



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Jesus' Power over Sin

Matthew 9:1–8



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¹ And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.
² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”



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⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Matthew 8:34 — 9:1

8:34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region. 9:1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.





Mark 2:1–2

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.



Matthew 9:2

² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”



John 9:1–2

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”



Matthew 9:2

² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”



Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.



Micah 7:19

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.



Matthew 9:3

³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”



Mark 2:6–7

⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”



Isaiah 43:25

“I am the one, I sweep away your transgressions
for my own sake and remember your sins no more.”



Matthew 9:4

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



1 Chronicles 28:9

“The LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought.”



Jeremiah 17:10

“I the LORD search the heart and test the mind...”



Psalm 139:2, 4

² ...you discern my thoughts from afar...

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.



Matthew 9:5

⁵ “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’”



Matthew 9:6–7

⁶ “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home.



Matthew 9:8

⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



Psalm 130:4

But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.



1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Psalm 95:6

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!



Once at a convention, the speaker closed his message by asking everyone in the room to kneel on the floor for prayer. All five hundred people got on their knees. All except me. I cried, not because I felt awkward but because I was struck with the beauty of seeing so many people bow in worship. I breathed a prayer: “Lord Jesus, I can’t wait for the day when I will rise up on resurrected legs. The first thing I will then do is to drop on grateful, glorified knees.”

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