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Lesson Six • Matthew 9:1-8

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Jesus has authority over SIN.

“Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” ~Jesus, Matthew 9:2

“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.” Matthew 9:6

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1. The Setting: Jesus MINISTERS with Authority!

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Matthew 9:1-2

2. The Surprise: Jesus FORGIVES the Paralytic’s Sin!

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” Matthew 9:2

What Does This Mean for Us?

- Jesus’ authority penetrates to the root of all suffering, which is SIN.
- Our ultimate need is never physical; it’s always SPIRITUAL.
- The good news of the Kingdom is not that Jesus will HEAL you of all your sicknesses, but that Jesus will FORGIVE you of all your sins.

3. The Scandal: Jesus Is ACCUSED of Blasphemy!

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” Matthew 9:3

Why Did the Scribes Accuse Jesus of Blasphemy?

The Scribes failed to SEE that Jesus is God, therefore He has authority to forgive sins.

4. The Sign: Jesus HEALS the Paralytic!

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For 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”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” And he arose and departed to his house. Matthew 9:4-7

The Question Everyone Must Answer:

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Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. Matthew 9:8

Forgiveness of Sin...

Is God’s greatest GIFT because it meets our greatest NEED.
So repent of your sin and trust in the One Who has authority over sin.