

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 the house came to him G3588 G3588
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τυφλοί καὶ λέγοντιν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς Πιστεύετε ὅτι
the blind men and They said to him Jesus Believe ye that
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δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι λέγοντιν αὐτῷ Ναί κύριε
I am able this to do They said to him Yea Lord
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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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