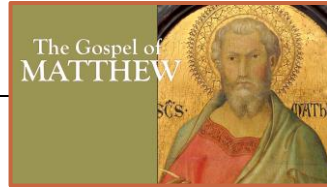


Take Heart

Matthew 9:1–8

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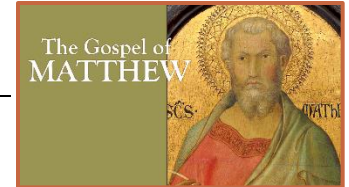


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Suggested Study Questions*
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- For what needs do you pray most frequently? Physical? Emotional? Relational? Spiritual? For your needs or others'?
- *Read Matthew 9:1–8.* Who are the people involved in this scene with Jesus? How would you describe each one's view of Jesus as the action begins?
- What leads people to bring the paralyzed man to Jesus? What are they trying to do, and what might they hope Jesus will do?
- If you were the paralyzed man or one of his friends, what would you have thought and felt after Jesus' initial response?
- Why does Jesus address the paralysis of the man's soul before the paralysis of his body? How might they be interrelated?
- Why do the scribes think Jesus is committing blasphemy (cf. Ps. 51:4; Isa. 43:25)? Why would their thoughts be considered evil? What makes their charge untrue?
- What is the obvious answer to Jesus' question in v. 5, and why? How does Jesus subsequently demonstrate the extent of his power and authority?
- How do the crowds react to Jesus? How might this change their view of him? What makes you respond to Jesus this way?
- With whom do you relate to most and why — the paralytic, the friends, the scribes, or the crowds?
- About what do you need to hear Jesus say, "Take heart"? How will this Scripture guide the way you approach Jesus with your need? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.