

MATTHEW 9; July 29; Jesus Proves Victory Over Death

ANALYSIS:

1. What is the lesson Jesus teaches by His question, "For whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?"

2. Why did Jesus eat with the publicans and sinners?

3. What wonderful words did the woman who had been sick for 12 years hear Jesus speak to her? _____

4. Who disobeyed a command of Jesus and why do you think they disobeyed? _____

5. What circumstances led Jesus to say the words in verses 37-38?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Death brings pain to every family. The ruler's daughter had died (v 18). He asked Jesus to come to his house. He believed Jesus would restore her to life. In spite of the unbelief of the friends and family present, Jesus did raise the girl to life. What rejoicing that day in that family!

Jesus has conquered death. He can say to the dying repentant thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Lu 23:43). Let us remember that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8). This gives us victory over death (1 Cor 15:57)!

HELP:

1. Jesus proves He has power to forgive sins (not visible to natural eyes), by healing the man (which was visible to natural eyes) (v 6).
2. Because Jesus came to call sinners to repentance (v 13).
3. Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole (v 22).
4. Jesus charged the two healed blind men not to tell about their healing, but they spread the facts in all that country (vs 30-31). [Jesus did not want people following Him simply because they saw miracles. The healed men were so thrilled with their healing they could not help by tell about it.]
5. Jesus was moved by compassion for the multitudes who fainted and were scattered because they had no human Shepherd (v 36).