

INTRODUCTION

- * We have been "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew." Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience and giving testimony regarding the life and ministry of the Messiah who had been foretold by many of the Jewish prophets.
- * Matthew has been declaring how Jesus of Nazareth met all of the requirements of messianic prophecies: His lineage, His birth, and His forerunner.
- * As we considered the message of the Messiah, we saw that the people were astonished because Jesus "taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."
- * All authority intrinsically is backed by some power. Behind the "exousia" (authority) there has to be some "dunamos" (power).
- * Last week we began to consider the proof of the messianic authority of Jesus as it was revealed in His power the physical and spiritual realms.
- * Today, Lord willing, we will be considering the display of Jesus' authority over demons and sin.

INSTRUCTION**I. OVER DEMONS (8:1-4, 5-13, 14-15; cf. Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39)****A. The P _____ :****B. The P _____ :**

1. THE D _____
2. THE "D _____ "
 - a. Their Number:
 - b. Their Description
 - c. Their Interaction with the Messiah
 - d. Their Deliverance
3. THE S _____
 - a. Their Situation
 - b. Their Reaction
4. THE C _____

II. OVER SIN (9:1-13)**A. The P _____ (9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-26)**

1. THE F _____ OF THE FRIENDS
2. THE F _____ OF THE MAN
 - a. His Diagnosis:
 - b. His Liberation:
3. THE R _____ OF THE CROWD
 - a. The Scribes & Pharisees
 - b. The People

B. The P _____ (9:9-13)

1. THE C _____ OF CHRIST:
2. THE C _____ OF CHRIST
 - a. The Objects of the Call:
 - b. The Objective of the Call:

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS? WHO IS HE?

- * WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE WAGES OF SIN?

- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS CAN FORGIVE YOU OF **ALL** OF YOUR SIN?

- * IS IT YOUR DESIRE TO LEAVE EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW JESUS?

- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How should we, as an assembly, address the various "maladies" that we see within our society?
- * Should equipping the saints include training in Christian Counseling? How many would be interested in being trained?