



The Messiah at Work, Part 2 (Matt. 8:23-9:8)

1. Christ's Authority over Nature

- a. Panicking in a great storm (vv. 23-25)**
- b. Marvelling in a great calm (vv. 26-27)**

2. Christ's Authority over Demons

- a. The terrifying demoniacs (v. 28)**
- b. The terrified demoniacs (vv. 29-31)**
- c. The powerful Christ (v. 32)**
- d. The unwelcoming people (vv. 33-34)**

3. Christ's Authority to Forgive Sin

- a. The priority of forgiveness (v. 1-2)**
- b. The problem of forgiveness (v. 3)**
- c. The proof of forgiveness (vv. 4-8)**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
2. Can you think of a time in your life when it seemed like God was asleep, and you panicked like the disciples? How did God bring you through that crisis and show His power in your life?
3. Does it surprise you that the disciples asked for Jesus' help (8:25) and yet were shocked and surprised when He gave it (8:27)? Have you ever acted in this way?
4. What do the following passages tell us about Satan's activity in the unbelieving world? What do they tell us about his activity in the lives of believers?

Ephesians 2:1-3; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18, 3:5; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 12:9.

5. Jesus commanded demons with a word (8:32), just like He directly commanded the weather (8:26) and physical healing (9:6) with His words.

How do the following passages instruct us to engage in spiritual warfare? What are the differences between what Jesus did, and what we're instructed to do?

Romans 16:19-20; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:26-27, 6:10-18; 2 Timothy 2:23-26; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9, Revelation 12:10-11.

6. On what basis could Jesus forgive the paralyzed man's sins? Could He just ignore everything wrong the man had done? How does Romans 3:23-26 answer this question?
7. How is today's passage summoning you to respond to Jesus? Are there any steps you need to take in how you will act, think, feel, or pray?