

The Gospel of Matthew #79

Overview of Matthew 8-9: authority & compassion in action

8:1-17	3 healings	8:18-22	cost of following Jesus
8:18-9:8	3 miracles	9:9-17	Matt called; a New Day
9:18-34	3 healings	9:35-38	summary of authority & compassion

AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS**Matthew 8:28-34**

Matthew continues to unfold the amazing authority of Jesus.

Not only over winds and waves, but over hundreds of demons!

The story in its fullness: Matt 8:28-34 // Mk 5:1-20 // Lk 8:26-37

Matthew's focus: His **authority** over the demons:

I. They recognize His _____ & _____ :

A. He is the Son of God

The Q the disciples asked, they answer: Who is this??

B. They are His enemies

C. They have no power against Him

He can do whatever He wishes with them

D. There will be a final judgment where they will be destroyed

II. The exorcism:

A. He grants them permission to enter and destroy the pigs

They want to destroy whatever they can, and also turn the people against Him

He uses this to prove that demons were the cause of the men's misery, and show His power to expel them

B. The men are transformed

Delivered from hopeless bondage and misery to new life

III. The reaction of the Gadarenes:

- A. They also can only plead with Him
They fear Him (Lk 8:35)

- B. They do not welcome Him!
Not only Jews, but Gentiles reject His authority.
They care more for pigs (prosperity) than people.
Consider their loss!

- C. One man loved and wanted to follow Jesus
Rather he obeyed and became His missionary to the area where he lived

And Jesus left (9:1), having come only to save these two men.

What is your recognition of His Person and Power?

- 2008 elections
- 2008 financial crisis

Jesus is still majestically in control over history

What is your reaction?

What difference has Jesus' authority made to you in the last two weeks?

Do you see yourself as needy as those two men? And Jesus as willing and able to transform and heal you?