

Matthew 9:9-13
Who needs a Dr.?

The healer ...

I. A Sinner

- A. Matthew the Tax Collector
- B. Follows Jesus

II. A Sick Bunch of Sinners

- A. Publicans & Sinners
- B. Pharisees & Scribes

III. A Savior for the Sin Sick Soul

- A. Grim Diagnosis
- B. Miraculous Cure

... and the help we need.

Children, Listen ...

1. What was Matthew's job?
2. Why do you think he threw a party?
3. What kind of people were at his house?
4. Excepts for Jesus, were they all sinners? Did all of them know that?
5. Why is it important for us to know that we are all sinners that need God's forgiveness?

What Ails You?

I hate to break it to you, but there's something wrong with you. If you ignore that fact you will just keep plugging along staying the course of your life, but it won't go well in the end. It's not medical thing that concerns me. If you ignore a lurking medical condition it may not go well for you, your condition could possibly become dangerous and it may even turn deadly. If you suspect something is physically wrong with you, please see a Dr.! On the other hand, you may be physically fit for the time being, so don't worry. But there is a condition that we all face – every one of us – it's call total depravity, that little three letter word sin. Our sin will consume us if it is not addressed. Our original sin carries a death sentence and our actual transgressions verify our terminally ill condition. The prognosis is not good, and if something is not done, we are doomed. Thankfully there is a cure, but it is one that only the Great Physician Jesus can provide. We all need the same cure, salvation by grace alone through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sadly, many don't see a need for a cure at all because they have convinced themselves that they are somehow spiritually healthy, they are just fine and don't need a healer. Others feel as though their wretched condition puts them out of reach of any cure. Both end up wallowing in a miserable condition. But Jesus has come to save sinners and heal sin sick souls, giving them life and that abundantly. But we must see our need and look to Him. We need the Healer of Souls. No one is healthy enough to overcome spiritual death – no one is too spiritually sick for Jesus' cure. We all need the life-saving healing hand of Jesus to restore us now and make us fit for heaven when our time comes. Do you know what's wrong with you? I hope you do, and that you have looked to Jesus to heal your condition.