

Sermon Outline Notes

Your Faith Has Healed You

July 5, 2026
Matthew 9:18-34

Main Truth: Jesus came to save desperate people

Matthew 11:2-6 John the Baptist asks if Jesus is the Messiah.

Matthew 9:9-17 Jesus went to the home of Matthew, a tax collector, to have dinner.

Matthew 9:11 The Pharisees questioned what Jesus was doing and asked his disciples “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Matthew 9:34 Later, after seeing Jesus perform healing miracles, the Pharisees drew a conclusion about Jesus’ intent “It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.” Jesus’ reply to them is that He is not here to socialize with these self-righteous religious leaders, but that he came to heal a desperate people.

Matthew 9:12-13 Jesus states that His purpose is to redeem sinners. He quotes **Hosea 6:6** and states “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” He is pointing our current and physical circumstances towards an eternal, spiritual need.

Hosea 6:6 The sacrifices of man are not enough. God desires from us steadfast love and acknowledge of who He is. We are to put our trust and faith in Him.

Jesus came primarily for spiritual healing and not physical healing. Healings were performed to draw people in to know Him more and to authenticate His claims. Jesus is the Messiah, coming to redeem His people and reconcile them back to Himself.

All of us are spiritually desperate and only Jesus can save us.

Jesus saves the humble **Matthew 9:18-19** Mark 5:21-24 Luke 8:40-56

“a synagogue leader (named Jairus) came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put you hand on her, and she will live.”

Jairus had faith that Jesus could raise his daughter back to life. Jesus responded to the desperation of this man and his faith and got up and went with him.

Jesus saves the hopeless **Matthew 9:20-22**

As Jesus is walking to Jairus home, a woman who has been bleeding for twelve years touches his cloak. She demonstrated her faith in who Jesus is, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

Jesus does not reject this ceremonially (by Jewish law) unclean woman. He recognizes her faith and tells her that her faith has healed her. Jesus has the power and authority to heal. Instantly she is healed

Jesus saves the helpless **Matthew 9:23-26**

When Jesus entered the house of Jairus he finds a crowd of people mourning over his dead daughter. Jesus tells them she is not dead but only sleeping and their response was to laugh at him.

Jesus takes the girl by the hand and she instantly got up. She hadn't been able put her faith in Him because she was dead, but the humbled religious leader Jairus was right to put his faith in Christ. Jesus had the authority to save, and this girl could only be saved by the Life, Himself.

John 11:25 At another time Jesus brought Martha's brother Lazarus back to life and spoke to her saying, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

All of Jesus' miracles point to God's eternal rescue plan for mankind. What we see leads us to the answer of the question "Do you believe this?"

Jesus saves the lost Matthew 9:27-34

Matthew 9:27-31 Two desperate blind men cry out to Jesus and asking for mercy. As they called out for Him to help, they used the title "Son of David." This showed their belief in Christ's eternal throne that was promised to David to be fulfilled by the Messiah. 2 Samuel 7:11-16

They asked only for mercy. This is what God desires. "For I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Matthew 9:13
Hosea 6:6

They believed he was the Son of God, the Messiah, their faith was in who Jesus was.
"Do you believe that I am able to do this?" Their answer was "Yes, Lord."

Jesus touches their eyes, make physical contact with the desperate and unclean once again. The blind men were lost in their situation and put their faith in who He is.

Matthew 9:32-34 A mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Jesus and He drove the demon out. "The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "It is the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

Instead of looking at the power of Christ Himself and correctly identifying that they desperately need a savior too, they choose to stay in their darkness.

These miracles show us that Jesus is capable of defying nature and even death and he can save us for more. He came to heal the sick. He came to call sinners. He came to find the spiritually lost.

He came to save. We put our trust and faith in Him.

Main Truth: Jesus came to save desperate people

Application:

- Come to Jesus in humility
- Put your hope in Him
- Call on Him to help
- Come back to Him

Jesus died for our sins on the cross because of His love for us, offering Himself as a sacrifice.
"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

Small Group Discussion Questions

Your Faith Has Healed You Matthew 9:18-34

1. Share a time when you placed your faith in somebody or something.

Matthew 9:18-26

2. What do these two miracles teach you about Jesus' power and authority? How does the faith of the woman with the bleeding issue and the synagogue leader inspire you in your own walk with Jesus?
3. How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees and his attention to the outcast woman challenge your own attitudes towards others who may be considered "sinners" or outcasts?
4. In what ways do you need Jesus' healing and forgiveness in your life? How can you experience Jesus' healing and restoration in your own life?

Matthew 9:32-34

5. What is the difference between the story of the demon-possessed man and the previous three healings in Matthew 9? (Note: Nothing is said about anyone's faith in this account).
6. Do you think people are possessed by demonic spirits today? How could we identify that kind of person?
7. How could you help such a person?
8. How does Jesus' statement, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," challenge your own attitudes and actions towards others?
9. In what ways do you need Jesus' healing and forgiveness in your life?
10. In what ways can you grow your faith?
11. What is an area of your life where you could use a little more faith in God?
12. Discuss practical ways your Small Group can help one another with faith. Is there something your group can do as an outreach activity that would stretch your faith?

Personal Study Guide

Faith in Jesus

Hebrews 11:1-3

Hebrews 11:6

Hebrews 12:2

Ephesians 2:8

Galatians 2:20

Romans 10:17

Galatians 2:16

John 6:47

John 5:24

John 3:16

Read Hebrews Chapter 11

Write down each of the people mentioned in this faith chapter of the Bible.
Identify how each one demonstrated their faith.

Write down your name and identify how you have demonstrated your faith.