

Chapter 9 (1 - 8)

Some people carried a paralyzed man through a crowd to Jesus. The man was on a bed. Jesus knew that these people believed he could help them, so he said to the paralyzed man "Courage, your sins are forgiven"

Religious leaders in the crowd were thinking to themselves that Jesus was wrong to say he could forgive sins

So Jesus said to the leaders: Which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven', or to say 'Get up and walk'?

Then to prove that he had authority to forgive sins, he said to the paralyzed man "Get up, pick up your bed and go home". The man got up and went home. The crowd praised God for what they had seen.

Jesus, please give me more faith
in your power to forgive, your power to heal

Chapter 9 (9 - 13)

One day when Jesus was walking past a customs house, he said to a tax collector named Matthew "Follow me". Matthew got up and followed Jesus

Matthew invited Jesus and Jesus' friends to a dinner in his house. Some tax collectors and "bad" people sat at Jesus' table. Religious leaders saw this and complained to Jesus' friends