

The Authority of the King (Part 2)

Matthew 8:23-9:38

The Gospel of Matthew

THEME: King Jesus establishes His authority through the miraculous, but exercises His authority with compassion.

Introduction

Matthew's Gospel is good news that the long awaited promises of God are now being fulfilled in and through King Jesus. The King's identity is established through His teaching on the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5-7). The crowds are amazed that this Jesus teaches with such authority, but can He actually back it up? What we began to see last week in Matthew 8 and will continue to see today as we move into Matthew 9 is that, surprisingly, *HE CAN*. This Jesus not only speaks with authority, but He also confirms that authority through His actions. It's one thing to promise the amazing, but to deliver it instantly is another thing entirely. And this Jesus is doing things that neither money nor military might can accomplish. With a word or a touch this Jesus establishes His authority over sickness and disease, paralysis and disability, the natural elements and supernatural demonic forces, even sin and death are subject to Him. What would it be like to live under this King?

I. JESUS ESTABLISHES HIS AUTHORITY

- a. Jesus reigns over the natural and supernatural (8:23-34)
- b. Jesus reigns over the physical and spiritual (9:1-8)
- c. Jesus reigns over the cultural norms (social, political, and religious) (9:9-17)
- d. Jesus reigns over the enemy of death (9:18-26)
- e. Jesus reigns over the challenges of disability (9:27-31)
- f. Jesus reigns over the darkness of demonic oppression (9:32-34)

II. JESUS EXERCISES HIS AUTHORITY

- a. Jesus reigns with compassion (9:35-38)
- b. Jesus reigns without insecurity (9:37-10:42) – *Jesus extends His authority to others*

Connecting the Dots . . .

- As King, Jesus fulfills all the prophecies, pictures, and promises of the Old Covenant.
- As King, Jesus establishes His authority over sickness and disease.
- As King, Jesus establishes His authority over nature.
- As King, Jesus establishes His authority over the supernatural, demonic forces.
- As King, Jesus establishes His authority over the social, political, and religious structures.
- As King, Jesus establishes His authority over sin.
- As King, Jesus establishes His authority over death.
- As King, Jesus exercises His authority with compassion.

Shepherding the Sheep

1. How did people respond to Jesus as He performed the miraculous throughout Matthew 8 and 9?
2. How does Jesus exercise His authority within this new community He's creating? In light of Matthew 9:36, consider reading Ezekiel 34 to see with greater clarity the heart of our Shepherd-King.
3. How will you respond to Jesus?

