



Week Seven

Miracles of the King

Matthew 8 & 9

Read and Summarize

Read chapters 8 and 9. Provide a brief summary in one to two sentences for each chapter, using your own words to capture the main events.

Matthew 8

Matthew 9

Clarifying the Context

1. After demonstrating His authority through teaching in chapters 6-7, Jesus now reveals His authority through ten miracles in chapters 8-9. For each one, identify the area over which Jesus is showing His authority.
 - a. Leper
 - b. Centurion

- c.** Peter's mother-in-law
- d.** The storm
- e.** Demon-possessed man
- f.** Paralytic
- g.** Ruler's daughter
- h.** Bleeding woman
- i.** Two blind men
- j.** Mute man

Digging into the Details

Matthew 8

- 2. a.** In the healing of the leper, why do you think Jesus told him to “be clean”?
(See Leviticus 13:45-46)

- b.** Why do you think Jesus instructed him to stay silent about what had happened?

- 3.**
 - a.** Describe the Roman centurion's faith that caused Jesus to marvel.

 - b.** Considering the centurion was a Gentile (a non-Jewish person), what do you think Jesus was communicating in verses 11-12?

- 4.** In verse 17, we are told that Jesus was fulfilling what was prophesied by Isaiah. Read Isaiah 53.
 - a.** What was Jesus revealing about Himself and His mission through these healings?

 - b.** In light of that, why do you think Matthew records Jesus initiating His healing ministry with a leper, a Gentile, and a woman?

c. How is all of this good news for us?

5. Look at verses 18-22.

a. What does Jesus tell the two men who think they are ready to follow Him?

b. Why do you think Matthew interjects a story about the cost of discipleship in the midst of these miracle stories?

6. The next three miracles, found in Matthew 8:23-9:8, continue to demonstrate the deity of Jesus. Only God can control creation, exercise power over evil, and forgive sins. Read over these three accounts.

a. How might these demonstrations help us to respond with faith over fear in times of trouble?

b. Look at what Jesus prioritized in the story of the paralytic. What does this communicate to us about what our ultimate need is?

Matthew 9

- 7.** In verses 9-13, Matthew shares his own story of being a sinner pursued by Jesus.
 - a.** How do the Pharisees respond to Jesus' willingness to associate with and accept Matthew?
 - b.** What does their response reveal about their understanding of righteousness?
- 8.** Look at Isaiah 62:5 and Hosea 2:19-20.
 - a.** In these passages, who is identified as the bridegroom, and what is the bridegroom going to do?
 - b.** Based on the above, why is it significant that Jesus refers to Himself as the bridegroom in Matthew 9:14-15?
 - c.** What does this have to do with fasting? (Hint: fasting prior to this point was always done in a state of longing or mourning.)

- 9.** What do you think the parables about the garments and wineskins mean in verses 14-17?
- 10.** The final four miracles in Matthew 9 reveal that Jesus has authority to heal suffering, bring life out of death, give sight to the blind, and deliver those under the power of the enemy.
- a.** Where in your life are you struggling to believe that God can still heal, restore, and redeem?
 - b.** Look up Ephesians 3:20-21. Meditate on this truth and ask the Lord to help you believe that He is able to do far more abundantly than we could ask or think.
- 11.** Jesus is able. Still, the purpose of these specific miracles is not to promise healing, but to proclaim that the long-awaited King has come. They also give us a picture of what His Kingdom will look like when He comes back and makes all things new.
- a.** How does this give you hope if you never receive the miracle you long for on this side of eternity?

- b.** As we wait for the day when we will be fully restored, in what ways have you seen Jesus begin His redemptive work in your life?

- 12.** These chapters end with Jesus calling His disciples to pray. Spend some time asking the Lord to show you where specifically He is calling you to “gospel labor,” and spend time praying that He would continue to send more laborers into His harvest.

Attribute of God & Application

- What did this week’s study reveal to you about King Jesus and His Kingdom?
- How do these chapters encourage or challenge you in your life currently?

**Spend some time praising God for who He is and for what He has done.
Ask Him to help you as you seek to live in light of His Word this week.**

