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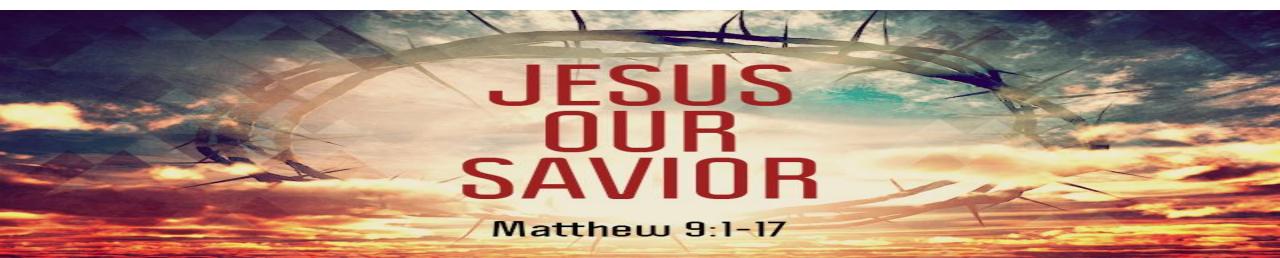
# Matthew 8-9 Power & Authority of the King Who is this Jesus we are to follow?

- Jesus Our Healer His Power to Heal (8:1-17)
- His Authority over Nature and Demons (8:18-34)
- His Heart of Mission to the Lost (9: 1-17)
- His Trustworthiness (9:18-34)
- His Compassion for the Lost Join His Mission! (9:35-38)

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- Jesus forgave and healed a paralytic
   The Purpose To restore and heal
  - The calling of Matthew

    The Nature He embraced everyone!
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     The Characteristic Something New!



#### Jesus forgave and healed a paralytic

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. <sup>2</sup> Some men brought to him a paralysed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man,

'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.'

<sup>3</sup> At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, 'This fellow is blaspheming!'





<sup>4</sup> Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, 'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"? <sup>6</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the paralysed man, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.' <sup>7</sup> Then the man got up and went home.

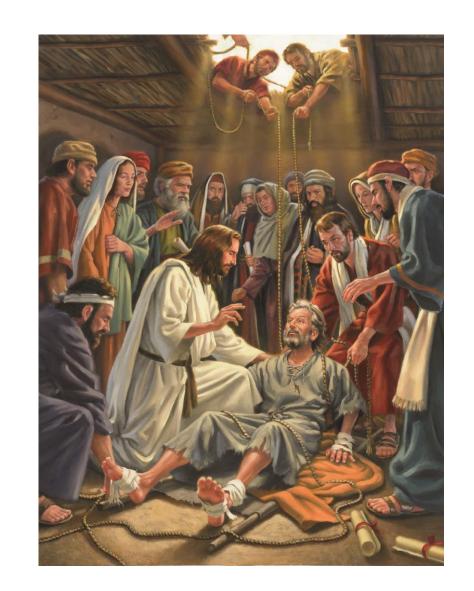


# His Identity and Authority Revealed

<sup>6</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.'

Sin is the root cause of sickness and suffering
Healing needs forgiveness of sin

He is the Messiah King with divine authority to forgive sin and heal!



# The Purpose of His Mission

'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' 'Get up, take your mat and go home.'

# Restoration of Fellowship and Wholeness



## **The Calling of Matthew**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me, 'he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

# The despised tax collectors transformed! From Levi to Matthew



# **He Rejoiced and Threw a Party!**

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

# Jesus Embraced Everyone

Sinners, the uncleaned, despised ones too!



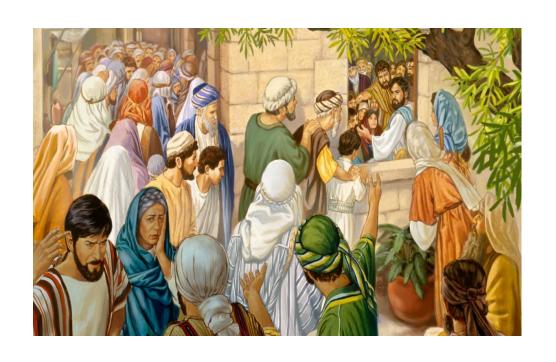
# The All-Encompassed Nature of His Mission

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill.

<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

# He is on a Mercy Mission!

Surrender not Sacrifice



#### **Jesus All-inclusive Mission**

For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

Be grateful for our salvation and be humbled

Be compassionate to those society dismisses



#### Jesus questioned about fasting

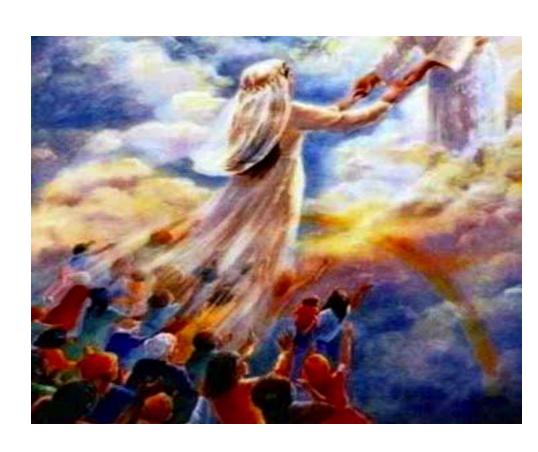
Then John's disciples came and asked him, 'How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?'



### **Characteristic of His Mission**

<sup>15</sup> Jesus answered, 'How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

Jesus as the bridegroom
Looking forward to
the future kingdom
in its fullness



#### He brought something new now!

<sup>16</sup> 'No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.

<sup>17</sup> Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out, and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.'

# Two parables:

### In a sewing room and In a wine cellar





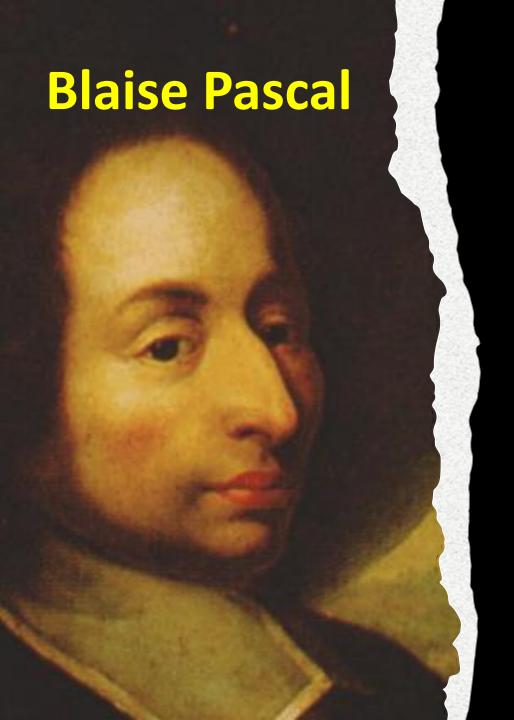
# **The Mission of Jesus**

Jesus came to forgive sin and heal ALL sinners

Live the new life in new ways Looking forward to his coming again







# The Irresistible Gospel of Grace

"The Gospel to me is simply irresistible. Being the man I am, being full of lust and pride and envy and malice and hatred and false good, and all accumulated exaggerated misery – to me the Gospel of the grace of God, and the redemption of Christ, that Gospel is to me simply irresistible, and I cannot understand why it is not equally irresistible to every mortal man born of woman."

# Learn from 'Some Men'

They know Jesus and have faith in him

Their faith was real and practical
Work together in unity and creatively

