be ready to repent. Sinners are a different story. Ninety percent of the time they don't know they are wrong because they are still living according to the laws of the flesh. A Christian has to fight daily to deny fleshly desires, the sinner doesn't have a clue what is influencing him neither does he have the strength to stop unless the Grace of God comes and delivers him. God wants us to totally surrender our all to Him, not just a portion.

**Matthew 9:14**

**Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?**

John's disciples wanted know why was they fasting and the disciples that were with Jesus wasn't fasting. Fasting is good and it helps our spirit to dominate our flesh. The Bible teaches us about fasting, but much more about prayer.

**Matthew 9:15**

**And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bride chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then they shall fast.**

The majority of the time when things are going well, people don't fast when they are hearing from the Lord and feel the Spirit of God moving in them. Have a good job, spouse and children are acting right. Money to pay the bills and get the things they desire, fasting usually doesn't come across their mind, but when trouble hits, they can't feel the Spirit of God or hear His voice, they will place themselves on a fast, God doesn't have to give them a fast.

**Matthew 9:16**

**No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.**

Jesus came to bring in a new dispensation that could not be fitted into the form of the Old Jewish religion, the rule of law was to be replaced by Grace. We can't serve God by our ideas and what we think it should be, but by the illustration and direction He has given us to live by.

**Matthew 9:17**

**Neither do men put new wine in**

**old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish but they put new wine into new bottles and both are preserved.**

Placing new wine in old bottle skin, the skin would bust and the wine wouldn't be good. When the Father and Son set up home in our moral bodies, our heart and spirit have been changed. God does not come and live in an unclean temple. Our mortal bodies wouldn't be able to withhold His Spirit. Once our minds have been renewed and the stony heart have been removed then the Father and Son will come and take their abode with us.

**Matthew 9:18**

**While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshiped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.**

The ruler wasn't looking at his daughter being dead, he was looking at who had authority over life and death. He entered into a praise, knowing that he had the victory. When we believe we will receive what we asked or, we can praise God before He grants the request. Before he made his request, he began to go into a praise.

**Matthew 9:19**

**And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.**

Jesus seeing the man's faith followed the man, the disciples went along with Him. Faith moves God, it doesn't take a lot of faith, mustard seed faith will move God in our circumstances.

**Matthew 9:20**

**And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of**

**blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment.**

It was time for the woman with the issue of blood to be healed of the infirmity she had. First of all, according to Jewish ceremonial law she was unclean and all that came near her was unclean, she wouldn't have been allowed to be in the crowd. Secondly, for her to have had a continuous bleeding for twelve years was the mercy of God upon her life, medically the physicians would have written her off as no hope. Thirdly, in order for her to touch the hem of His garment she had to get down on her knees, and go among the crowd. She didn't care about what people was thinking, all she knew she had to get to the One that she knew could heal her. When you're trying to get to Jesus, you have to forget about people. People will make you miss your blessing.

**Matthew 9:21**

**For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I will be whole.**

She had suffered different experiments from physicians and had spent all of her money. Instead of her getting better she was getting worse. Then she decided to place her faith and hope in Jesus, she saw that nothing else work. Many times we try people and things to resolve the void we have in our life and all we need is Jesus. Nothing or anyone cannot fill the void where Jesus is waiting to fill.

**Matthew 9:22**

**But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman made whole from that hour.**

The woman had enough faith to receive what Jesus had come to

to give her life more abundantly. We cannot place our trust in people and things. People will fail and disappoint you, but Jesus has never failed and never will disappoint you.

**Matthew 9:23**

**And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise.**

After healing the woman with the issue of blood Jesus departed to see about the ruler's daughter. Everyone in the house had given up and was weeping

**Matthew 9:24**

**He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.**

After all the miracles they had seen Jesus performed, they were looking at the situation instead of looking to the one that could heal her. God will heal us everywhere we hurt if we let Him, but too many times we will believe a bad report instead of His report.

**Matthew 9:25**

**But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.**

The people were put out of the room. You can't have negative people around you when you're faith is positive. Negative and positive only work with electricity. When Jesus took her by the hand, life was restored. Jesus want to do the same thing with people that are dead spiritually, He is waiting for them to stretch forth their hand for His help.

**Matthew 9:26**

**And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.**

Jesus didn't have to advertise what He had done, word of mouth did the advertising. Jesus knew who He belonged to, and

he knew the authority His Father had given Him.

**Matthew 9:27**

**And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.**

The blind men knew where they could receive compassion and help. They followed Jesus. Whenever you follow Jesus you can expect His help in the time of trouble. You can expect to receive deliverance when you following Jesus.

**Matthew 9:28**

**And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea Lord,**

Before giving them their request, Jesus wanted to know do you believe I can heal you. Notice He didn't say do you believe you can be healed, but said do you believe I can heal you. When we place our trust in Jesus doubt has to leave.

**Matthew 9:29**

**Then touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.**

The men received as they believed. We too receive according to our faith. We will have faith for either the positive or the negative, both of them are faith.

**Matthew 9:30**

**And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.**

They received their healing and was instructed not to tell anyone what had happened. It could have been because that would have brought about a crowd larger than the one that was already there. It could have been He didn't want to jeopardize their life because He knew what the elders and high priest thought about Him and healing. Whatever the reason was, they didn't follow the instructions, and that's what get us in trouble.

**Matthew 9:31**

**But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all the country.**

They did the very opposite of what Jesus had told them not to do, so many times, God give us instructions and we do the very opposite of what He told us, and we wonder why we didn't get our prayer answered. In order to receive what God has for us, we must follow His instructions.

**Matthew 9:32**

**As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb (mute) man possessed with a devil.**

The bible says the hearing impaired man was possessed with a devil. If we would tell people that today they would say we're crazy or either they wouldn't believe. All sickness and disorders aren't demons. If we would pray, God would show us if its physical or if its demonic. They brought the man to Jesus for healing.

**Mathew 9:33**

**And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake, and the multitude marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.**

Jesus cast the spirit out and the man spoke. God has given every born-again believer the authority to cast out demons, it wasn't done away with when the Apostles died. The reason we don't see the manifestation the way we should because many of us don't want to go through in order to receive the anointing. We don't want to pray, fast as well as read the bible, and don't even speak about suffering.

**Matthew 9:34**

**But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of devils.**

The Pharisees was jealousy of Jesus, it wasn't so much they believe the power was of Satan, they knew Jesus had a good reputation. He hadn't

given them a reason other than the authority He was using to set the captive free. They didn't have the authority nor publicity and they were jealousy. When God began to use people and especially those that people looked down on, they will be lied on and persecuted by religious believers.

### **Matthew 9:35**

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

Jesus wasn't teaching a get rich gospel, how to get what you want gospel. He was teaching and preaching about the coming kingdom of God and how to enter into it. One scripture tell us how to get everything we need, "But seek ye the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". What things, prosperity spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, financially, relationally. Ministers should teach as Jesus taught and as the people hear the word and obey the word their lives will line up with the word of God.

### **Matthew 9:36**

**But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted (were weary) and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.**

Jesus saw the people's thirst and hunger for the word of God. We don't thirst after the word of God the way we should. The majority of people attend church to say they went to church, others go for a social gathering, then there are those that attend to find a mate. Others are faithful because they are afraid of what the pastor might say instead of worrying about

what the master will be saying. It's a remnant that attend to hear what the Lord has to say through the man or woman of God.

### **Matthew 9:37**

**Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;**

Jesus saw how the people was attentive to the preaching and teaching of the gospel. They had been taught for so long the doctrine of man that didn't make a change in the lives of the hearers, but they were witnessing the word of God coming alive in the life of the people. Jesus saw the multitude in need of leaders and ministers that would lead and guide them to the truth.

### **Matthew 9:38**

**Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.**

He instructed His disciples then and now to pray for laborers to go and teach the people, draw the people to God, instruct them how to please God and not man. Too many of God's people have been lead astray because of doctrinal error. God never changes neither does His word. In order to lead the people to God we must be examples of what Christianity is about. It's not about attending church on Sunday and soon as services is over we pick up our habits on the way out the door. It's not about worshipping God on Sunday and worshipping Satan Monday through Saturday. In order for the power of God to manifest in a believers life, the power of God must be within the individual, manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit. We can't draw anyone to Jesus if God is not abiding in us. It is He that will draw people to His Son. According to the word of God in order for one to come to Jesus, the Father must draw them (John 6:44). If the Spirit of God which is the Holy Spirit is indwelling our human bodies, He will draw them. It is God that enables us to refrain from practicing sin, it is God that give us the Grace to obey His word when trouble is on

every side. It is God that give us a desire to suffer for righteousness. It is God that empower us to cast out demonic spirits. Salvation is free, but the anointing will bring about suffering and denying ourselves, praying when others are watching television or sleeping. Fasting when others are enjoying a good meal. Studying and reading the word of God when others are socializing and doing what bring pleasure to them. In order to be used by God we will suffer, but in our suffering we receive the anointing to accomplish God's will in the earth realm. Faithfulness turn a lot of people away from wanting to labor in God's vine yard. You couldn't work for a better employer; looking for work, God is always looking for someone to hire, He always have a position open.



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