

The King and His People
The King's Realms
Matthew 8-9
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In this message we see the heart of Jesus expressed in his authority in 7 areas

1. Jesus has authority over _____.
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Discussion/Study Guide for
The King's Realm - Scripture: Matthew 8 to 9

In Matthew 11:4 Jesus makes an amazing answer to John's disciples when they inquired whether Jesus was the Messiah that they had been waiting for. Apparently, John had some doubts. Jesus was not doing what he expected.

What did Jesus say to John's disciples? As we examine Matthew 8- 9, we shall see that this is exactly what Jesus did. Another scripture to compare is Luke 4:18-19 Matthew 8-9 is the heart of Jesus expressed in his authority.

1. In verses 8:1-16, What does Jesus demonstrate his authority over? What do you notice about the leper and the Roman soldier? What does Jesus do in each of these healings? How would you have felt if you had been one of these men?
2. In verses 18-22, Who approached Jesus asking him to allow them to be his disciples? How did Jesus respond to them? What is Jesus looking for in people who become his disciples?
3. In verses 23-25, What does Jesus demonstrate his authority over? Describe what is happening in this story. How could Jesus sleep in the midst of such chaos? After Jesus stilled the storm, Why did he tell his disciples that they should not have been afraid and that they had so little faith? How would you have felt if you were one of his disciples in this boat?
4. On reaching the southeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, What did Jesus and the disciples encounter? What does Jesus demonstrate his authority over? Describe the details of this story and also look at Mark 5:1-20 for additional details.
5. After being rejected by the people in this region, Jesus and the disciples head back home. In this next encounter, What does Jesus demonstrate his authority over? Describe the story found in Matthew 9: 1-8. Why does Jesus forgive this man's sins before healing him? What kind of a reaction did Jesus receive from the religious leaders?
6. In the next encounter upon leaving town, Jesus sees Mathew in his tax collector booth. What authority does Jesus demonstrate by calling Mathew to follow him? What did Matthew do? How did the religious leaders respond to this? What does this tell us about Jesus?
7. Next Jesus receives an invitation from a synagogue ruler to come and raise up his little child. What does this story tell us about the authority of Jesus? Describe what was going on when Jesus arrived. What did Jesus do? Look at the story in John 11 to gain additional insight that Jesus has authority over death.
8. On leaving this home Jesus is confronted by two blind men. How did they address Jesus? What does this tell us about their spiritual insight? What did Jesus do?
9. Finally, some people brought a man possessed by a demon and could not speak. What did Jesus do? How did the religious leaders respond?
10. In between these stories some disciples of John the Baptist approach Jesus and ask him why he acts different than they do? How does Jesus respond to them? What does this tell us about Jesus?
11. Finally, after going through many villages preaching the gospel and healing many, Jesus sees a great need. What is he the authority of that we get to be a part of? What does He ask us to do? Will you be part of his harvest workers team?