The Gospel of Matthew

"The Authority of Jesus"
Matthew 8:1-17

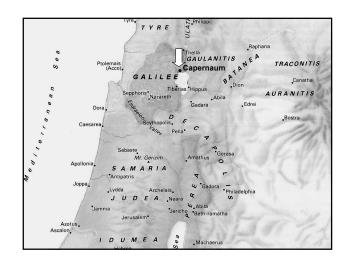
Matthew 7:28-29

"And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, that the multitudes were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority and not as their scribes."

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Jesus' Authoritative Teaching

- He did not quote other teachers but asserted His own direct authority ("I say to you")
- He claimed to be the one who determines who enters the kingdom, and that the determining factor is whether He knows you



Jesus' Authority Displayed

Matthew 8:1-17: Overview

- 1. Jesus' authority over disease immediate, complete healings with a touch or word
- 2. Jesus' compassion to social outcasts a leper, a Gentile, a woman

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- 1. Cleansing the Leper
 - > Jesus' messianic fulfillment
 - displayed evidence of Jesus' identity as the promised Messiah
 - represents Jesus' fulfillment of the Law and the dawning of the messianic kingdom

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- 2. Healing the Centurion's Servant
 - > inclusion of Gentiles by faith
 - he recognized that Jesus' authority to heal was none less than God's authority
 - he represents the many Gentiles who will be part of the kingdom based on faith in Jesus

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- 3. Healing Peter's Mother-in-law
 - > healing as a function of the cross
 - all sickness and corruption are the indirect results of sin
 - sin and its effects are removed by Jesus through His atoning death
 - Jesus' healing miracles were the function of His atoning death still to take place

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Conclusion

Healing is a benefit secured by the cross, occasionally applied now, and promised for the new heavens and new earth