

COMMENTARY

MATTHEW 9:

vs. 1-8:

Jesus returned once again to Capernaum. Some men brought a friend of theirs who was paralyzed. Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven; and the teachers of the law who were present became indignant, assuming that Jesus was untruthfully claiming to be of God. Jesus confronts them and asks if it is easier to say "a mans sin are forgiven" or "get up and walk". Realizing what their answer would be, He healed the man and in so doing, proved to those with open minds, that He was from God and had the authority to forgive sin.

vs. 9-13:

Jesus then called Matthew, a tax collector for the Roman government (Jewish by birth), to be a disciple. Matthew had Jesus over for dinner and many of Matthews associates, also lowly viewed by Jewish society because they helped their enemy (Rome), joined them. Jesus answered the Pharisees criticism about the people He associated with by reminding them, that these are people who need help and that is what He is going to give them.

vs. 14-17:

Jesus was asked by Johns disciples, why Jesus' disciples failed to fast. Jesus replied that as long as they were with Him, they had no need to fast to be brought closer to God. He illustrates the uselessness by illustrations of other things in life that would be useless and serve no purpose.

vs. 18-26:

While Jesus was on His way to raise a rulers daughter back to life, a sick woman touched His garment in order to be made whole. Jess commended the woman for her faith in Him and assured her that she was healed. Jesus then proceeded to the rulers house, and much to the surprise of the mourners, brought the girl back to life.

vs. 27-34:

Jesus heals 2 blind men, because of their faith (informed them not to tell anyone, but they disregarded His instructions and spread the news of what Jesus had done for them), and cast out a demon from a man who could not talk, causing the man to be able to talk. The people were amazed, but the Pharisees tried to explain it away, saying that Jesus was of the devil.

vs. 35-38:

Jesus continued His ministry and meeting the peoples needs. He saw how hopeless the peoples lives were, for there was nobody to show them the true way to God. He instructed His disciples to ask God to send out workers, for many are searching and need help.

STUDY GUIDE

MATTHEW 9:

1. What did Jesus first, tell the paralytic?
2. What did Jesus do, to show the teachers that He had authority to forgive sin?
3. Who did Jesus call to follow him?
4. Who came to eat with Jesus and His disciples?
5. What did John's disciples and the Pharisees, do?
6. What did the ruler ask Jesus to do, and why?
7. What was the problem, of the woman who touched Jesus?
8. What did Jesus tell the woman had healed her?
9. How did Jesus say the blind mens sight would be restored?(vs 29)
10. How did the former blind men, disobey Jesus?
11. Why did Jesus have compassion on the crowds?
12. What did Jesus say, to ask the Lord?

BONUS:

1. What is your impression concerning Matthew following Jesus?
2. How would you compare your faith, to those in this chapter?
3. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 36? Would that be true today? Explain.