

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

#### **'Behold your King' - 13**

#### **Matthew 9 v18 - 38**

Context - In this section of Matthew's Gospel (chapters 8 and 9) we are looking at a series of miracles which Jesus performed - 'the signs of the kingdom'. Here in this passage we come to the biggest (and clearest) sign of all - the raising up, from death, of Jairus' daughter. It was a sign that couldn't be missed - the sign of all signs. See v26

Key verse about the nature and the purpose of the signs (the miracles) - Jn 20 v30 - 31. What John is telling is that these signs were designed to lead us to have faith in Jesus.

Key question - What does it mean to have faith in Jesus?

### **1. TRUE FAITH IS ALL ABOUT COMING TO JESUS THE KING**

Key verse about faith - Heb 11 v6. We see in this section the vital and indispensable necessity of faith. See 8 v10a, 8 v26a, 9 v2b, 9 v29.

Key question - what do we mean by faith? Yes - it's believing who Jesus is. See v27 & Is 35 v5a. But it's more than this in that you can believe who Jesus is - and yet not be a Christian. There are many people who believe in Jesus but do nothing about it. It's not just about believing in Jesus - it's about coming to Jesus. This is particularly underlined for us in these 2 miracles in verses 18 to 25.

Key point - in these stories we have a picture of complete and utter desperation. It's a picture of helplessness and hopelessness - and it brought these 2 people Jesus. In other words, a key ingredient of faith (the first necessity of faith) is - a sense of need.

## **2. TRUE FAITH IS ALL ABOUT TRUSTING IN JESUS THE KING**

Faith is more than having an intellectual belief - it's about entrusting your life into the hands of Christ for Him to do for you what no-one else can. See v18 & v21.

## **3. TRUE FAITH IS ALL ABOUT LIVING FOR JESUS THE KING**

Notice the responses and reactions to these miracles....

### **A. THERE WERE THOSE WHO SPOKE ABOUT HIM**

See v33

### **B. THERE WERE THOSE WHO SPOKE AGAINST HIM**

See v34

### **C. THERE WERE THOSE WHO SPOKE OF HIM**

See v35 - 38. Key point - True faith is all about living to speak to others about Jesus.

What is it that will take people out to speak of Jesus to others?

#### **(i) Seeing as Jesus saw**

"When he saw the crowds....."

#### **(ii) Feeling as Jesus felt**

".....he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

#### **(iii) Praying as Jesus prayed**

"Ask the Lord....." Key point - The disciples were to be the answer to their own prayer.