

# Treasure Hunt

- What lessons can we learn by comparing the responses of the people of Gergesa and of Samaria?
- In the healing of the man with palsy, what does the Lord Jesus “see” that we cannot?
- What does this teach us about him?
- What was the origin of the “scribes”?
- What development in scribal attitudes do we see during the course of our Lord’s life?
- Why does the Lord use the title “Son of Man” in claiming to forgive sins?
- In what sense did our Lord forgive the man’s sin, and promise his disciples that they would forgive sins?

# Gergesa and Samaria

Gergesa, Matt 8-9	Samaria, John 4
8:33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city,	28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city,
and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.	and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus:	30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.
	31-39 (Doing God's will; harvest; many believed)
and when they saw him,	40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him,
they besought <i>him</i> that he would <b>depart</b> out of their coasts.	they besought him that he would <b>tarry</b> with them:
9:1 And he <b>entered into a ship</b> ,	and he <b>abode there</b> two days.
and passed over,	... 43 Now after two days he departed thence,
and came into his own city.	and went into Galilee.

# Structure of Matt 8-9

## Healings and Miracles

8:2-4, Leper  
8:5-13, Centurion's Servant  
8:14-17, Peter's Mother-in-law  
(and others)

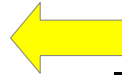
8:23-27, Calming the Sea  
8:28-34, Gergesene Demoniacs  
9:2-8, Palsied Man

9:18-26, Ruler's Daughter &  
Woman with Issue  
9:27-31, Two Blind Men  
9:32-34, Dumb Man

## Discipleship

8:18-22, The Reluctant Scribe  
and Disciple  
Personal Cost: Deprivation

9:9, Call of Matthew  
9:10-17, Pharisees and John's  
Disciples  
Social Cost: Rejection



# What can Jesus See?

v. 4 “knowing” = v.2 “seeing” Strong's 1492 ἰδων

- 2 And Jesus, seeing their faith...
- 4 And Jesus, seeing their thoughts...

Heb 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

1Sa 16:7 for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

# The Decline of the Scribes

Roots in the teaching role of the Levites:

Deu 33:8 And of Levi he said, ... 10 **They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law:** they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

Ezr 7:11 Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra **the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.**

Positive references:

Mat 2:4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and **scribes** of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

Mat 8:18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. 19 And a certain **scribe** came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

Mat 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every **scribe** *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

Growing Tensions:

Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the **scribes** and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 7:29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the **scribes**.

Mat 23:13 Woe unto you, **scribes** and Pharisees, hypocrites! (also 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29)

# 9:6 “the Son of Man hath power [ἐξουσια, authority] on earth to forgive sins”

It is as Man that he forgives sin! (cf. v. 8.) So can we:

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee [Peter] the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mat 18:18 Verily I say unto you [the Twelve], Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

Why are the scribes upset about a passive statement?

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life,