



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Mathew 9:1-13

Title: The Kindness of Jesus

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Discussion Starter – What are some of the most impactful thing you learned about how Jesus demonstrated His kindness in this sermon? What things might you do differently now to apply this in your own life?

Jesus Heals a Paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)

- Jesus in the middle of His bible study and the house is packed tight. How does Jesus respond to these four guys lowering their paralytic friend and interrupting His bible study? What does Jesus do and not do in response to this interruption? What do you think touched Jesus' heart?
- What is the significance of Jesus calling the paralytic "son" ?
- How do you think the paralytic and his friends reacted to Jesus telling him his sins were forgiven? What was the implication behind this statement? What were they looking for and how does this demonstrate Jesus' kindness to them? Read John 9:1-3. What additional insights are gleaned from these verses?
- Read Mark 2:6-8. What further insights do these verses give us about the men who were upset with Jesus telling the paralytic that his sins were forgiven? Where they right in feeling this way? What was Jesus trying to show them here?

Read Matthew 9:5-7. Describe in your own words what Jesus is doing here and to whom He wants to reach with this message?

The Kindness of Jesus to Prodigals (Matthew 9:9-13)

- Read Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:13-14. Why do you think these parallel verses use two different names for the same person, Levi and Matthew? What is the significance of each of these names and why would Levi or Matthew be considered a prodigal son?
- We see that when Jesus called Matthew, he drops everything and follows Him. How would you describe what it means to follow Jesus? What was your own experience of being called by Jesus? Read Matthew 11:28-30. What additional insight do theses verse give us about following Jesus?
- What does Matthew do in Matthew verse 10 that reveals the impact of Jesus's kindness in his life? Describe what is going on here in Matthew's life right now. What important message can we take away from this lesson on how we witness to non-believers? Read Psalm 63:3-8. How do these verses give us insight to what it should look like for us to truly follow Jesus?
- How do the scribes and Pharisees react to this dinner party that Matthew has thrown for Jesus? Read Psalm 1:1-6. What insights do you see in these verses and how do they apply to this story?
- What practical lessons can we learn from how Jesus responds to the religious leaders allegations of Jesus? What message is He making clear to us?