

**The Gospel of Matthew #76**

**Overview of Matthew 8-9: authority & compassion in action**

<b>8:1-17</b>	<b>3 healings</b>	<b>8:18-22</b>	<b>cost of following Jesus</b>
<b>8:18- 9:8</b>	<b>3 miracles</b>	<b>9:9-17</b>	<b>Matt called; a New Day</b>
<b>9:18-34</b>	<b>3 healings</b>	<b>9:35-38</b>	<b>summary of authority &amp; compassion</b>

**AUTHORITY AND COMPASSION**

**Matthew 8:1-17**

7:29 calls attention to Jesus' **authority**. Taught with authority. Now see Him **act** with authority. But see that authority always used with great compassion.

1<sup>ST</sup> 3 healings:

I. The **LEPER**

Authority: "Lord"

"If You are **willing**" (not "able")

Compassion: "I am willing. Be clean!"

Curse of leprosy: unclean! Cursed!

Jesus ***touched*** him!

(Do not tell anyone. Why: Mk 1:43-45)

II. The **CENTURION and his SERVANT**

Authority: "Lord"      (Compassion: will go to Gentile's home)

No need. He understands **authority**

Amazing **faith** of a Gentile (Cf Magi in Mt 2)

Jesus declares who will be at the Feast of the Kingdom

### III. Particular (Peter's mother-in-law) & General (**all sick & demonized**)

Authority: over fever

Over demons!

Over ALL sick: none too difficult! And compassion on all!

8:17 points to fulfillment of **Isa 53:4**

He took up our infirmities

He carried our sorrows (Isa) /diseases (Mt)

Isa 53:5 is about His substitutionary sacrifice

So healings point to the cross because sickness is a picture-result directly or indirectly of our sin.

Think of the leper. Leprosy a picture of sin.

Jews expected when Jesus touched the leper, He would become unclean.

But opposite: the leper becomes clean!

Jesus bore the leprosy/sin on the cross, paid the curse in full.

Why He rose again.

Why you clean from your sin if trust Jesus (Heb 10:19-22)

So healings are a picture of the Kingdom where no sickness

And of His atonement which makes us clean!

#### Lessons

1. We all are \_\_\_\_\_ and suffer from sin. Much bigger issue than our uncertain financial future!
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ hope is Jesus, the Healer  
His authority and compassion
3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ our need and come to Him  
Many of you are still sick because you refuse to admit you are sick and helpless to make yourself better
4. We must have \_\_\_\_\_ that He can and will heal us

Recall 7:13-20: Narrow Way and false prophets who have a "more positive" message.

Reality and Gospel are the best message of all!