## SERMON NOTES

## Jesus the Messiah's Authority Revealed, Part 3 Over Death and Disease - Matthew 9:18-38

**Introduction:** In the final section of Matthew's description of Jesus' ministry through miracles, he groups together those demonstrations of divine authority and power that will later be used by Jesus to answer the question: *Are you The One or do we look for another?* (11:3). In so doing, Matthew continues his primary theme in the first half of his biography of Jesus: *Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah!* 

## **Simple Sermon**

Those who believe Jesus of Nazareth is God the Son and the promised Messiah will own his Kingdom mission as their own life mission.

Review ... Where have we come in Matthew?

- 1. Jesus' Authority over Sin's Effects on Humanity: Disease and Death vs. 18-26
- 2. Jesus' Authority over Blindness, Both Physical and Spiritual: vs. 27-31
- 3. Jesus' Authority over the Demonic Realm and Its Diseases: vs. 32-34
- 4. Jesus' Kingdom Ministry Essentials: vs. 35-38
  - a) Proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom in power and authority
  - b) Displaying true compassion for people
  - c) Working through faithful co-laborers

Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Matthew 9:38

## WEEKLY QUESTIONS

**MONDAY** | Read Matthew 11:1-5. In this text, Jesus recounts the miracles where the Old Testament says what The Messiah will accomplish. Now think through Matthew 9:18-32. How many on Jesus' list are grouped by Matthew in this section when you understand that being mute is the result of being deaf?

**TUESDAY** | In Matthew 9:23-25, we read of Jesus' first restoration of a dead person back to life. How does this relate to his Messianic authority over the wages of sin?

**WEDNESDAY** | Read Matthew 9:32-34. What are the different responses to Jesus' miraculous healing of the mute man's ears and speech? How are these responses demonstrated in our world today? Why do some refuse to believe in the person and work of Jesus?

**THURSDAY** Read Matthew 9:35-38. In the sermon, three aspects of Jesus' Kingdom ministry were presented. What were they? How do they continue to define our part in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, living out compassion for people, and being invested as Jesus' co-workers in the harvest fields?

**FRIDAY |** *PRAY:* Gracious Heavenly Father, the study of Matthew 8-9 has reminded me so deeply that my Savior, Jesus, God the Son and Messiah, is omnipotent, and no opposition brought against him and his Kingdom will stand! Forgive me, Lord, for the fears that I allow to rise up in my heart when I have the privilege of resting in the promises of my Lord Jesus. Forgive me for giving in to worry, to anger, and to other harmful emotions when I have been sought out, and rescued, and redeemed, and forgiven my Jesus, the Lord of all Creation. And Father, remind me often that being a "new creation in Christ" means my life matters and that I am, and must be, a light in this dark world by which others may come to see Jesus, believe and trust in him, and join in as a co-laborer in the fields of his harvest! In the Name of Jesus, Amen!