

How can I find forgiveness?

Matthew 9:1-8

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
Sunday 19th July 2026







1. A claim to forgive (v1-2)

The man who was paralysed:

- An obvious need

1 Peter 5v7

Cast all your anxiety on him [God] because he
cares for you

1. A claim to forgive (v1-2)

The man who was paralysed:

- An obvious need
- A deeper need

Romans 1v21

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

2. A claim to authority (v3-8)

The teachers of the Law – accuse Jesus of blasphemy

Matthew 9v5

Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,'
or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

2. A claim to authority (v3-8)

The teachers of the Law – accuse Jesus of blasphemy

Jesus – claims the authority to forgive sins



“A room of death and gloom became a place of joy and hope.”