

Treasure Hunt

- What common theme characterizes the last three miracles?
- How is the first miracle of the third section linked structurally to the first three miracles?
- What requirement for healing does ch. 8-9 repeatedly emphasize?
- Contrast the attitude of the father and the mourners.
- Compare this pair with Matthew and the previous candidates for discipleship.
- Why is the woman so secretive about approaching the Lord?
- Was the girl really dead, in light of 9:24?

Structure of Matt 8-9: aaA B aaa B Aaa

Healings and Miracles

8:2-4, Leper (**Worship**)
8:5-13, Centurion's Servant
8:14-17, Peter's Mother-in-law (and others)
Theme: Unworthy People

8:23-27, Calming the Sea
8:28-34, Gadarene Demoniacs
9:2-8, Palsied Man
Theme: Response, Divine Messiah

9:18-26, Ruler's Daughter & Woman with Issue (Worship**)**
9:27-31, Two Blind Men
9:32-34, Deaf and Dumb Man
Theme: Fame, Opposition

Discipleship

8:18-22, The Reluctant Scribe and Disciple
Personal Cost: Deprivation

9:9, Call of Matthew
9:10-17, Pharisees and John's Disciples
Social Cost: Rejection

OT Background to the Healing of the Woman in Matt 9:20

Lev 15:19 And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. ... 25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean.

Num 15:37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: 39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: 40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

Minstrels at a Funeral?

2Sa 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a **wise woman**, and said unto her, I pray thee, **feign thyself to be a mourner**, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

Amo 5:16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and **such as are skilful of lamentation** to wailing.

Jer 9:17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and **call for the mourning women**, that they may come; and send for cunning *women*, that they may come:

9:24 “not dead, but sleepeth”

The summary to John:

Mat 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight [9:27-31], and the lame walk [9:2-8], the lepers are cleansed [8:2-4], and the deaf hear [9:32-34], **the dead are raised up**, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Daniel’s vocabulary:

Dan 12:2 And many of them that **sleep** in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

Contemporary view of “resurrection”:

Before the coming of Christ, death was an absolute end. Recall the mockery with which Paul’s claim of resurrection was greeted in Athens (Acts 17:18, 32).

Act 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

Act 17:32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked:

What our Lord accomplished:

2Ti 1:10 the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

1Co 15:25-26 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Our Lord and Elisha

2Ki 4:32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.