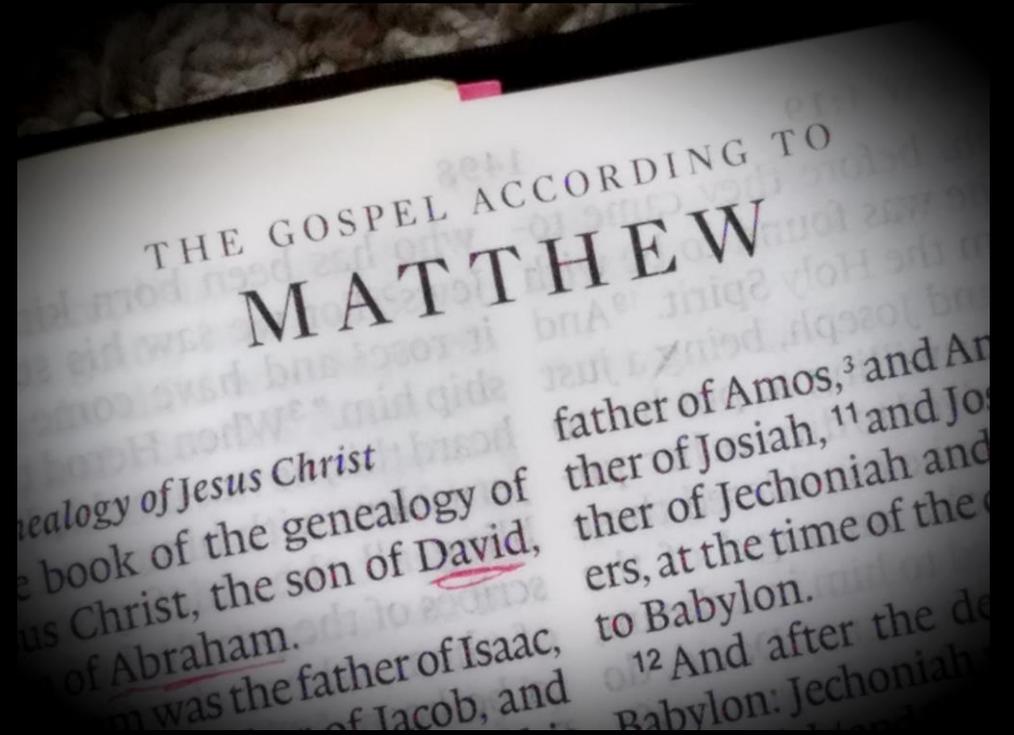


Verse by Verse

Matthew 9



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- In **Matthew 1 – 2**, Matthew introduced us to Jesus.
- In **Matthew 3 – 4**, we saw the ministry of John the Baptist.
- In **Matthew 5 – 7**, we looked at the Sermon on the Mount.
- In **Matthew 8**, we saw numerous miracles of Jesus.
- **Matthew 9** continues along the same lines.

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- Jesus continues his public ministry and crowds begin to form.
- People come to him for healing.
- People bring others to him for healing.
- One man will even come to him on behalf of his daughter who is dead.

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- 9:2 Some people brought him a paralytic
- Matthew does not tell us whose idea this was, but these friends clearly play an important part in the story.
- your sins are forgiven It could be that the man was more bothered by his sin than his paralysis.

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- 9:6 the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins
- The fact that Jesus emphasizes “authority on earth” shows that he is using the Son of Man title in a heavenly sense.
- See Daniel 7:13-14
- 9:7 And he rose and went home. The man is able to walk away on his own power, without the help of his friends.

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- Getting to Jesus
- This is one of two examples we have of someone bringing someone else directly to Jesus.
- We will see one more toward the end.

2. Jesus Calls Matthew 9:9-13

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- 9:9 at the tax booth The Romans collected tolls or customs from people travelling on main roads.
- The tax collectors kept anything extra they collected, so they normally charged more than they had to.

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- 9:10 in the house ... tax collectors and sinners
- Luke's version of the story (Luke 5:29) tells us that Matthew, or "Levi," made this great feast.
- He is inviting the people he knew best, who were not the best friends of the Pharisees.

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- 9:10 in the house ... tax collectors and sinners
- Matthew, Mark and Luke all use the phrase “tax collectors and sinners.” It appears 8x total in these Gospels.
- Matthew also twice uses “tax collectors and prostitutes.”
- The tax collectors were not part of the religious elite.

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- **9:13** Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.
- Jesus is quoting **Hosea 6:6**.
- Hosea was the prophet that was told by God to marry a prostitute who was repeatedly unfaithful toward him.

2. Jesus Calls Matthew 9:9-13

- Lesson
- The story of Hosea and his wife points to the same lesson as Jesus with the tax collectors and sinners here.
- When it comes to sin, we are all guilty before God.
- The Pharisees are the worst example here. Though they were outwardly righteous, they refused to see their need.
- Matthew is the best example. He brings Jesus and his friends together in his home.

3. A Word on Fasting 9:14-17

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- 9:15 By calling himself “the bridegroom” Jesus indicates that there is a bride – the church which he is forming.
- John 3:28-30 (ESV)

²⁸ “You yourselves bear me [John the Baptist] witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

3. A Word on Fasting 9:14-17

- 9:15 He also indicates that fasting should be a part of a normal Christian life.
- This was not true for him and his disciples during the brief period of his public ministry.
- That was a transitional time while Jesus was laying the groundwork for something new.

4. A Girl and a Woman 9:18-26

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- Just like us, Jesus frequently got interrupted.
- Unlike us, he always handled his interruptions perfectly.

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- 9:18-19, 23-26 Mark and Luke both call the ruler **Jairus**.
- His daughter has just died, so she is in no place to pray for her own needs.
- Even more than the friends of the paralytic in the earlier story, Jairus is exercising vicarious faith.
- He is praying for someone who cannot pray for herself.

4. A Girl and a Woman 9:18-26

- 9:18-19, 23-26 The crowd that came to the girl's house to grieve is no help. They just laugh at Jesus.
- But Jesus did what Jesus does and the girl got up – alive.

4. A Girl and a Woman 9:18-26

- 9:20-22 The woman might have been embarrassed about her condition.
- Her continuous bleeding would have kept her continuously in a state of ritual uncleanness. (See [Leviticus 15:25-26](#))
- She was unable to participate in sacrificial feasts. Her bed or chairs she sat on were also unclean.
- She reached out to Jesus and he responded.

4. A Girl and a Woman 9:18-26

- Getting to Jesus
- The woman is an example of someone coming to Jesus for herself in secret.
- The ruler is an example of someone coming to Jesus on behalf of others – in this case his daughter.

5. Two Blind Men 9:27-31

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- 9:27 “Son of David” is a messianic title.
- Jesus receives the honor and does not correct the blind men.
- These men are an example of people coming to Jesus for themselves in public.

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- 9:28 Do you believe ...? Sometimes people pray in a way that is somewhat defiant.
- They want God to do something before they will believe.
- That is not the case with these men.
- They express their faith in Christ before Jesus even says a single word to them.

6. A Demonized Man 9:32-34

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- The man was brought directly to Jesus by others.
- Sometimes in the Bible, demons cause people to say or do crazy things.
- In this case the demon prevents a man from talking.
- Jesus recognizes the problem is spiritual. He drives out the demon, which results in the man's healing.

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- 9:35 Compare with Matthew 4:23
- During his earthly ministry Jesus was busy, but he could still only be in one place at one time.
- This last section gives us insight into Christ's heart and his God's unfolding plan.

7. Lord of the Harvest 9:35-38

- In the next chapter he will appoint the twelve, which looks like a direct response to this prayer.
- The harvest is still abundant and the laborers are still few.
- We need to keep praying this, as a step toward multiplying disciples and multiplying our ministries.

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- Heavenly Father,
- Christ had compassion on the shepherdless crowds who were harassed and helpless. In response he asked us to pray, and so this is what we are doing. He alone is their true Shepherd, their Good Shepherd and Chief Shepherd.
- There are multitudes who need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news of who he is and what he has done. There are multitudes more who need to hear it again, who need to be reminded or given one more opportunity to respond.

Matthew 9 A Prayer

- None of us can accomplish this task alone. Please, heavenly Father, send out laborers.
- As Jesus pointed out, the harvest is truly plentiful and the laborers few. Send out laborers into this great harvest field. Let their labors lead to the increase of your church. Let their labors be used to build your church.

Matthew 9 A Prayer

- Let eternity be filled with more people brought into your family as a result of the laborers that you send out in response to our prayers. Let disciples be multiplied and the knowledge of your word be increased. And let your name be glorified throughout all ages as a result.
- Amen.