

Matthew 9:18-31

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.

20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*.

31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

⁴ While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

(4) There is no evil so old, and incurable, which Christ cannot heal by and by, if he is touched with true faith, but lightly as it were with the hand.

9:23 ⁵ And when Jesus came into the rulers house, and saw the ^h minstrels and the people making a noise,

(5) Even death itself gives place to the power of Christ.

(h) It appears that they used minstrels at their mournings.

9:27 ⁶ And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, [Thou] Son of David, have mercy on us.

(6) By healing these two blind men Christ shows that he is the light of the world.

9:18 While he spake these things unto them¹, behold, **there came a ruler, and worshipped him**², **saying, My daughter is even now dead**³: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

JAIROS' DAUGHTER AND THE INVALID WOMAN. (Capernaum, same day as last.) [Matthew 9:18-26](#) ; [Mark 5:22-43](#) ; [Luke 8:41-56](#)

1. While he spake these things unto them. While he talked about fasting at Matthew's table.
2. There came a ruler, and worshipped him. See [Mark 5:22](#).
3. Saying, My daughter is even now dead. See [Mark 5:23](#).

9:19 And Jesus arose¹, and followed him, and [so did] his disciples.

1. And Jesus arose. From Matthew's table. Jesus did not fast for form's sake, but he was ever ready to leave a feast that he might confer a favor.

9:22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, **Daughter, be of good cheer**¹; **thy faith hath made thee whole**². And the woman was made whole from that hour.

1. Daughter, be of good cheer. Faith gets a sweet welcome.
2. Thy faith hath made thee whole. See [Mark 5:34](#).

9:23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, **and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult**,¹

1. And saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult. See [Mark 5:38](#).

9:24 he said, Give place: for **the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth¹. And they laughed him to scorn².**

1. The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. See [Mark 5:39](#).
2. And they laughed him to scorn. See [Mark 5:40](#).

9:25 But **when the crowd was put forth¹**, he entered in, **and took her by the hand²; and the damsel arose³.**

1. When the crowd was put forth. See [Mark 5:40](#).
2. And took her by the hand. See [Mark 1:31](#).
3. And the damsel arose. See [Mark 5:42](#).

9:27 **And as Jesus passed by from thence¹**, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, Have mercy on us, thou **son of David²**.

HEALING BLIND MEN AND A DUMB DEMONIAK. (Probably Capernaum.)
[Matthew 9:27-34](#)

1. And as Jesus passed by from thence. If construed strictly, this phrase means, as he departed from Jairus' house. But the phrase is indefinite.
2. Son of David. This, among the Jews, was a common and thoroughly recognized name for the expected Messiah.

9:28 And **when he was come into the house¹**, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye that I am able to do this²?** They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

1. When he was come into the house. Possibly Peter's. But the place is not important. The house is mentioned to show that the blind men persistently followed Jesus until he stopped.
2. Believe ye that I am able to do this? In the earlier stages of his ministry Jesus had worked his miracles with little or no solicitation; but now, as the evidences of his power were multiplied, Jesus demanded a fuller expression of faith; for faith was the fruitage for which the miracles were wrought.

9:30 And their eyes were opened. And **Jesus strictly charged them¹**, saying, See that no man know it.

1. Jesus strictly charged them. Sternly.

9:31 **But they went forth, and spread abroad his fame in all that land¹.**

1. But they went forth, and spread abroad his fame in all that land. Jesus might well speak severely when charging his beneficiaries to besilent ([Matthew 9:30](#)), for apparently no one of them ever obeyed him.

**[Matthew 9:18-26](#) . THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD HEALED.--
THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS RAISED TO LIFE. (= [Luke 8:40-56](#) , [5:21-43](#)).**

For the exposition,

[Matthew 9:27-34](#) . TWO BLIND MEN AND A DUMB DEMONIAK HEALED.

These two miracles are recorded by Matthew alone.

Two Blind Men Healed ([Matthew 9:27-31](#)).

27. And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him--hearing, doubtless, as in a later case is expressed, "that Jesus passed by" ([Matthew 20:30](#)). crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us--It is remarkable that in the only other recorded case in which the blind applied to Jesus for their sight, and obtained it, they addressed Him, over and over again, by this one Messianic title, so well known--"Son of David" ([Matthew 20:30](#)). Can there be a doubt that their faith fastened on such great Messianic promises as this, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened," &c. ([Isaiah 35:5](#)).9 and if so, this appeal to Him, as the Consolation of Israel, to do His predicted office, would fall with great weight upon the ears of Jesus.

28. And when he was come into the house--To try their faith and patience, He seems to have made them no answer. But the blind men came to Him--which, no doubt, was what He desired. and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? they said unto him, Yea, Lord--Doubtless our Lord's design was not only to put their faith to the test by this question, but to deepen it, to raise their expectation of a cure, and so prepare them to receive it; and the cordial acknowledgment, so touchingly simple, which they immediately made to Him of His power to heal them, shows how entirely that object was gained.

29. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you--not, Receive a cure proportioned to your faith, but, Receive this cure as granted to your faith. Thus would they carry about with them, in their restored vision, a gracious seal of the faith which drew it from their compassionate Lord.

30. And their eyes were opened: and Jesus straitly charged them--The expression is very strong, denoting great earnestness.

31. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all