

Old Things New

Matthew 9:18-34 - NCBC, March 1, 2020

Main Point: **Jesus has the power to make all things new.**

- Jesus brings life to your death (18-26)
 - No matter who you are, if only you believe
 - His touch removes all the results of sin
 - The resurrection proves His power over death
- Jesus brings light to your darkness (27-31)
 - When you see Jesus is Lord
 - When you see Jesus is merciful
 - His touch removes sin's deceptive blindness
- Jesus brings freedom to your oppression (32-34)
 - Jesus can restore what demons have taken
 - Jesus is better than Moses, Elijah, & Elisha
 - So how will you respond to Jesus' power?

Application (Communion): **Long for the newness that only Jesus brings.**

Opening Announcements:

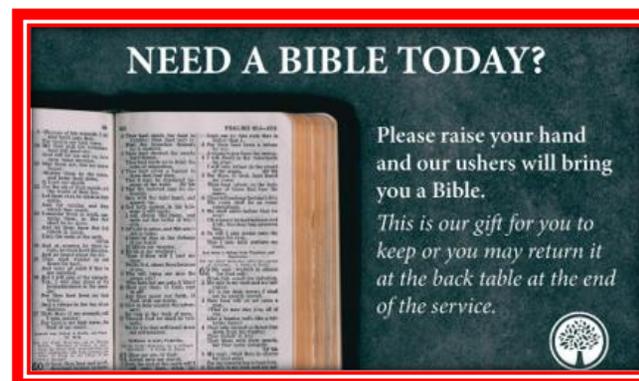
- **Men's Deer Fry this Saturday at 6pm in our Family Center.** Bring a friend for delicious deer burgers and a great talk from Peter Lindell on "Fixing our Brokenness." Sign up today to reserve your spot to this popular annual event!
- **Women's Refresh Event.** All ladies are invited to bring a friend and learn together on March 27th at 6pm in our Family Center. It's going to be great evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

<<In Christ Alone>>



There's no way to stand before a holy God except by the power of Christ alone! Not by our own wisdom or works, but by the finished work of Jesus alone. Hallelujah for the power of Christ's blood!

The last several weeks we've been learning a lot about Jesus' power from Matthew's gospel. Today I invite you to open your Bible to **Matthew chapter 9** as we behold Jesus' power to make *Old Things New*.



If you prefer to look at a print Bible this morning, simply raise your hand. It would be our joy to give you a copy of God's Word this morning. Again our Scripture for today is found in **Matthew chapter 9**, starting at **verse 18**.

And while you're preparing to read God's Word together, I have an update on our *Burn the Mortgage* Campaign.



Back on November 22, just a little over three months ago, we enjoyed a special Praise Dinner together where we were all invited to help *Burn the Mortgage*.¹ At that time, our mortgage balance on the Intersection Building stood at approximately \$250,000. We started to smell the smoke of a mortgage burning ceremony!

Our mortgage payments have been around \$65,000 every year, and so at the Praise Dinner we shared some dreams about how we believe God may further the vision of His glory among us if we could burn this mortgage.

So 3 months ago we launched a 6-month campaign to pay off the mortgage. And church, give glory to God...

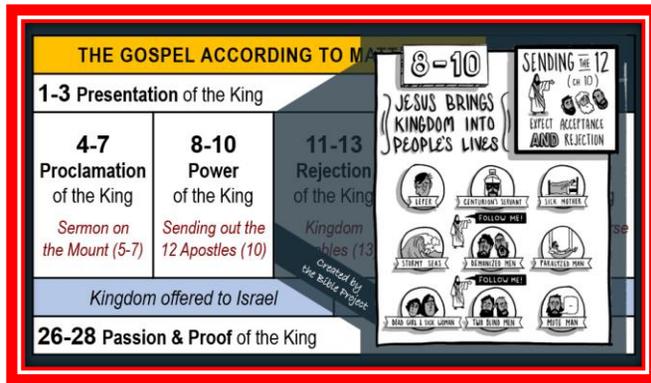


In just 3 short months, more than \$150,000 has been paid off by your sacrificial generosity! Our mortgage balance is **now less than \$98,000**, and we are only halfway through our campaign!! Thanks Lord!!

God is doing something amazing among us. Thanks for worshipping God through generosity, church!

Thank you for giving so sacrificially for the glory of Christ right now – to our general fund every week and additionally to the *Burn the Mortgage* campaign before May 31st!! It's not too late to get in on what God is doing here. We have 3 months left to pay this off! This will be the work of God for sure...as His Spirit excites a movement of generosity among every adult and child among us for His greater praise in our hearts. Pray about how God wants you to partner together with us... it doesn't matter whether you give \$20 or \$20,000... you are each invited to be a part of this special mercy of God among us. All for His greater praise and glory at New Castle Bible Church!

¹ You can watch a video recording of New Castle Bible Church's November
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And speaking of God's glory, that's what we're seeing manifested through King Jesus' authority and power in **Matthew chapter 8 and 9**. Today in **Matthew 9, verses 18-34**, we explore this last grouping of 9 miracles. These miracles help us have the confidence of following Jesus as His disciple-makers in this world.



Please stand in honor of God's Word, as I read from **Matthew 9, verse 18**, in the English Standard Version:

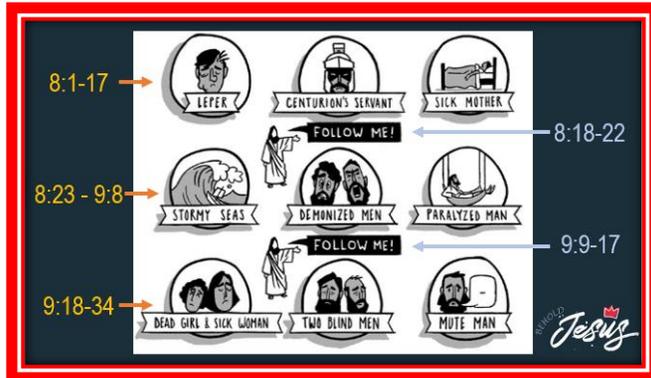
18 While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus rose and followed him, with his

disciples. 20 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, 21 for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. 23 And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went through all that district. 27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, "See that no one knows about it." 31 But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. 32 As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. 33 And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." 34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

This is God's Word. Please be seated.

Let's Pray.

Pastor Scott rightly referred to Matthew's pattern in chapters 8 and 9,



as a **Miracle Big Mac**, as Matthew grouped these miracles into 3 groups of 3, interrupted by 2 calls to discipleship. Jesus has power over sickness, storms, spirits, and even sin itself! Therefore He is worthy of following. No matter what your need, Jesus is the answer. It is Jesus' kingdom that will eventually restore wholeness to all our brokenness. These miracles provide just a sampling of what His kingdom will be like when all creation is submitted to His rule.

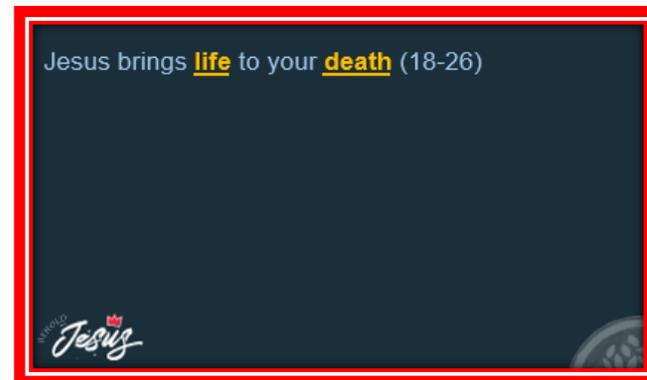
So let's dive into this last set of miracles found in **verses 18-34**, as we learn that,



Jesus has the power to make all things new.

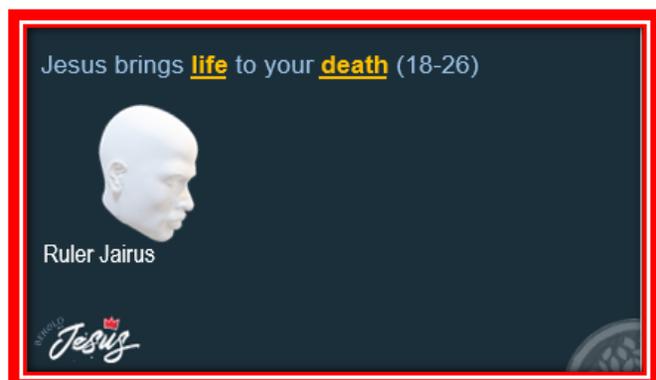
This world is broken. Our own lives are broken. We have all sinned. And into the mess of our lives, God sends His only Son, Jesus the Christ – the promised Messiah – to come and make all things new. Jesus is the King who comes to establish His kingdom here on earth – just as His kingdom already exists in Heaven.

So in **verses 18-26** we actually have a miracle packaged within a miracle, as we learn that,



Jesus brings life to your death (18-26)

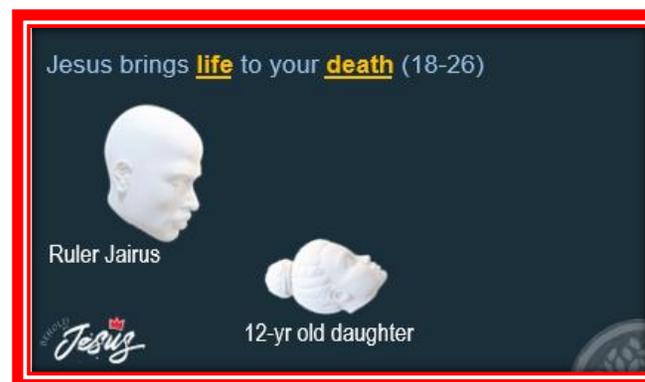
Let me introduce you to the characters in this account.
First, we meet a ruler.



We know from **Mark** and **Luke**² that His name was **Jairus**, and that he was the highest-ranking religious official in Capernaum. Certainly a man of his religious stature was well aware of Jesus' miracles. Even if Jairus wasn't a Pharisee himself, he was certainly acquainted with the establishment's hatred towards Jesus.³

But all of his religious pride was set aside in this moment, for **verse 18** finds this religious ruler coming before Jesus and kneeling before him, *saying, "My daughter has just died, but come lay your hand on her and she will live."*

And this introduces us to the second character,



Jairus' only daughter⁴ – a 12 year old girl. We don't know much about this daughter, other than she's 12 years old, and she just tragically died.⁵

Because of Jairus' position as a synagogue ruler, her 12 years of life had been full of privilege and blessing. But now her daddy was desperately kneeling in front of Jesus, confessing his faith in Jesus' healing power, begging Jesus to lay hands on her so she will live. Daddy's little girl was dead, and her only hope was resurrection!

Now, don't miss the extravagant mercy of **verse 19**:

And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples.

No guiltig Jairus about the irony of a religious ruler seeking his help now. No theological debate. Just a humble willingness to serve a real need unconditionally.

² Mark 5:22 and Luke 8:41

³ <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jairus-in-the-Bible.html>

⁴ Luke 8:42

⁵ Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:40-56 both share more details about this account

than Matthew. In the parallel accounts we discover that Jairus had left for Jesus prior to his daughter's death, and then servants come to tell Jairus of her death after Jesus was interrupted by the healing of the woman with the issue of blood on the way to his home.

So Jesus follows urgent Jairus, trying to navigate the large crowd pressing around them,⁶ when suddenly, **verse 20** introduces us to a third character:



Look at **verse 20**,

Behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for 12 years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.”

Can you imagine Jairus’ impatience when Jesus gets delayed by *this* woman? We can’t know for sure, but I suspect Jairus could have known this woman personally...for as the ruler of the synagogue he was responsible to certify when an unclean person became clean in order to rejoin their worship assembly.

And this woman had been bleeding continually for 12 years. **Mark 5:26** reports that *she had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she*

had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse.

You see her bleeding was much more serious than just physical weakness and discomfort. This bleeding made her ceremonially unclean and unable to worship with God’s people.⁷ This was a spiritual and relational problem! The little girl was dead *physically*, but this woman had lived the entire duration of the little girl’s life in *spiritual* and *relational* death! Anything or anyone she touched was immediately defiled and ceremonially unclean. No matter what she did or tried, her blood was a perpetual reminder that she was a contagious carrier of death and uncleanness!

Like Jairus, she was desperate. Jesus was her only hope for life. Her only hope of being made well, or literally, “being saved” in **verses 21 and 22**.⁸

So under the cover of the crowd, she reaches out and secretly touches the fringe of his cloak, and instantly is healed!⁹ And look at the intimate mercy of **verse 22**,

Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”

Again, no condemnation for violating the ceremonial laws. Instead, what did Jesus call her?

⁶ Mark 5:24; Luke 8:42

⁷ Leviticus 15:25-31

⁸ Three times in these two verses the Greek word “sozo” is translated

“well.” Interestingly this is not one of the normal Greek words used for physical healing. *Sozo* is most often translated as “saved.”

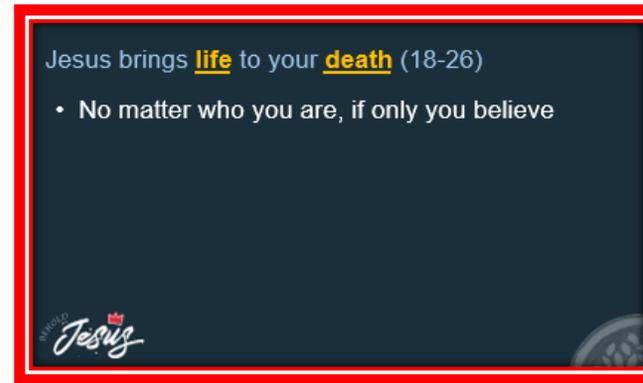
⁹ Luke 8:44, Mark 5:27, 29



Daughter! This is family language. Belonging language. Intimate language for one who has been banned from even touching another person for the last 12 years!

Now remember, throughout Scripture God often refers to His chosen people as His *daughter*.¹⁰ So here Jesus gives much more than physical healing to this woman... He grants salvation. Eternal life. Belonging and adoption as a forgiven child of God Himself.

Here's the point: Jesus brings life to your death,



No matter who you are, if only you believe. It doesn't matter if you're the senior pastor of Capernaum, or the town's outcast. It doesn't matter if you are a person of power and position, or if you are a person of weakness and shame. When you finally put your faith in the power of Jesus Christ to save you – Jesus brings life to your death!!

Now think about this double miracle. God loves unclean Israel¹¹ just as much as Jairus loves his 12-year-old daughter. These miracles picture salvation from death, which is sin's ultimate end.

Both of these daughters picture how death and separation are the ultimate results of sin.¹² And salvation from sin's ultimate end only comes by faith in Jesus.

¹⁰ C.f. Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5; John 12:15; 2 Corinthians 6:18. By the way, it's interesting to compare Matthew 9:2 where Jesus connects the forgiveness of sins to eternal sonship saying, "Take heart my son; your sins are forgiven."

¹¹ C.f. Ezekiel 36:17 where God compares Israel to an unclean woman because of her bloody discharges

¹² Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3

Jesus brings **life** to your **death** (18-26)

- No matter who you are, if only you believe
- His touch removes all the results of sin

Jesus

Only His touch removes all the results of sin

Look at the emphasis of Jesus' personal touch to bring life. **Verse 18**, *lay your hand on her, and she will live.* **Verses 20 and 21**, she *touched the fringe of his garment...* believing *if I only touch his garment, I will be made well.* **Verse 25**, Jesus *took her by the hand*, and restored her life. Even down in **verse 29**, He *touched their eyes* and healed their blindness.

Loved one, you must personally connect with Jesus. It's not enough to know spiritual truths about Jesus. You must become one with Jesus personally, by believing in Him, to experience eternal life. Jesus is God's sacrificial lamb for you,¹³ and His blood, which is a symbol for life itself,¹⁴ must be sprinkled upon your uncleanness before you can enter into the eternal dwelling place of God.¹⁵

And so **verse 23** picks up with Jesus arriving at Jairus' home. The little girl has already been dead for at least a couple of hours, for the professional mourners and

¹³ John 1:29

¹⁴ Leviticus 17:11

¹⁵ This is the point of Leviticus – that atonement comes through our connection with a substitutionary sacrifice made on our behalf. We are only

musicians are already whipped into a cacophony of discord and commotion. But for the King of a kingdom where sin has no more power or presence, death is simply temporary sleep. And so Jesus says,

Go away, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.

Jesus didn't come to impress crowds. Jesus is not an entertainer. So he sends the crowds away, and then with only Peter, James, John and the girl's parents¹⁶ he touches the daughter and commands, *Child arise!*¹⁷

And through her resurrection, Jesus proves He is the Divine King who holds the keys to death.¹⁸

Jesus brings **life** to your **death** (18-26)

- No matter who you are, if only you believe
- His touch removes all the results of sin
- The resurrection proves His power over death

Jesus

You see, **The resurrection proves His power over death.** Ultimately Jesus' own resurrection from the grave on Easter morning will prove that He has absolute power over death. So will you believe that Jesus brings life to your death? Will you bring your death and dying to Jesus? Death loses its sting when the blood of Christ is

declared holy through our personal connection with God's atonement for us.

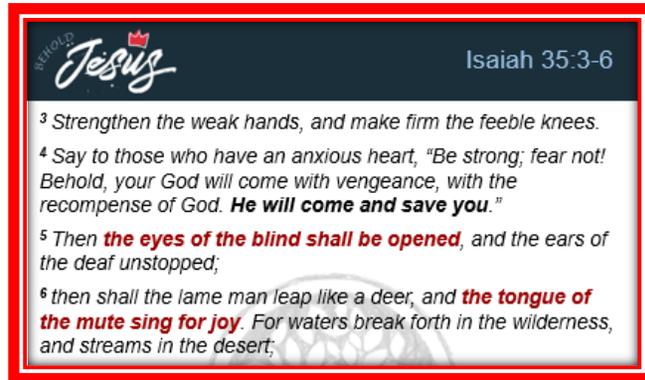
¹⁶ Mark 5:37, 40

¹⁷ Mark 5:41 and Luke 8:54

¹⁸ Revelation 1:18

applied to it!¹⁹ Jesus has the power to make all things brand new – will you follow Him today?

Now before we examine the last two miracles in this section, it helps to remember the Messianic prophecy,

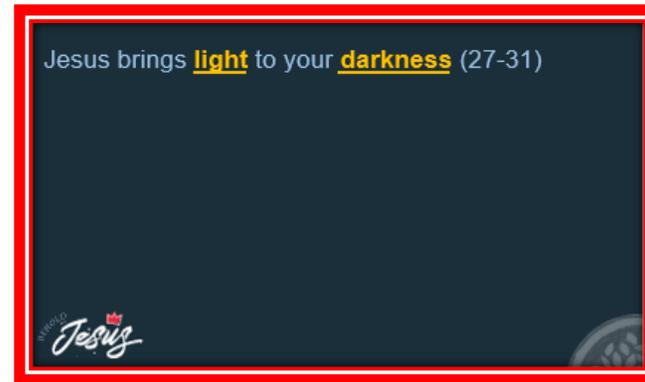


from **Isaiah 35**. **Isaiah 35** calls God's people to be strong since the Divine Messiah *will come and save you*. And then Isaiah offers several signs that will identify the Messiah's arrival to Israel:

Verse 5, *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.*

Remember, Matthew's ordering of these miracles is not chronological. So I believe he recounts these two final miracles of opening blind eyes and freeing mute tongues as final proof to his Jewish readers that Jesus is indeed the Messianic King in fulfillment of **Isaiah 35**.

So quickly now, in **verse 27**, we see how



Jesus brings light to your darkness

Here we meet two men who are companions of darkness, crying out repeatedly, over and over with a very loud voice,

Have mercy on us, Son of David.

They can't see how close Jesus is to them, so they just keep crying out their pleas for mercy as loud as they can. Waiting, and hoping, for Jesus to come and draw near to them to answer their prayers.

But as a test of their faith, and perhaps out of desire to keep the crowds from prematurely rallying around Him as a political deliverer, Jesus passes by them without revealing himself, and enters Peter's house in **verse 28**.²⁰

Perhaps we could learn from the blind men's persistence? Scripture calls us to seek the Lord, knowing that we will find Him, when we seek Him with all

¹⁹ 1 Corinthians 15:55-56

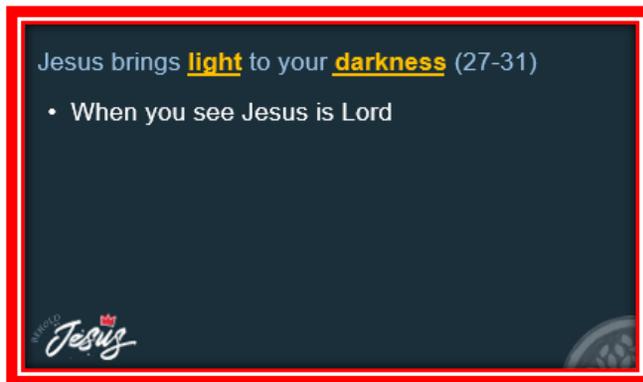
²⁰ Matthew 8:14

our heart.²¹ Jesus is not interested in causal disciples. There's no such thing! Faith persists in waiting for God to do something that only God can do. Faith is humble, but saving faith is persistent. Saving faith believes in God's mercy against all human odds.²²

So **verse 28** tells how these blind men follow Jesus right into Peter's private residence, where Jesus asks,

Do you believe that I am able to do this? To which they reply, *Yes, Lord!*

You see, Jesus brings light to your darkness,

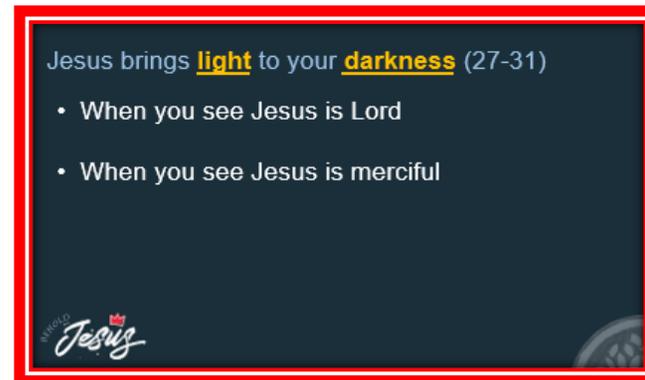


When you see Jesus is Lord

It is quite ironic actually. But these blind men saw what the religious rulers couldn't see. They saw Jesus as the Son of David! The Lord. The Messiah. The long-promised King from David's line who would rule over

God's people and establish righteousness and shalom for all who submit to Him!²³

You see, Jesus brings light to your darkness,



When you see Jesus is merciful.

Yes, Jesus is an all-powerful Lord. He is God Himself, dwelling among us with human flesh.²⁴ But Jesus is a merciful Lord. He is a God who *cares* for the weak, and the poor, and the outcast.²⁵ Do you see Jesus clearly this morning?

How do you see Jesus? Is He angry? Is He ashamed? Is Jesus distant from you?

Jesus comes to bring light and joy to the darkness of unbelief and sin! Jesus is the most merciful and forgiving person you could ever know!

Just look at how Jesus responded in **verse 29**,

²¹ Jeremiah 29:13

²² Matthew 7:11

²³ 2 Samuel 7:12-14; c.f. Matthew 21:9; Luke 1:32-33, 68-69; 2:4; John

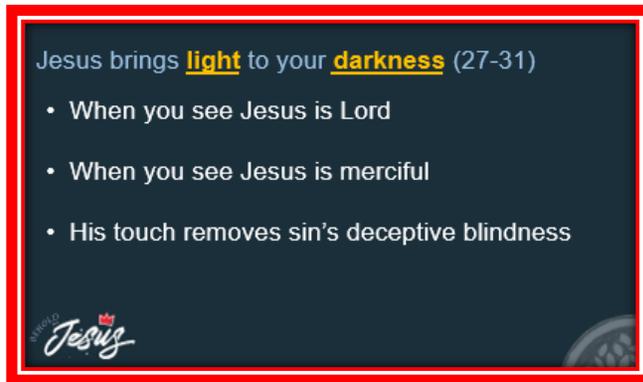
7:42; Acts 2:29-30; Romans 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:8; Revelation 5:5, 22:16

²⁴ John 1:14

²⁵ 1 Peter 5:7; c.f. Isaiah 61:1-3

Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done to you. In other words, because you believed in Me... because you saw Me to be God's merciful Savior for you, your eyes will be opened!

Listen church,

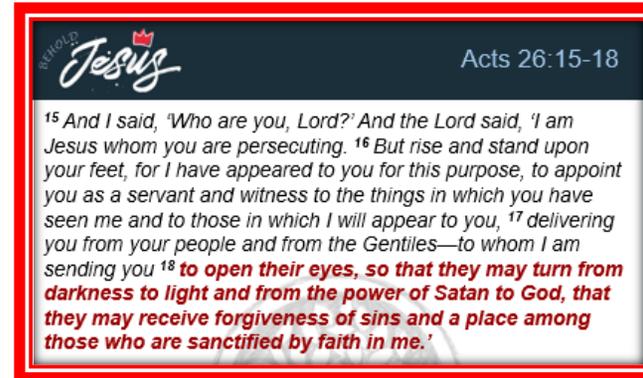


Jesus' touch removes sin's deceptive blindness

Satan is a liar,²⁶ and sin is always deceptive.²⁷ And so sin blinds us to the true spiritual realities around us.

But God's Spirit turns the lights on, and causes us to believe that Jesus is Lord, and that Jesus is merciful! You cannot experience salvation from sin apart from this work of God's Spirit in you!²⁸

Jesus put it this way at the apostle Paul's conversion,



I'm sending you to the Gentiles, to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.²⁹

Only believing in the mercy and Lordship of Jesus Christ can remove the scales of unbelief from your sight.³⁰

Do you believe that Jesus is able to open the eyes of your heart, and turn you from darkness to light? Do you pray for God's Spirit to open the eyes of your loved ones so they too might believe on Christ and be saved?

The miracle of the 2 blind men is a strong testimony to the Messiah's saving power. And finally, the healing of the mute man crowns Matthew's presentation of King Jesus' power.

For **verses 32-34** illustrate how,

²⁶ John 8:44

²⁷ Hebrews 3:13

²⁸ 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

²⁹ Acts 26:18; cf. Ephesians 1:18

³⁰ I.e. Acts 9:8-9, 12, 17-18; 2 Corinthians 3:15-18; 4:4-6



Jesus powerfully brings freedom to your oppression.

The details of this miracle are left untold. But in fulfillment of **Isaiah 35**, Matthew calls our attention to a *demon-oppressed man who was mute*. The demons had taken away this man's ability to speak. But in a display of Messianic power, **verse 33** simply records,

And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke.



In other words, **Jesus can restore what demons have taken**. Jesus has all authority over storms, sickness,

sight, sin, and Satan himself. Can you picture this mute man singing praises to God once his tongue had been set free by grace?

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise!!

So is there any area of spiritual stronghold in your life this morning? Any addiction or bondage to sin? Believe on the Lord Jesus; He can set you free!! He can free you from life-long habits of anger, lust, greed, fear, and idolatry! He came to set you free from all Satan's lies!³¹ Cry out to Jesus today – seek the atonement that is offered through His blood – find life in the power of His resurrection!!

And then notice the response at the end of **verse 33**,

And the crowds marveled saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel."

Now this is quite a statement when you think about it. God's people had seen many miracles with Moses in the plagues and then in the wilderness. Both Elijah and Elisha had raised individuals from the dead, and done many mighty miracles throughout their ministries. But no one had ever given sight to the blind or caused mute tongues to speak!!

³¹ Galatians 5:1; 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Jesus brings **freedom** to your **oppression** (32-34)

- Jesus can restore what demons have taken
- Jesus is better than Moses, Elijah, & Elisha

BEHOLD
Jesus

Jesus is better than Moses, Elijah, & Elisha!

The crowds are started to realize – Jesus is the Messiah! He is the promised Deliverer who's here to free them from sin's oppression!

But the Pharisees respond quite differently in **verse 34** don't they? Their religious pride doesn't allow them to accept salvation by faith alone in Jesus' work alone... and so ... since they can't deny that Jesus has indeed done all these mighty miracles... they illogically discredit the source of Jesus' power³²... claiming,

He casts out demons by the prince of demons. And severe opposition to King Jesus on earth now begins.

So here's an important question for us today,

Jesus brings **freedom** to your **oppression** (32-34)

- Jesus can restore what demons have taken
- Jesus is better than Moses, Elijah, & Elisha
- So how will you respond to Jesus' power?

BEHOLD
Jesus

How will you respond to Jesus' power?

Do you marvel with fickle crowds only until it is no longer popular to be a follower of Jesus? Will you join with Jairus and the blind men to cry out for your deliverance? Or will you join with the Pharisees, and cling foolishly to your own works and self-improvement efforts?

Loved ones,

Main Point

Jesus has the power
to make all things new.

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Jesus

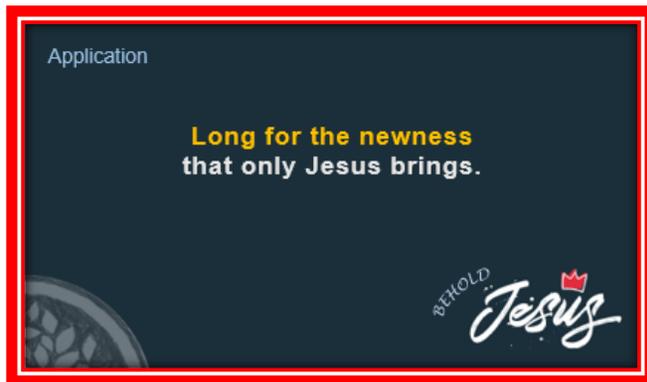
Only Jesus has the power to make all things new. He's not interested in self-improvement efforts. Grace makes us new!

³² Matthew 12:23, 25-27

*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come!*³³

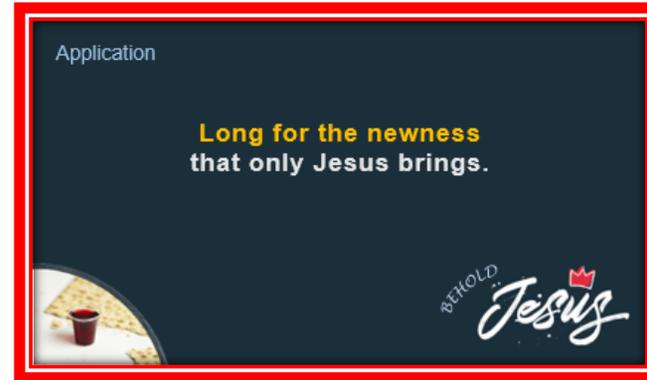
Jesus brings life for death. Light for darkness. And freedom for oppression. Jesus is the King who makes all things new!

So then as we remember Christ's work through communion today, I pray that we will all



Long more and more for the newness that only Jesus brings. For truly the perfect realities of His kingdom on earth are still future. Although salvation from sin is available today to every soul who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, the ultimate removal of sin's presence and pollution in this world will not occur until Jesus comes again. And what ultimate newness Jesus will bring to His sons and daughters when He returns!³⁴

And so this is what we celebrate together in Communion.



As our servers come forward now with the elements, I invite you to ponder the new heavens, and the new earth. The new Jerusalem where all God's people will dwell together with God Himself in perfect oneness.

Gaze upon Jesus this morning with joyful thanksgiving and celebration! We must not participate in this glorious feast of remembrance with indifference towards Christ.³⁵ He shed His blood, His body was broken, in our place, to be our sin-covering!

So if you are not engaged in marriage to Jesus by faith, and your heart has not yet been awakened by God's Spirit to love Him, please just simply observe us as we participate in this symbolic ceremony of all that Christ means to us. There's nothing spiritual about this juice or these crackers. They just remind us of Christ's blood and body. There's no advantage of participating together in the symbol if you haven't first been touched by God's amazing grace that saves and rescues from sin.

³³ 2 Corinthians 5:17

³⁴ Revelation 21:1-7

³⁵ 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

We eat bread – symbolizing Christ’s broken body – to remind us that Jesus died so that we could live!

I’m going to ask _____ to pray for us, and then as you receive the bread ... please wait until we can all partake together after everyone is served. Use this time as the music plays to quietly pray – confessing any sin, thanking Jesus for His salvation, and praising God for His grace that has given you life, light, and freedom!!

<<Instrumental Meditation>>

the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

<<eat>>

The men are now coming forward to serve us the cup, as we remember God’s amazing promise to remove all the results of sin and make all things new upon His return.

Please sing with us as the juice is served, as we together thank our Lord for His powerful salvation of sinners like you and me!

As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s blood which seals our future in His new covenant... I’m going to ask _____ to pray for us as we take the cup together.

<<Turn Your Eyes>>



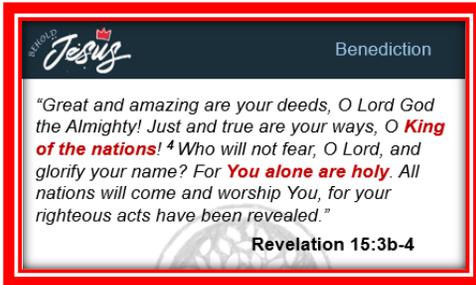
In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

O Church – let’s proclaim our joyful union with Christ’s righteousness as we long for His coming kingdom soon!

<<drink>>

Let’s pray our benediction together as we dismiss.

*<<This week Pastor Scott Gnuse, Rob Huschen, Harry Willmert, and myself will be attending the Shepherd’s Conference in Los Angeles. We covet your prayers as we worship together with thousands of like-minded pastors and recruit for our worship pastor. Next Sunday, **Pastor Jonathan Farrell** from Grace Church in Morton and I will be swapping pulpits, so please look forward to his preaching next Sunday and pray that God will allow me to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters at Grace Church next Sunday as well.>>*



Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.
Revelation 15:3b-4



After 2nd Service Only

Recommended Resources on Old Things New:

- Leviticus 15:25-27
- Isaiah 30:26; 35:3-6; 53:4-5
- Ezekiel 36:26
- Malachi 4:2
- Matthew 11:2-5
- John 11:25
- 1 Corinthians 15:56-57
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Revelation 21:5

- <https://www.biblicalcounselingcoalition.org/2020/02/26/whats-new/>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/books/finally-alive>

- *Lifted: Experiencing the Resurrection Life*, Sam Allberry
- *Because He Loves Me*, Elyse Fitzpatrick
- *Christ Formed in You*, Brian Hedges
- *Changed into His Image*, Jim Berg

Growing Deeper: Life Group Questions

1. Read Matthew 9:20-22. How does the woman touching Jesus' robe speak against the idea of earning God's favor?
2. Skim through Matthew 8-9. What two or three aspects of Jesus' character stand out in this section of Matthew's gospel? Are these qualities what first comes to your mind when you think about Jesus?
3. Compare Matthew 9:20 with Luke 8:42. What all do these two women share in common? What differences are between them?
4. Explain the irony of Matthew 9:27 and 23:24. What is the definition of spiritual blindness? What is its cure?
5. Read Isaiah 35, especially verses 3-6. Compare with Matthew 11:4-6. What is the significant of these last two crowning miracles presented in Matthew 9:27-33? Why is the Pharisee's rejection of Jesus so significant in verse 34?