

# The Gospel of Matthew

The gospel of the Messiah, His Kingdom and His People

## LESSON 6

### MATTHEW 8: 1 – 9: 17

In the Sermon on the Mount we saw Jesus proclaim his divine authority as the Messiah. We also saw His challenge to us in being His disciples. And we can each ask ourselves if we:

- Have the character of a disciple shown in the Beatitudes
- Have a true and genuine righteousness through devotion to Him and not a self-righteousness masked by false piety
- Desire God's kingdom and righteousness before everything else

We will now turn to the events that occur in the aftermath of Jesus' sermon in Chapters 8 and 9.

#### I. Chapter 8

##### A) Chapter 8: 1 - 4

**Question 1:** What was the law of Moses concerning touching a leper? Leviticus 13: 45-46. What did Jesus want his healing of the leper to show the priests?

##### B) Chapter 8: 5 - 13

**Question 2:** What does Jesus state is the basis of His Kingdom? v. 10. Who does Jesus say can enter the kingdom by faith?

**Question 3:** From the example of the Centurion, what will faith cause us to recognize about Jesus and do in response to Him?

##### C) Chapter 8: 14 – 17

**Question 4:** What prophecy does Matthew identify as being fulfilled by the events of vv. 14-17?

D) Chapter 8: 23 – 27

**Question 5:** What authority does Jesus demonstrate in vv. 23-27? See also Job 38:8-11; Jonah 1:15-16.

E) Chapter 8: 27 - 34

**Question 6:** How do faithless people react to Jesus upon recognizing His true nature?

II. Chapter 9

A) Chapter 9: 1 – 8

The events of verse 9:1-8 parallel those of Mark 2:3-12 and Luke 5:18-26

**Question 7:** What purpose for His healing act does Jesus give? v. 6. Note that Jesus makes his intention clear before a large crowd.

**Question 8:** How do the crowds react? v. 8.

B) Chapter 9: 9 - 13

**Question 9:** What reason does Jesus give for eating with sinners? v. 13. How does His answer show the authority He announced in 9: 1- 8?

**Question 10:** What may be the significance of Jesus referencing God's statement in Hosea 6: 6? v. 13.

C) Chapter 9: 14 – 17

**Question 11:** What answer does Jesus give to John's disciples concerning fasting by His disciples? What do you think Jesus is saying about himself compared to John and the Pharisees in this statement?