



JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC

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MATTHEW 9:1-4

1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. 2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." 3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

MATTHEW 9:5-8

5 "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? **6** But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." **7** And he rose and went home. **8** When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

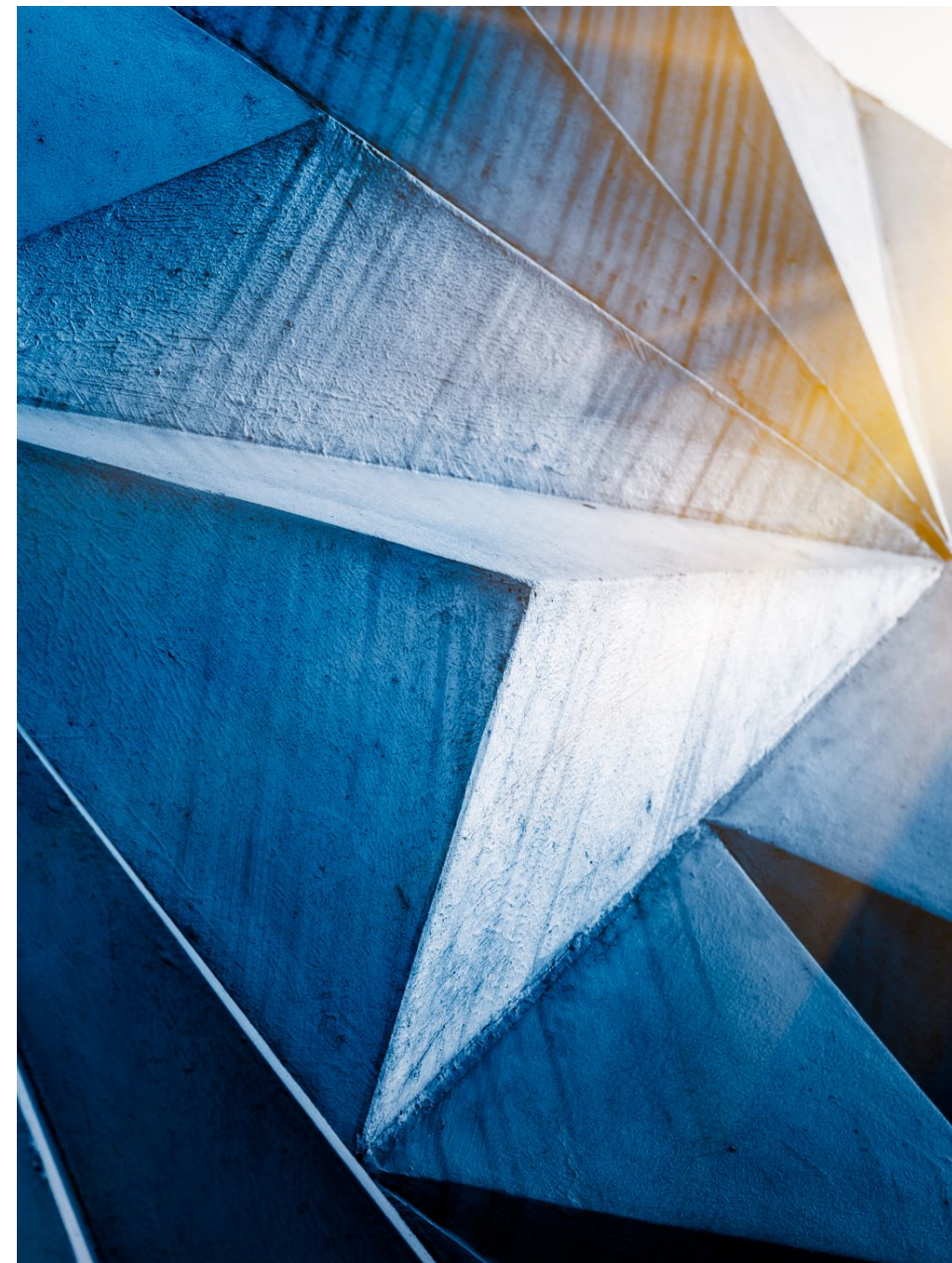
SERMON OUTLINE

1. Setting the Scene (9:1)

2. Shortening the Scene (9:2a)

3. Making a Scene (9:2b-8)

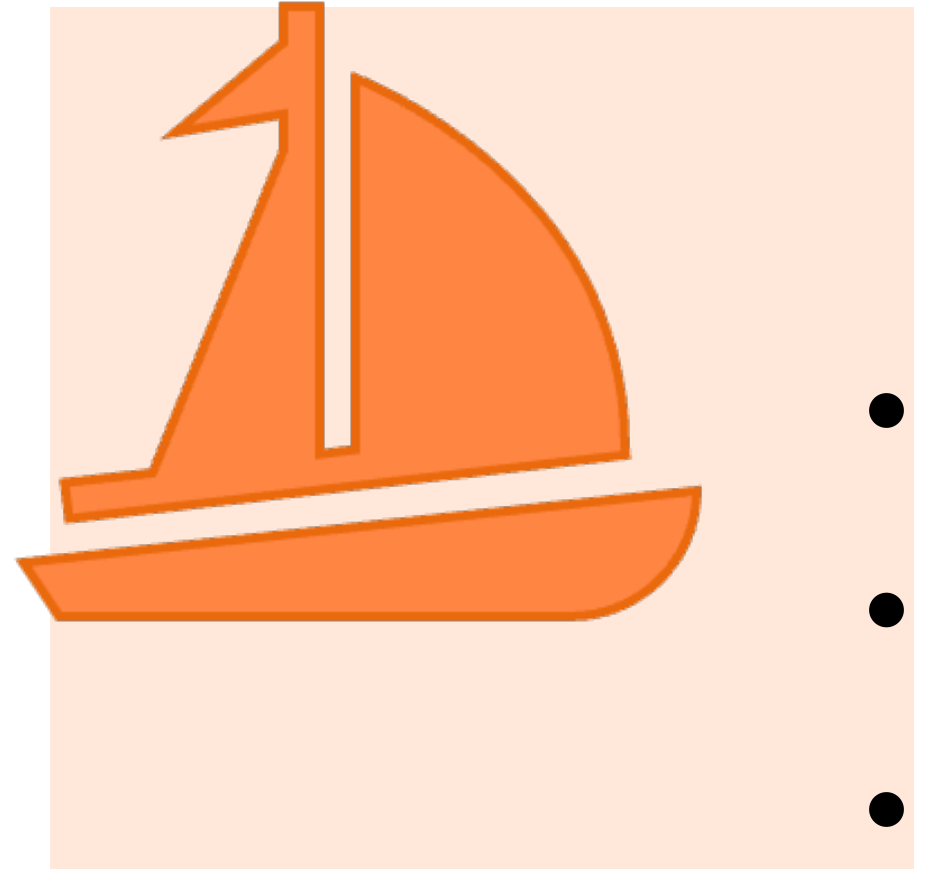
- Jesus Forgives (9:2b)
- Scribes Accuse (9:3)
- Jesus Challenges (9:4-5)
- Jesus Heals (9:6-7)
- Crowd Responds (9:8)



SETTING THE SCENE

**“And getting into a boat
he crossed over and came
to his own city.”**

(Matthew 9:1)



SHORTENING THE SCENE

**“And behold, some people brought
to him a paralytic, lying on a bed.
And when Jesus saw their faith...”
(Matthew 9:2a)**

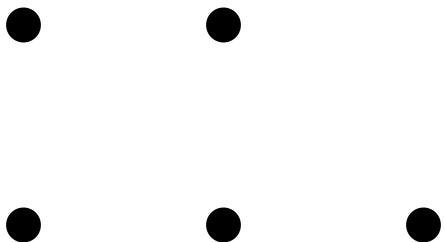
MARK 2:1-4

1 “And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. **2** And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. **3** And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. **4** And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay.”

MAKING A SCENE:
JESUS FORGIVES

“And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.’”

(Matthew 9:2)



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THE
AUTHORITY
OF JESUS

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End-Times Judgment

Sickness (and Death)

Nature

Demons

Sin

HOW DOES JESUS HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY?

- 1. Jesus is the Second Member of the Trinity, the Son of God**
- 2. Jesus submitted himself in obedience to the Father, who then empowered Jesus through the Spirit (Isa 11:1-2; 61:1; Mt 3:16; 8:9; 12:28; Phil 2:5-11)**
- 3. Jesus is the “Son of Man” (cf. Mt 9:6) of Daniel 7:13-14, who is given...**
 - dominion**
 - an eternal kingdom**
 - God-like honor**
 - ritual worship**

DANIEL 7:13-14

13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. **14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

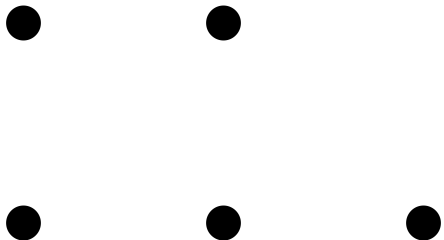
WHY DOES JESUS FORGIVE BEFORE HEALING THE PARALYTIC?

- 1. To show that Jesus' mission is first and foremost to save the lost**
- 2. To demonstrate that forgiveness is more important than healing**
- 3. To suggest that sin was the root cause of the paralytic's malady**
- 4. To confront the unbelief of the scribes**

MAKING A SCENE:
SCRIBES ACCUSE

**“And behold, some of
the scribes said to
themselves, ‘This man
is blaspheming.’”**

(Matthew 9:3)



MAKING A SCENE:
JESUS CHALLENGES

“But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, ‘Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’””?

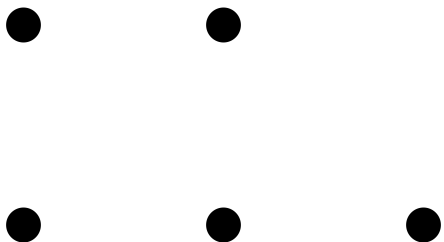
(Matthew 9:4-5)

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MAKING A SCENE:
JESUS HEALS

“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’ —he then said to the paralytic —’Rise, pick up your bed and go home.’ And he rose and went home.”

(Matthew 9:6-7)



MAKING A SCENE:
CROWD RESPONDS

**“When the crowds saw
it, they were afraid, and
they glorified God, who
had given such
authority to men.”
(Matthew 9:8)**



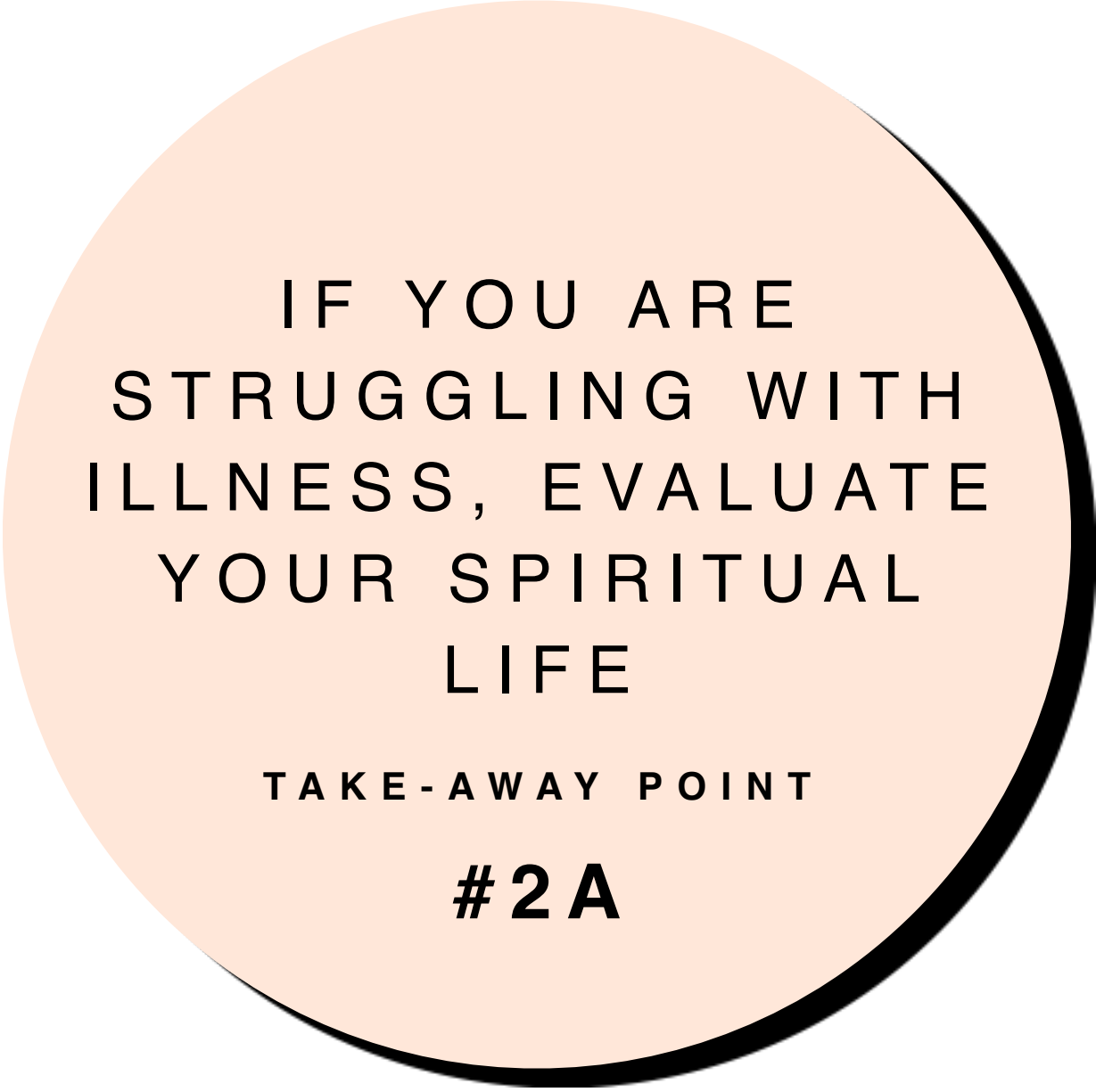
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**CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THE
ISSUES ABOUT WHICH JESUS WAS
CONCERNED**

TAKE - AWAY POINT

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IF YOU ARE
STRUGGLING WITH
ILLNESS, EVALUATE
YOUR SPIRITUAL
LIFE

TAKE-AWAY POINT

#2A



IF YOU SEE
SOMEONE ELSE
STRUGGLING WITH
ILLNESS, EVALUATE
YOUR SPIRITUAL
LIFE

TAKE-AWAY POINT

#2B

**WORSHIP JESUS WHO IS LORD
OVER ALL THINGS, INCLUDING THE
CHAOS OF A FALLEN WORLD**

TAKE-AWAY POINT

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