

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts
The Lord's Day August 3, 2003 Anno Domini

Matthew 9:1-8

Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.

- I. They brought the paralytic to him.
 - A. The means they employed. (Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26).
 - B. The conclusion Christ drew.
 - C. The function of faith. (Galatians 3:8-9; Isaiah 26:3; John 1:12; Gal 2:16).

- II. Your sins are forgiven you.
 - A. Jesus' priority. (Romans 5:9ff; 1John 4:9-10; 1Tim 1:15.)
 - B. Jesus' authority. (Matt 7:29; Matt 8:3; Matt 8:16; Matt 8:27; Matt 9:6)
 - C. Jesus' gift to the paralytic man. (James 5:16; 1Corinthians 15:42-44)

- III. Which is easier?
 - A. This man blasphemes. (Matt 26:65; Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18; Exodus 3:4-6).
 - B. Said within themselves. (John 2:23-25; John 1:47-48; John 1:49; Matt 15:19; Hebrews 4:12).
 - C. Testimony of the divinity of Jesus.

- IV. But that you may know...
 - A. Opponents of the gospel refuse to know.
 - B. The multitudes marvelled and glorified God.
 - C. The former paralytic walked home.

- V. Where do you fit in this setting?
 - A. Do you know the power and authority of Jesus Christ?
 - B. Do you know God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ?
 - C. Are you expecting to be healed through Jesus Christ? (John 5:25-29).