**Matthew 8-9 – Signs and Sayings:**

**The purpose of miracles and figurative language in Matthew 8-9**

Three miracles **8:1-17**

Cleansing of the leper **8:1-4** (touched)

 Centurion’s tormented servant healed **8:5-13** (not touched)

Healed Peter’s mother-in-law **5:14-15** (touched)

**Isaiah 53:4** applied to healing as a sign of spiritual healing **8:16-17**

A figurative saying **8:18-22** *“Let the dead bury their own dead.”*

Three miracles **8:23-9:8** (all three performed by **Jesus speaking**)

Stilling of the storm **8:23-27** (spoke)

Casting out legion of tormented-to-bedemons **8:28-34** (spoke)

Healing of the paralytic **9:1-8** (spoke)

A figurative saying **9:9-12** *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”*

**Suffering** and **rejection** (**Isaiah 53:1-3**) will come to Jesus **9:13-17**

Three miracles **9:18-34** (all three signs were **reported**)

Daughter raised from death **9:18-26**

Faith’s appeal **9:18-19**

Faith’s action **9:20-22** (faith rewarded)

Faith’s absence **9:23-25** (Jesus was ridiculed)

Two blind men given sight **9:27-31** (faith rewarded)

Demon-possessed mute spoke **9:32-34** (Jesus was slandered)

**Isaiah 53:6** applied to spiritual condition of people and Jesus’ response **9:35-36**

A figurative saying **9:37-38** *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”*

Pray for laborers and be a laborer. Spread the word about what Jesus has done (prophesied in **Isa. 53**).