

Matthew 9:18-26

Jesus Heals in Response to Faith



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 9:18	A synagogue leader kneels before Jesus, saying his daughter has just died but believes Jesus can raise her.	Synagogue leader (archōn) – respected Jewish official; Kneels (proskyneō) – to worship, bow in reverence.	Desperate faith drives the man to Jesus, acknowledging His authority over life and death.	Approach Jesus with bold faith, even when the situation looks impossible.
Matthew 9:19	Jesus gets up and follows him, and so do His disciples.	Follows (akoloutheo) – to go after, accompany; Disciples – committed learners.	Jesus responds to faith with action, and His followers join Him.	Step out with Jesus. He walks with those who call on Him in faith.
Matthew 9:20	A woman who has been subject to bleeding for twelve years comes up behind Jesus and touches the edge of his cloak.	Bleeding (haimorroousa) – chronic hemorrhage causing ritual impurity; Edge of cloak (kraspedon) – tassel of a Jewish garment symbolizing God's law and covenant.	Her secret approach reflects both humility and daring faith in Jesus' healing power.	Even quiet faith can bring powerful healing when placed in Jesus.
Matthew 9:21	She says to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.'	Healed (sōzō) – saved, made whole; Touch (haptomai) – to cling, grasp firmly.	Faith internalized becomes faith that acts. She trusted that contact with Jesus was enough.	Believe that even a small act of faith can unleash Jesus' power.
Matthew 9:22	Jesus turns, sees her, and says, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has healed you.' She is healed at that moment.	Take heart (tharsei) – be of good courage; Daughter – term of endearment; Faith – trust, reliance.	Jesus honors personal faith and restores identity along with health.	Bring your need to Jesus confidently; He responds with compassion and restoration.

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Matthew 9:23	Jesus enters the synagogue leader's house and sees noisy crowd and flute players for the funeral.	Flute players – common at Jewish funerals to express mourning; Noisy crowd – professional mourners.	Jesus walks into scenes of despair carrying resurrection power.	Invite Jesus into your darkest places; His presence changes everything.
Matthew 9:24	He says, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laugh at him.	Asleep (katheudō) – metaphor for temporary death; Laugh (katagelaō) – ridicule, scorn.	Jesus redefines death, showing it is only temporary for those He touches.	Trust Jesus' perspective even when others mock or doubt.
Matthew 9:25	After the crowd is put outside, Jesus goes in, takes the girl by the hand, and she gets up.	Takes by the hand – gentle yet powerful touch; Gets up (ēgerthē) – same word used for resurrection.	Jesus' touch brings life. His power over death is absolute.	Rely on Jesus' power to raise what seems beyond hope.
Matthew 9:26	News of this spreads through all that region.	News (pheme) – report, fame; Region (chōra) – surrounding countryside.	Miracles testify to Jesus' divine authority and spread His fame.	Share what Jesus has done so others can believe.

Summary Revelation

This passage displays **Jesus' supreme authority over disease and death**. Both Jairus's bold request and the bleeding woman's quiet touch show that **faith—whether public or private—draws Jesus' life-giving power**.

Cross References

Matthew 9:18

A synagogue leader kneels before Jesus, asking Him to raise his dead daughter.

- **Mark 5:22–23; Luke 8:41–42** – Parallels, naming the leader Jairus.
- **Matthew 8:2** – Another person kneels in faith before Jesus.
- **Hebrews 11:35** – Women receive their dead back to life by faith.
- **John 11:25** – Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Theme: Faith reaches out to Jesus even in the face of death.

Matthew 9:19

Jesus rises and follows, with His disciples.

- **Mark 5:24; Luke 8:42** – Parallels of Jesus going with Jairus.
- **Psalms 34:17** – The Lord hears and delivers when the righteous cry out.

Theme: Jesus responds to faith with compassionate action.

Matthew 9:20–21

A woman with a twelve-year hemorrhage touches Jesus' garment in faith.

- **Mark 5:25–28; Luke 8:43–44** – Detailed parallels.
- **Leviticus 15:25–27** – Laws about ceremonial uncleanness from chronic bleeding.

- **Malachi 4:2** – “The Sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings” (the edge of His garment).
- **Hebrews 11:6** – Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Theme: Persistent, humble faith brings healing and restoration.

Matthew 9:22

Jesus says, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has healed you.”

- **Mark 5:34; Luke 8:48** – Parallels with the same tender words.
- **Isaiah 43:1–2** – “Fear not, for I have redeemed you.”
- **Romans 5:1–2** – Peace and access to God through faith.

Theme: Jesus’ personal word confirms healing and restores identity.

Matthew 9:23–24

Jesus tells the mourners the girl is not dead but asleep; they laugh.

- **Mark 5:38–40; Luke 8:51–53** – Parallel scenes.
- **John 11:11** – Jesus calls Lazarus’s death “sleep.”
- **Daniel 12:2** – Those who sleep in the dust will awake.

Theme: For those in Christ, death is only temporary.

Matthew 9:25

Jesus takes the girl by the hand and she rises.

- **Mark 5:41–42; Luke 8:54–55** – Parallels, including Jesus' Aramaic words "Talitha koum."
- **1 Kings 17:21–22; 2 Kings 4:34–35** – Elijah and Elisha raise children from the dead.
- **John 11:43–44** – Jesus raises Lazarus.
- **John 14:19** – "Because I live, you also will live."

Theme: Jesus' touch carries resurrection life.

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News spreads throughout the region.

- **Mark 1:28; Luke 7:17** – Jesus' fame spreads after miracles.
- **Psalms 105:1–2** – Make known what God has done.

Theme: God's works are meant to be told, inspiring faith in others.