

Matthew 8 and 9

Highlights the authority Jesus has over sickness, demons, the chaos of nature, sin, and death itself.

Verse 28 His authority is the authority of grace. His power is precisely the power to restore, forgive, heal, and make whole.

8:1-4

This is what it looks like to have God with Us, Immanuel.

Jesus seeks to make disciples, some from the crowd respond by faith and call Jesus "Lord."

In Matthew Jesus' disciples always address Him as Lord.

When Jesus touches the leper, Jesus doesn't become unclean, only purity and holiness, not only cleansing the leper but restoring him to fellowship with God's people.

8:5-13

Centurion- Would contradict a pearls before swine interpretation of who to share the Gospel with.

8:11- Many come from east and west are Gentiles. Gal 3

8:12- Contrast of Mt 21 two sons

8:18-27 Obligation to the family, his father is not dead. Let me postpone following You.

Jesus has the authority to restore order to Creation itself! Rom 8 Groaning...

8:28-34

How do you get lower than demon possessed Gentile living in a tomb? Jesus cleanses them. Pearls before swine?

James 2:19

Read Matthew 8:29; 25:41. What is the end of the devil and all his evil angels?

Possessed men go out to meet Jesus-the city goes out to meet Jesus. Beseech Jesus to send them into pigs-City beseech Jesus to go away! Jesus is not always met with faith. For every leper and centurion there is a city opposed to Jesus!