

Mt.9.1-8 “Jesus’ Power Over Sin”
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The most distinctive message of Christianity is the reality that **sin can be forgiven**.

The miracles of the specifically, precisely & completely **fulfilled** the O.T. prophecies of the Messiah’s **kingdom** work.

1. Concerning the **natural** _____
 - ❖ Jesus gave a foretaste of His eventual **taming** of the entire natural world.
2. Concerning the **supernatural** _____
 - ❖ Jesus proved His **power** was superior to Satan’s
3. Concerning the **spiritual** _____
 - ❖ Messiah’s kingdom will be marked by forgiveness & **redemption** (Is.33.24;40.1-2;44.21-22; Ez.36).

Christ Jesus demonstrates His power to bring to the human soul the thing that it needs most: **forgiveness of sin**.

Matthew majors on the **authority** of Christ. (7.29; 28.18-20).

In all those ways Jesus **declared** & **demonstrated** His sovereign authority to rule.

Nazareth was the city of Jesus’ **childhood** - Jesus’ own city became **Capernaum** (Mk.2.1).

The events and teachings are represented by several key thoughts:

I. THE PEOPLE’S FAITH v.2a

In Jewish culture of Jesus’ day the belief was that all disease was the **direct result** of someone’s sin.

- ❖ Not all sickness is **chastening**, but
- ❖ all sickness shows the **destructive** power at work in the world because of sin.

This man was determined to see Jesus at any **cost** - he was right in believing that his first & greatest need was **spiritual**.

Jesus the outward evidence but also saw their **hearts**.

In his heart the man he threw himself on Jesus’ **mercy**.

... God requires the **seeking** heart (5.3).

Jesus sometimes healed people who had

- ✚ **little** faith &
- ✚ even some who had **no** faith, but
- ✚ He was especially disposed to heal those with **great** faith.