

# Message Notes

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## **The Mission of Jesus**

Gospel of Matthew, Part 37

Matthew 9:1-17 February 6, 2005

### **A Prayer of Faith, expressing the desire of a desperate heart. . . .**

*Lord Jesus, I come to you. I realize that my sin is the real problem in my life, a sickness that keeps me from a relationship with you. Like the paralytic, I am more sinful than I ever before imagined, but at the same time, I am more loved by you than I ever dared hope. Thank you for living the life that I should be living and dying the death that I deserved. By faith, I turn away from myself and my sin toward you. By faith, I receive what I really need, forgiveness of my sins and new life in you. Heal and change my life. Amen.*

If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, we would love to hear about it. We would like to help you understand what it means to live a new life in Jesus Christ. Please indicate your commitment of faith on our Welcome Tab attached to the worship folder or contact one of our Ministry Staff listed on the back of the Life @ Grace.

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San Luis Obispo

# Message Outline

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### **I. The Demonstration of Jesus' True Mission (9:2-8)**

- A. The Paralytic comes with a felt need.
- B. Jesus addresses the Paralytic's real need.
- C. The Scribes rightly understand Jesus' shocking claim.
- D. Jesus substantiates his claim with a physical miracle.

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### **II. The Explanation of Jesus' True Mission (9:9-13)**

- A. Jesus' shocking company. (9:9-10)
- B. The Pharisee's revealing response. (9:11)
  - 1. Their expectations of Messiah.
  - 2. Their evaluation of themselves.
  - 3. Jesus' strong indictment. (9:12-13)

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### **III. The Implications of Jesus' True Mission (9:14-17)**

- A. Jesus is the bridegroom come, the patch of unshrunk cloth, new wine that is a cause for great joy.
- B. Jesus transforms man's relationship with God by:
  - 1. Fulfilling the law and transforming our relationship to it.
  - 2. Becoming the once for all final sacrifice to end all other sacrifices. He becomes the real payment for sin.
  - 3. Replacing the temple, the meeting place between man and God, with Himself. (PLACE BECOMES PERSON)
  - 4. Pouring out His Spirit in our hearts in a new way.

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## ***Growth Group Understanding Questions***

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1. Read Matthew 9:1-17 together dividing it into three parts by the three vignettes. Review again through chapters 8-9 how Matthew has been showing us the authority of Jesus. Over what does Jesus exercise authority? How do we see this theme reach a climax here? How does Matthew's packaging highlight man's real problem and need?
2. What is Jesus' shocking claim in 9:2? Why is it so shocking? What is Jesus saying about all sins? Who can forgive sins?
3. Which is harder, to make a lame man walk or to forgive sins? How hard was it for Jesus to forgive sins?
4. How does meeting Jesus transform how the paralytic sees himself? In v. 9, what does Matthew see about himself? How does the Pharisees refusal to see this same thing about themselves tweak how they see others? Where is the quote from in 9:13? To whom is Jesus comparing the Pharisees?
5. In each of the three episodes here in Mt. 9, identify who has the issue with Jesus? What is the point of the three illustrations given in 9:15-17? In other words, what is Jesus saying about Himself? How does He transform the way humanity relates to God? (Outline may be helpful!)

## ***Growth Group Application Questions***

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1. Personally, what grabbed you in this passage? What spoke to your heart or challenged your faith?
2. How do folks today see Jesus? Who do they think he is? A good moral teacher? A miracle worker? A wacko? God in flesh? How do these episodes in Jesus' life in Mt. 9 eliminate some of those options?
3. The Bible argues forcefully that humankind's basic, fundamental problem is sin. What evidence do you see of that in your own life, in our community and in our world? For those who don't believe the Bible, how do they explain the world as we experience it?
4. How does understanding the true mission of Jesus (the Gospel) transform the way we see ourselves? The way we see others? The way we relate to God?
5. How is our view of others linked to and affected by how we view ourselves? How are the Pharisees a picture of that? How can we and the Christian community be pharisaical toward the others in the world? How should a true and deep understanding of the Gospel change that?