

“What Do You Do When You Are Unable To Help Yourself?”

Matthew 9:1-8

INTRODUCTION: Picture of Jesus In Matthew 9

- He has authority over sin
- He has authority to save
- He has authority over death
- He has authority over disability
- He has authority over the Devil

“Jesus meets our greatest need by providing for the forgiveness of our sins and by defeating death on our behalf.”

(David Platt)

Six Key Actions In This Story:

1. Notice The Actions Of _____(v.2)

- “Some men brought to Him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat” (v.2a)
- “Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.” (Martin Luther)

2. Notice The Tender Actions Of _____(v.2c)

- “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”
- “Forgiveness means that God buries our sins and does not mark the grave.” (Source unknown)
- “We were born thirsting for forgiveness.” (Phillip Yancey)

3. Notice The Restful Actions Of The _____(v.3)

“Lay all the old resentments at the wounded feet of Christ.”
(C.S. Lewis)

4. Notice The All-Knowing Actions Of Jesus. (vv.4-6)

5. Notice The Simple And _____.(vv.6B-7)

- For the first time since he was afflicted with paralysis, this man got up from his bed, and no one had to carry him home. (R.C. Sproul)
- His work two thousand years ago allows Him to say to the paralytic and to all who believe, “Your sins are forgiven.” (Daniel Doriani)

6. Notice The Actions _____(v.8)

- That’s an appropriate response. We should be awestruck by Him, too. (Tony Evans)
- “The crowd was awestruck, amazed, and pleased that God had authorized Jesus to work among them this way. (The Message)

CONCLUSION: 2 Final Lessons:

Lesson 1: The root problem of the human race is_____.

Lesson 2: We can’t make people become Christians. We can do everything possible to bring others _____.