New Beginnings: The Healing Touch of Christ

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- **MATTHEW’S GOSPEL:**
- **CHAPTER 1 & 2:** Deal With The Birth Of Christ;
- **CHAPTER 3:** Jesus Is Baptized In Water & Empowered By The Holy Spirit
- **CHAPTER 4:** Jesus Overcomes The Temptation Of The Devil
  - He Begins To Preach “Repent For The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Near”
  - He Calls His First Disciples: Peter, Andrew, James & John.
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- **Matthew 4:23-25 (NIV)**

  (23) Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (24) News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. (25) Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.
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• Jesus Began His Ministry With An Emphasis On Healing

• His Healing Ability Was A Focal Point Of His Ministry

• Hebrews 13:8 (NIV) (8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

• He Can Give Us A New Beginning Today Thru His Healing Power
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• Matthew 20:29-34 (NIV) (29) As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. (30) Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" (31) The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" (32) Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. (33) "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." (34) Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.
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• Jericho: An Oasis With Issues

• Matthew 20:29 (NIV) (29) As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.
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• **Be Aware Of Jesus**

• **Matthew 20:30 (NIV)** (30) Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going …

• **Get To Where He Is**
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• **They Call Out To Jesus**

• **Matthew 20:30-31 (NIV)**

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- **Psalm 86:1-7 (NIV)**
  1. Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. (2) Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you. (3) Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. (4) Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (5) You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you. (6) Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. (7) In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.
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• **Jesus Stopped**

• **Matthew 20:32 (NIV)** (32) Jesus stopped …

• **What Do You Want Me To Do For You?**

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- **Tell Him What You Need Him To Do**
- **Matthew 20:33 (NIV)** (33) "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."
- **James 4:2b (NIV)** (2) … You do not have, because you do not ask God.
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**Be Specific Even If It Seems Impossible**

(Mat 7:7 NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

(Mat 21:22 NIV) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

(Mark 11:24 NIV) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
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- **Allow The Lord To Touch You**

- **They Answered In Faith And Expectancy**

  (33) "Lord," … "we want our sight."

- **Matthew 20:34 (NIV)**

  (34) Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes…
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• Jesus’ Reaction:
  • He Had Compassion On Them
  • He Touched Them
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- The Lord Can Change Your Situation
- Receive His Change And Touch
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- **This Is Time For A New Beginning: This Is Time To Follow Him**
- **Matthew 20:34 (NIV)** (34) Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.
- **Jesus Is A Healer And He Can Give You A New Beginning**