

What Jesus Said

10. Matthew 9:18-34 *Jesus heals a girl and others believing in Him*

This story is found in the 9th Chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, between versus 18 and 34. We write it like this: **Matthew 9:18-34**. *BibleHomework* uses this format throughout its website.

The Scripture:

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

Matthew 9:18 - While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

9:19 - Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

9:20 - Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

9:21 - She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

9:22 - Jesus turned and saw her. "**Take heart, daughter,**" he said, "**your faith has healed you.**" And the woman was healed at that moment.

9:23 - When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,

9:24 - he said, "**Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.**" But they laughed at him.

9:25 - After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

9:26 - News of this spread through that entire region.

Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

9:27 - As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

9:28 - When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, **“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”**

“Yes, Lord,” they replied.

9:29 - Then he touched their eyes and said, **“According to your faith let it be done to you”;**

9:30 - and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, **“See that no one knows about this.”**

9:31 - But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

9:32 - While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus.

9:33 - And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

9:34 - But the Pharisees said, “It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.”

The Explanation:

Jesus rewards people who have faith in him by performing miracles of healing. Yet despite asking them not to tell anyone, they still do so. A man who was silent for so long and others are healed yet the Pharisees claim that he is a prince of demons.

Places and People Mentioned:

Synagogue Leader Rabbis and Cantors generally lead Jewish services, but they are not required. Any Jew over the age of 13 years can lead a service.

Questions:

1. Who is the Son of David?

2. Why would Jesus ask the (former) blind men to keep quiet about their healing?
3. The former mute said "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." To what is he referring?
4. How old do you have to be to lead a service in a Jewish synagogue?
5. Why do you think the Pharisees statement "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons." Is untrue? Who has the power to cast out demons?