

Sunday School Lesson

Matthew 9&10: A Ministry of the Twelve (January 28, 2024)

I. The Miracles of Jesus (continued)

Once again, Jesus sees a need, is compassionate, responds to the need, and gets criticized for it. Read **Matthew 9:1-3**.

What was “his own town”? _____

For Jesus’ response, read **Matthew 9:4-8**.

- Anyone can declare that sins have been forgiven **by** God, as long as God’s requirements are met, but only God can actually forgive sin.¹ (each Sunday our liturgists declare the forgiveness of our sins)

II. Matthew’s Calling

- Jesus selected Matthew: “Follow me.” And, Matthew got up and followed.
- Matthew threw a celebration dinner; Pharisees complained about Jesus’ associations (read **Matthew 9:11-12**)

Who were these “sinners”? _____

- What did Jesus’ challenge mean, “I desire mercy, and not sacrifice”? _____

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- Read **Micah 6:8**

- Jesus explanation: “*I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*” (v. 13b)
- Who are the “righteous”? _____

III. Fasting

- Read **Matthew 9:14-15**.

What is Jesus’ point? _____

¹ Harper Study Bible, footnotes, p. 1450.

This is followed by Jesus' teaching about using new cloth to patch an old garment or new wine poured into an old wineskin. His point: Jesus' teachings (new message) do NOT fit the old paradigms.

IV. More Miracles

This started as a request for healing. Read **Matthew 9:18-19.**

But, Jesus got sidetracked. Read **Matthew 9:20-22.**

Jesus resumed his trek to the ruler's house. Read **Matthew 9:23-26.**

What did the woman have that cured her? _____

Why did the ruler ask Jesus to heal his daughter? _____

After this, Jesus restored sight to two blind men and cast out a demon. But, the Pharisees said, "*He casts out demons by the prince of demons.*"

V. Discipleship

The Twelve

² *These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.*

. Matthew 10:2-4

Their Authority

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

. Matthew 10:1

Their Mission

Read **Matthew 10:5-8.**

Who are they directed to minister to? _____

Are they supposed to charge for healing? _____

Advice for all Missionaries

From Matthew 10:9-23

The Cost

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

- Matthew 10:37-39

The Reward

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

- Matthew 10:40-42

Summary:

- A key component of Jesus’ ministry was His compassionate healing.
 - **You** are needed to help spread Jesus’ message of salvation and hope.
- ³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

– Matthew 9:35-38

Encouragement: ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

– Matthew 10:28-31

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