

9. Why did Jesus not use Nazareth as His ministry headquarters?
10. What would have been impacted if Jesus would have chosen Jerusalem as the base for His ministry?
11. Jesus had gone to the other side of the lake to get a break from the multitudes and when He did so, He ended up doing what miracle?
12. What was the main need for the man described in Matthew 9:2?
13. What was the first thing that Jesus said to this man?
14. What issue ought to weigh on us more than anything else?
15. What ought to be the most precious thought our minds could contemplate?
16. What, in essence, was Jesus saying to the 70 whom He sent out on a short term mission in Luke 10?
17. If we never had anything go our way in life, but we had assurance of sins forgiven, we would have reason to be what?
18. Are you consumed with the circumstances of life?
19. Jesus knew that forgiveness could only be granted on the basis of His own what?
20. Why is it a dangerous theology to believe that "if you have faith, the Lord will always heal your infirmity or answer your prayer?"
21. Why did the scribes think that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy?
22. What did Jesus know about the scribes?
23. Why did the scribes refuse to accept the fact that Jesus was the Messiah?
24. What is the answer to Jesus' question in verse 5?
25. In verse 6 Jesus was saying that He was about to demonstrate His divine authority and power in a tangible way so that would verify what?
26. What were the two miracles (physically) that Jesus did?
27. What did the people who observed this miracle, "not get"?
28. The meaning of the miracle was to demonstrate that Jesus had the authority to do what?
29. The people who observed this miracle were mis-focused in what sense?
30. Are you aware of the desperateness of your need?
31. Do you realize what your greatest need really is?
32. Where is your focus? In what are you rejoicing?

Authority to Forgive Sins

Matthew 9:1-8

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Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»> How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»> How can I accomplish this change?
- »»> What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time: We have a guest speaker.

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Authority To Forgive Sins.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. The bottom line, said Jesus, is to know what?
2. Good relationships, good health, and a good job are important, but none of those things come close to comparing to what issue?
3. What is the preventative or barrier to us having eternal life?
4. What is your greatest need?
5. Jesus demonstrated His authority by what two things (as seen in Matthew 5-8)?
6. The greatest display of Jesus' authority was His authority to do what?
7. What is the pinnacle miracle of Matthew 8 and 9?
8. The phrase, “His own city” is a reference to what town?

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