

SERMON OUTLINE

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

'Behold your King' - 12

Matthew 8 v23 - 9 v17

In chapters 8 and 9 we have 9 miracles which we have described as 'signs of the kingdom' - these miracles direct us to Jesus the King, and what (as King) He came to do in establishing the kingdom of God (the kingdom of heaven) on earth. In this passage we have 3 of these miracles.

Key question - What are these miracles telling us about Jesus?

1. THE PERSON OF JESUS, THE KING - WHO HE IS

Key question - Who is this Jesus? See Matt 16 v15 - 16. He is the Christ (the King) - the Son of the living God. We see this in each of these 3 miracles....

A. THE STILLING OF THE STORM

See 8 v27 & Ps 89 v6 - 9.

B. THE CASTING OUT OF THE DEMONS

Note - the demons knew who Jesus was. See 8 v29a

C. THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Note - Jesus didn't tell the man to get up and walk, He told the man that his sins were forgiven! To the teachers of the law - this was blasphemy because only God can forgive sins! See 9 v3. Jesus then went on to show, in the miracle of healing, that this is exactly who He was.

2. THE WORK OF JESUS, THE KING - WHAT HE CAME TO DO

Note - Whenever Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God, He spoke about it in terms of the 'right now' and the 'not yet' - in other words, what He had come to do in the present and what He would come to do in the future, at the end of time.

A. THE WORK OF JESUS IN THE PRESENT

To forgive sins. See 9 v2.

Note - how Matthew goes on to apply this by speaking about himself! See 9 v9 - 12. It's as if he's saying - 'This matter of the forgiveness of sins is not about anyone else - it's about me / it's about you.'

Note - the forgiveness of sins is a matter for rejoicing! See 9 v14 - 17. In the life of Matthew, God had done something new!

B. THE WORK OF JESUS IN THE FUTURE

Back to the 3 miracles....

(i) Creation will be redeemed

See 8 v23 - 27, Rom 8 v18 - 21, Rev 21 v1.

(ii) Satan and his demons will be judged

See 8 v28

(iii) Believers will be raised to resurrection life

See 9 v1 - 8.