

Authority (Matthew 8:1-17)

Part One

Introduction

- How do we often feel when we encounter people who have authority?
- What did people notice about Jesus when he finished the Sermon on the Mount?
- What does Matthew 8 – 9 show us about Jesus?

Matthew 8:1-17

- What two things in Story One (v2-4) show Jesus' authority?
 - i)
 - ii)
- Story Two (v5-13) shows a centurion's faith. What do his words mean in v8-9?
- What is the only occasion other than v10 when Jesus is said to be astonished?
- What is Jesus saying in v11-12?
- What two things in Story Two show his authority?
 - i)
 - ii)
- What is striking about the healing of Peter's mother-in-law in Story Three (v14-17)?
- What two things in Story Three show Jesus' authority?
 - i)
 - ii)
- How do we often respond to Jesus' authority?
- How should we respond to it?

Part Two

Lessons

- What is the first lesson we can learn from our passage?
- What does that mean?
- What does Hebrews 13:8 say about our Lord?
- What does that mean for us?
- What is the second lesson we can learn from our passage?
- How does Story Two teach that in particular?
- How can we lapse into bad habits when it comes to faith?
- Prove that all our wishes might not necessarily come true if only we have faith.
- So what does faith do?
- What, according to v11-12, makes the difference between being part of God's kingdom and being excluded from God's kingdom?
- Where do you stand?
- What is the third lesson we can learn from our passage?
- Why is v17 significant?
- Where does Matthew quote from?
- What is that chapter all about?
- What do Jesus' healing miracles not guarantee to us?
- But what do they show?
- List some thing which will not be present in the age to come.