

PERCEPTIONS

Matthew 9:1-13 | July 19, 2020

- I. Prayer

- II. Walking Forgiveness
 - A. So Jesus goes...

 - B. Jesus sees and says
 - 1. Their faith

 - 2. The evil in their hearts

 - 3. Sin as the *heart* of human need

 - C. People who write things behaving badly, or, can God blaspheme himself?
 - 1. Two Questions from Jesus
 - a. Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your head?

 - b. Which is easier: *to say*, “Your sins are forgiven” or *to say* “Get up and walk”?

 - D. The Crowds

- III. A Brief Interlude on Calling
 - A. Calling – in specific and in general
 - 1. This specific tax collector
 - a. What does it mean to be a tax collector under Herod Antipas in Galilee?

 - b. Sinners

 - c. Jesus eating with them

 - 2. A call for all

- IV. Thoughts / Questions
 - A. Wrestling with our Perceptions, and trust that Jesus sees true (If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...)

 - B. When it comes to our perceptions of events, how easy or hard is it to attempt to understand how God sees it (or does God always see events the way we do?)

- V. Prayer