

THE KING'S AUTHORITY OVER SIN  
(Matthew 9:2-8)

- I. Expectation (Matt. 9:2a)
  - A. “They brought to HIM a PARALYTIC lying on a bed”
    - 1. The man was IMMOBILE
    - 2. The men CARRIED him to JESUS
  - B. Jesus SAW their FAITH
- II. Salvation (Matt. 9:2b)
  - A. Jesus told him he had NOTHING to FEAR
  - B. He added, “Your SINS are FORGIVEN”
    - 1. The GREATEST of MIRACLES
    - 2. The most DESIRABLE of GIFTS
- III. Denunciation (Matt. 9:3)
  - A. Those who had come included some of the SCRIBES
  - B. They SNEERED at Jesus
  - C. They DENOUNCED His words as BLASPHEMY
    - 1. Understood He was claiming to BE GOD
    - 2. Assumed it could not possibly be TRUE

IV. Confrontation (Matt. 9:4-5)

- A. Jesus KNEW their THOUGHTS (John 2:25; cf. 1 Chron. 28:9)
  - 1. Another characteristic of GOD
  - 2. Publicly stated that their THOUGHTS were EVIL
- B. Jesus claimed to have done the MORE DIFFICULT miracle of FORGIVENESS
- C. Jesus offered to do the EASIER miracle of HEALING

V. Demonstration (Matt. 9:6-7)

- A. Jesus told His CRITICS this was for their INSTRUCTION
  - 1. Demonstrating He's the "SON OF MAN...on EARTH"
  - 2. Proving His AUTHORITY to FORGIVE SINS
- B. Jesus told the PARALYTIC to GET UP, take his bed, and GO HOME
- C. The paralytic DID as he was TOLD
  - 1. Demonstrating immediate ABILITY
  - 2. Demonstrating immediate OBEDIENCE

VI. Trepidation (Matt. 9:8)

- A. They recognized this as the WORK of GOD
- B. They FEARED the display of divine AUTHORITY