

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The Power of Jesus;

Forgiving Sins

Matthew 9:1–8

The Miracles of Power (Matt. 8:23–9:8)

- 1. Jesus stills the storm on the Sea of Galilee**
- 2. Jesus cast out demons from the two demon-possessed men**
- 3. Jesus heals the paralyzed man to demonstrate He can forgive sins**

In the first, Jesus demonstrates His authority and power over the forces of creation to show that He is Creator-God who sustains and controls creation and who, as Messiah, will reverse the damage of sin on creation during the Kingdom.

In the second, Jesus demonstrates His authority and power over Satan and the fallen angels, the demons, and that He has the power to deliver the creation from the control of Satan who is called the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2), the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4) and the ruler of this world (John 12:31).

In the third, Jesus shows that He has the divine prerogative to forgive sins, which will be a hallmark of His Messianic reign.

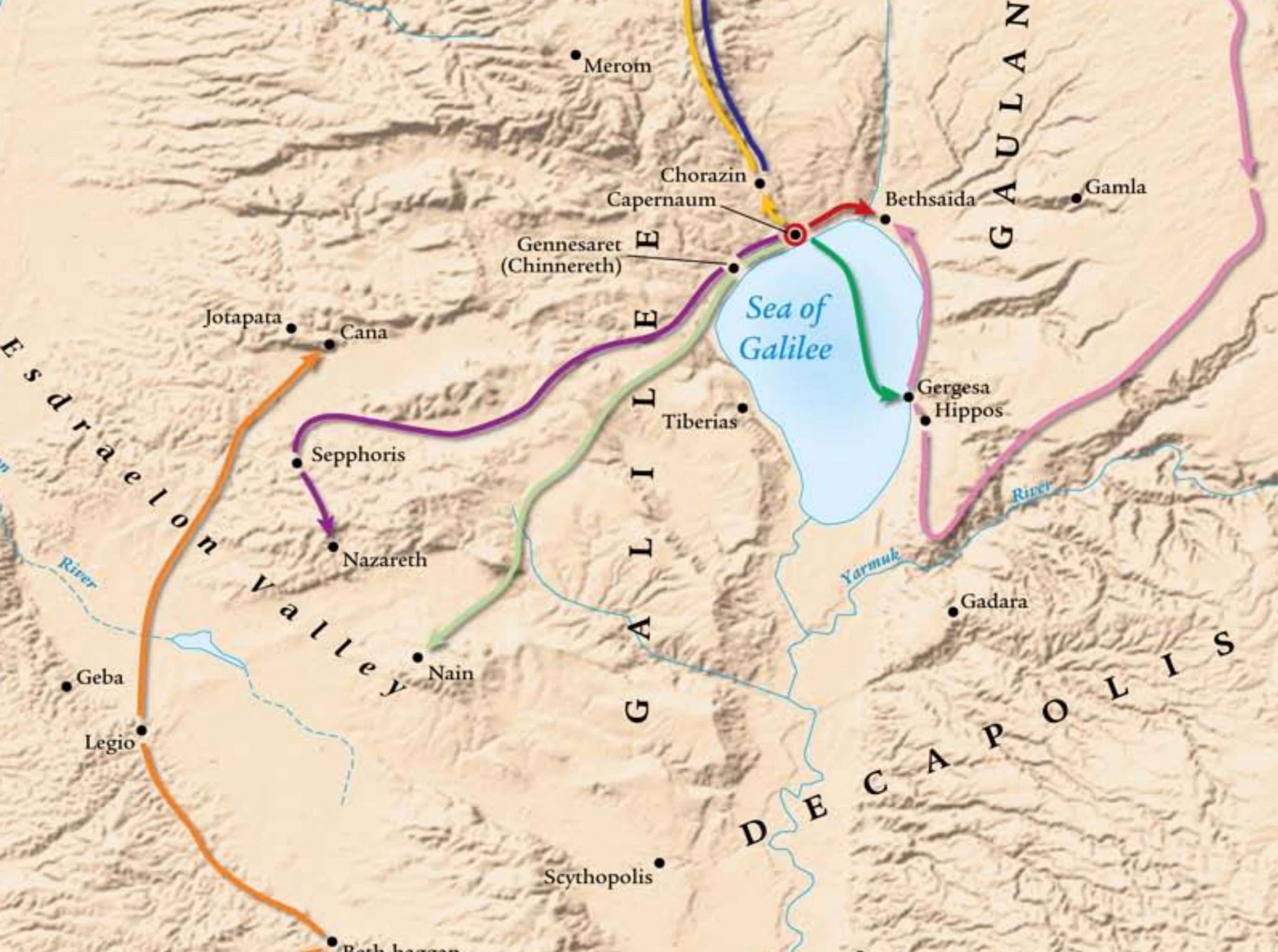
1. Jesus demonstrates His authority and power to forgive sins to show that He:

a. is God and exercises divine prerogatives,

b. as Messiah, will save His people from their sins,

c. as Messiah, will bring in a kingdom based on the redemption promises given from Gen. 3:15 on.

Matt. 9:1, “So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.”



Mark 2:1, “When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.”

Mark 2:3, “And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men.

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ἐξορύσσω *exorussō*

aor act part masc plur nom

to dig out, break up

Luke 5:18, “And some men were carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him.

Luke 5:19, “But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.”

Luke 5:17, “One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.”

Matt. 9:2, “Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.’ ”

ἀφίημι *aphiēmi*

**pres pass indic 3 plur
to forgive, permit, free,
neglect, abandon,
cancel, cancel a debt**

Matt. 9:3, “And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, ‘This Man blasphemes!’ ”

Mark 2:6, “But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

Mark 2:7, “ ‘Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?’ ”

Psa. 51:4, “Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.”

Matt. 9:4, “But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, ‘Why do you think evil in your hearts?’ ”

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”

Matt. 9:5, “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’?”

Matt. 9:6, “ ‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins’—then He said to the paralytic, ‘Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.’ ”

Matt. 9:7, “And he arose and departed to his house.

Matt. 9:8, “Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.”

Eph. 1:7, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

Acts 13:38, “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

ἀφίημι *aphiēmi*

to forgive, permit, free, neglect, abandon

χαρίζομαι *charizomai*

to give, favor, forgive graciously

Col. 2:13, “And you, [when you were] being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, [because He] having forgiven you all trespasses,

Col. 2:14, “[by] having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, [when He] having nailed it to the cross.”

And you, [though you were] dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has already, when we believed, made us alive together with Him, because He had previously graciously forgiven you of all trespasses, by canceling the debt (the handwriting of requirements) that was against us.

- **We are born spiritually dead. Eph. 2:1**
- **We are born lacking perfect righteousness. Isa. 64:6**
- **And we are born under the condemnation of Adam's original sin. 1 Cor. 15:22**
- **Christ paid the penalty for the condemnation. This secured forensic or legal forgiveness at the cross. Secured, but not applied.**

At the instant of faith alone in Christ alone we are positionally, legally, totally forgiven of *all* sin.

We receive a new human spirit (regeneration)

We receive the imputation of Christ's righteousness (imputation)

We are declared righteous and we are given eternal life (justification)