

# The Gospel of Matthew

The gospel of the Messiah, His Kingdom and His People

## LESSON 7

### MATTHEW 9: 17 – 10:24

In Chapters 8 and 9 we saw Jesus follow his dramatic sermon on the mount, with its teachings “astonishing” the people, with repeated demonstrations of his divine power and authority. We concluded last week's study looking at Jesus' response to the disciples of John concerning Jesus' disciples practice in fasting. Jesus' response showed His distinct authority as the Messiah– the one who sandals John said he was not worthy to untie– and that the faithful of Israel should recognize the Messiah among them and response to Him. In this week's lesson, we will look further at the events Matthew presents in further revealing Jesus as the Messiah.

#### I. Chapter 9: 18 - 38

##### A) Chapter 9: 18 – 26

**Question 1:** How does the synagogue ruler respond to Jesus? v. 18.

**Question 2:** Does the woman in v. 21 actually touch Jesus? How does this emphasize Jesus' statement about her faith in v. 22?

##### B) Chapter 9: 27 - 31

**Question 3:** What question does Jesus ask the blind men v. 28? How does that question emphasize his statement in v. 29?

##### C) Chapter 9: 32 - 34

**Question 4:** Contrast the reactions of the crowd and the Pharisees to Jesus' demonstration of power over demons.

D) Chapter 9: 35 - 38

**Question 5:** What is Jesus' response to the crowds? How does this show His true nature?  
See Isaiah 40: 11.

II. Chapter 10

A) Chapter 10: 1 – 4

**Question 6:** What theme does Matthew continue in v. 1?

B) Chapter 10: 5 - 15

**Question 7:** What would the disciples preach? v. 7; Mt. 3:2, 4:17.

**Question 8:** What may have been the purpose of Jesus' instructions to the disciples in vv. 8-11? v. 13-14.

C) Chapter 10: 16 - 25

**Question 9:** What do you think is the meaning of Jesus' instruction to his disciples to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves"? How should we apply that instruction?

**Question 10:** What promise does Jesus make to his disciples in vv. 20 and 21? How can we have the same confidence today of God's support?

**Question 11:** What is the likely response Jesus predicts his disciples would receive? Why? v. 24-25?

Note Jesus' statement in v. 23 that the disciples would not preach in all Israel "before the Son of Man comes." He will later make similar statements in Ch. 16: 28, 23: 36 and 24: 34.