

Matthew 9:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Analysis

Jesus' question 'Believe ye that I am able to do this?' tests and draws out their faith before healing. Faith must be expressed and owned personally, not merely assumed. Their answer 'Yea, Lord' affirms both belief in His ability and His lordship. By having them come 'into the house' before healing, Jesus creates an intentional, private moment for faith expression separate from the crowd.

Historical Context

Jesus frequently asked questions before healing to elicit faith expressions (contrast the centurion's unsolicited faith). The private healing may have been to avoid fueling Messianic expectations that focused on earthly benefits rather than spiritual salvation. Testing faith strengthens it.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How would you answer Jesus' question: Do you believe I am able?
2. What does Jesus' question-asking teach about His desire for personal faith, not just crowd following?

Interlinear Text

ἐλθόντι	δὲ	εἰς	τὴν	οἰκίαν	προσῆλθον	αὐτῷ	οἱ
when he was come	And	into	G3588	the house	came	to him	G3588
G2064	G1161	G1519		G3614	G4334	G846	
τυφλοί	καὶ	λέγουσιν	αὐτῷ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	Πιστεύετε	ὅτι
the blind men	and	They said	to him	G3588	Jesus	Believe ye	that
G5185	G2532	G3004	G846		G2424	G4100	G3754
δύναμαι	τοῦτο	ποιῆσαι	λέγουσιν	αὐτῷ	Ναί	κύριε	
I am able	this	to do	They said	to him	Yea	Lord	
G1410	G5124	G4160	G3004	G846	G3483	G2962	

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:2 (References Lord): And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 13:58 (Parallel theme): And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

John 11:26 (Faith): And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 11:40 (Faith): Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Matthew 8:14 (References Jesus): And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

Matthew 13:36 (References Jesus): Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

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