



## **The Messiah's Authoritative Forgiveness**

Matthew 9:1-13

***Jesus demonstrates divine authority by forgiving sin;  
therefore, we must humbly recognize our need for Jesus.***

*Four elements that must characterize our response to the authoritative forgiveness of Jesus.*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Paralytic (v2-7).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Crowd (v8).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tax Collector (v9).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sinner (v10-13).

The following readings and questions are designed to help you reflect on the truths found in this week's sermon in order that you might retain them in your life. You might find the most benefit by reading this week's passage along with the daily passage.

**READ**



**REFLECT**



**RETAIN**

**MONDAY:**

Matthew 9:1-13

In what ways does Matthew emphasize the divine authority of Jesus in this text? What is the purpose Matthew gives for this multi-faceted demonstration by Christ? How do respond to this authority?

**TUESDAY:**

1 John 1:5-10

What response does John call us to as we live out our Christian life in a world of sinners who seem worse and more depraved than ourselves? What lies do we tend to tell ourselves as we compare our sins with others?

**WEDNESDAY:**

Psalms 103:10-12

Contemplate the great mercy of God today, and marvel over the undeserved forgiveness that is made possible through Christ. How can we attempt to demonstrate a similar attitude of mercy and compassion to those in our immediate context? Consider Colossians 3:13.

**THURSDAY:**

Acts 7:51-60

How do you tend to respond when you are unjustly provoked? In what ways does Stephen exemplify the attitude of Christ for us? How can you react differently next time you are reviled, harassed, ridiculed or accused?

**FRIDAY:**

Matthew 9:1-13

In considering the demonstrated authority of Christ, when was it hard this week to faithfully submit to Christ's Lordship? From the examples in the text (per the sermon outline), with whom did you resonate and why?

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**

Matthew 9:14-34

Read the passage for Nov. 13th in preparation for Sunday.