

**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.
- \* Over the past month, we have considered the message of the Messiah. Last week, we saw that when Jesus had concluded His teaching, the people were astonished because "He 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).
- \* The goal for the next three weeks is to consider the proof of the messianic authority of Jesus as it was revealed in His power the physical and spiritual realms.
- \* Today, our focus is on the display of Jesus' authority over diseases and nature.

**INSTRUCTION****I. OVER DISEASE (8:1-4, 5-13, 14-15)****A. The Leper: S \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Leviticus 13-14)**

1. HIS F \_\_\_\_\_  
\* cf. Matthew 21:21-22; John 14:13-14; 15:7; James 1:5-8; 4:3; 2 Cor 12:7-9
2. HIS H \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Centurion's Servant: P \_\_\_\_\_**

1. THE CENTURION'S F \_\_\_\_\_
2. THE SERVANT'S H \_\_\_\_\_
3. THE MESSIAH'S E \_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Mother-in-Law of Peter: F \_\_\_\_\_**

1. THE E \_\_\_\_\_ OF COMPASSION
2. THE F \_\_\_\_\_ OF PROPHECY (cf. Isaiah 53:4)

**II. OVER NATURE (8:18-27)****A. The D \_\_\_\_\_ of the Disciples**

1. THE FIRST CRISIS
2. THE SECOND CRISIS

**B. The D \_\_\_\_\_ of the Disciples**

1. THE P \_\_\_\_\_ OF FAITH
2. THE P \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST (cf. Mark 4:39)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHAT DO **YOU** BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS? WHO IS HE?
- \* DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE IS STILL ABLE TO CURE THE INCURABLE?
- \* DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE CAN SILENCE THE STORM ... BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY?
- \* WHEN YOU CRY OUT TO JESUS ARE YOU CONCERNED WITH HIS WILL, OR JUST YOUR OWN?
- \* 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 does Jesus' healing ministry effect us as an assembly? How should we view, and interact with, other healing ministries?
- \* How should/can this passage impact our ministry in regards to praying?