

## **HOW CAN MANS' GREATEST NEED BE FULFILLED?**

**Jesus' authority over sin revealed and demonstrated!**

Matthew 9:1-8

- I. UNDERSTAND ONLY JESUS BEING GOD HAS AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS** and come to Him in faith for forgiveness: Jesus forgives the paralytic of his sins **(1-2)**
  - A. A paralytic is brought to Jesus for forgiveness of his sins (1-2a)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Jesus responds to his faith by forgiving him of his sins (2b)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. RESPOND RIGHTLY TO THE TRUTH CONCERNING THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SET US FREE FROM OUR SIN.** Learn from three eternally different responses, the scribes evil thoughts, the paralytics obedience, and the multitudes ignorant unbelieving awe **(3-8)**
  - A. The scribes evil thoughts confronted (3-6)**
    - 1. The scribes evil yet internal response (3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - 2. Jesus knowing their evil thoughts confronts them (4-5)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - 3. Jesus demonstrates His authority to forgive by healing the paralytic (6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. The paralytics faith demonstrated** as he obeys and gives glory to God **(7)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. The multitudes eternally sad response:** Glory to God in the context of ignorant unbelieving awe **(8, 11:21-24)**