



Based on the preaching from Sunday **21 June 2026**, 'Supreme Authority, Scandalous Faith'

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Sermon Text: **Matt 9:18-34**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- Jesus has compassion on the four persons in need and demonstrates his authority over sickness, blindness, demons and death as evidence that the Kingdom of God has broken into this world.
- Each of the four receives the miracle, the healing, the demonstration of Jesus' authority they seek because of their sometimes scandalous faith - with Jesus telling the woman with the issue of blood and the blind men directly that their faith has healed them.
- Jesus is still in the miracle business as the Kingdom of God continues to be revealed when we exhibit faith.
- We don't know why some people receive miraculous answers to their faith and prayers, and others do not. But we do know that the ultimate healing is coming for all of us at the resurrection and in the meantime, God's comforting presence is with us.

Bible Study: The Swedish Method [**Matthew 9:18-34**]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for the readers life.

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