

# TO BE A DISCIPLE

## Unit 1501: *Ten Miracles Reveal the AUTHORITY of Christ – Part 2*

Matthew 7:28-9:34

### CONTINUITY FROM LAST SESSION (October 27, 2024)

1. Jesus calls twelve 'rookies' to be His disciples – and engage in mission.
2. Matthew is a Jewish Rookie Disciple who wants to introduce OT Jews to Jesus.
3. Jesus performs 'boot-camp training' in the Sermon on the Mountain (Matthew 5-7).
4. Next Jesus gives 'crash course' on embracing His AUTHORITY (demand obedience).
5. Performs 10 (completion) MIRACLES that demonstrate AUTHORITY.

### A. AUTHORITY MIRACLE #4: JESUS CALMS A STORM (Matthew 8:23-27)

1. SEA OF GALILEE was noted for sudden violent storms
2. PSALM 107:23-32
3. Jesus' has TOTAL AUTHORITY OVER NATURE

### B. AUTHORITY MIRACLE #5: (3) JESUS EXORCISES TWO DEMONIACS (8:28-34)

1. Jesus is called SON OF GOD for first time in Gospel of Matthew.
2. Demons recognize Jesus' TOTAL AUTHORITY over Satan and demonic forces.
3. Two possible responses to Jesus Christ: (1) FAITH or (2) UNBELIEF

### C. AUTHORITY MIRACLE #6: JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED PERSON (Matthew 9:1-8)

1. Disease and Paralysis are manifestations of sin's destructive power.
2. PSALM 38:3
3. The real issue here: JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER SIN ITSELF!
4. BLASPHEMY: Sin of a human claiming the place and power of God.
5. LEVITICUS 24:16

### D. JESUS REVEALS HIS AUTHORITY WITH THREE METAPHORS (Matthew 8:9-17)

1. JESUS THE CALLER (Calls people out of sin and suffering)
2. JESUS THE PHYSICIAN (Heal SICK (infected) WITH SIN – and sin-devastation)
3. JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM (Bringer of IMMEDIATE JOY)
4. Jesus is NOT a new "patch" is sewn onto "old wineskins" of Israel's piety.

### E. AUTHORITY MIRACLES #7 and #8 : A GIRL RAISED TO LIFE and a WOMAN HEALED (Matthew 9:18-26)

1. RULER = (*layman in charge of the local synagogue in Capernaum*)
2. Account is interrupted by a woman with constant menstrual hemorrhage.
3. LEVITICUS 15:19-25
4. Jesus' authority over death shatter wall of ridicule and unbelief

### F. AUTHORITY MIRACLE #9: JESUS HEALS TWO BLIND MEN (Matthew 9:27-31)

1. *Son of David* designation is AUTHENTIC MESSIANIC LANGUAGE (Matthew 1:1)
2. Jesus is not interested in 'putting on a show'.

**G. AUTHORITY-MIRACLE #10: JESUS HEALS A MAN UNABLE TO SPEAK  
(Matthew 9:32-34)**

1. PHARISEES accuse Jesus of exorcising demons through Satan's power.
2. Only two possible responses to Jesus and the Kingdom of God: a) Faith and fruit of Obedience to Authority b) Unbelief and fruit of Disobedience to Authority
3. The 10 MIRACLES OF JESUS are acts of SELF-REVELATION (Son of Man, Son of David and Son of God)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How many miracles does Matthew record in this section? Significance of that number?
2. What do the first 3 miracles {Leper cleansed, Centurion Servant healed, Peter's Mother-in-Law} tell us about Jesus?
3. In the first interlude between the miracles, Jesus uses a title about Himself for the first time. What is it? What do you think it means?
4. How does Jesus deal with the two "volunteers" for the Kingdom of God? What is the point of his answers to these two men?
5. What does the second series of miracles (Still the Storm, Gadarene demoniacs, Paralytic forgiven and healed) teach is about Jesus? What are the miracles? Describe them briefly.
6. What is the point of the story about the healing of the paralytic? How does what Matthew stresses in the story effect us today?
7. In the second interlude between the miracles, Jesus is described with three terms. What are those terms - and why do they apply to Jesus?
8. Matthew indicates that Jesus aroused the hostility of two groups in Judaism. Who are they?
9. The last four miracles (Woman with hemorrhage, Ruler's daughter raised, 2 blind men, dumb demoniac) show us something important about Jesus. What is the new term applied to Him by the blind men. What does it tell us about Jesus?
10. This entire section about the Authority-Miracles of Jesus shows us that there are only two possible responses to Jesus. What are they?