

Matthew 9:1-8 **Sins forgiven and Paralytic Healed**

1 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." 3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" 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 you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?" 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his house. 8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus returned to Capernaum (His own city) after allowing the demons to enter the swine. [\[Matthew 8:28-34\]](#)
- ✚ The Paralytic was brought to Jesus on a bed, and let down through the roof by those who brought him to Jesus because of the press of the crowd. [\[Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26\]](#)
- ✚ Jesus saw their faith in the extent of the effort they had made to reach Him.

Evidence of Divine Authority of Jesus

- ✚ Jesus said: "Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you."
 - ✧ Everyone knows that the only One Who has the right and power to forgive sins so completely is God alone.
 - ✧ We may forgive wrongs done against us personally, but we may not forgive all the sins of an individual, which determines their final destiny.
 - ✧ The statement of Jesus is all inclusive, and that is only possible by the direct authority of God Who knows all the sins and makes the final call.
 - ✧ Therefore, some of the Scribes thought it to be blasphemy for a man to make such a call.
 - ✧ However, it actually is evidence as to the identity of Jesus.

Evidence, That You May Know

- ✚ Jesus knew their thoughts, another evidence as to His identity.
- ✚ Then in His answer to the Scribes, Jesus gave His reason for the statement.
 - ✧ Why do you think evil in your hearts?
 - ✦ The real question is, why condemn in your heart without first weighing the evidence?
 - ✧ Which is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven you," or to say, "arise and walk?"
 - ✧ **But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins:**
- ✚ Jesus said to the Paralytic:
 - ✧ Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.
- ✚ Total healing:
 - ✧ The paralytic was healed, arose in front of the crowd, and departed to his house.

Response of the crowd

- ✚ The evidence was compelling enough that the multitude marveled, seeing the power of the hand of God, and they glorified God, Who had given such power to men.
 - ✧ The people accepted the evidence and did not see any blasphemy in it at all, so they gave all the credit to God to Whom it clearly belongs.

Weighing the evidence

- ‡ The things Jesus did were for the purpose of fulfilling all Scripture pertaining to the Messiah of Israel, and demonstrating the accuracy of the revelations of God found in the Scriptures of the Old Testament.
- ✧ This becomes evidence for us today, as we realize that everything supernatural written in the Old Covenant Law, Psalms, and Prophets, that is spoken of as something Yehowah God does, Jesus did. Healing all our diseases is one of them, forgiving sins is another, calming the sea, walking on water, walking on the wings of the wind, are still others, along with the provision for the Salvation of all mankind.
- ✧ Evidence that Jesus is indeed God, just as John expressed in his Gospel, Epistles and Revelation.

Luke 24:44

44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms** concerning Me."

Matthew 5:17-18

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**"