A PHYSICIAN FOR THE SICK

Matthew 9:1–13

Key Verse: 9:13

1. What was the setting, who was brought to Jesus, and how did he respond? (1,2) Think about Jesus’ words to this man; why would he say this to him, and what can we learn from this? (2b)
2. How did some of the scribes respond, and why? (3) What did Jesus say and do? (4–7) Why is it so important to know that Jesus has the authority to forgive sins? How did the crowd respond? (8)
3. Describe the calling of Matthew (9). What did Jesus’ words mean to him? To us?
4. What scene is described next? (10) Why do you think Jesus was there? How did the Pharisees respond, and why? (11)
5. How did Jesus explain? (12) What does it mean to be “sick,” and that he is “a physician”?
6. What did Jesus say to his critics? (13) What is the source of this quote, and how would it help those who didn’t understand what Jesus was doing? What can we learn here about how to experience Jesus’ healing and be healers?