

## THE KING'S AUTHORITY AND THE COST OF FOLLOWING THE KING

*Matthew 8:1–9:8*

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### **Introduction:**

Matthew presents Jesus as the long-awaited King and Messiah. His power demands our surrender. If Jesus has all authority, how should we respond?

### **1. Jesus' Authority Over Every Realm**

- a. Authority Over Sickness (8:1–17)
  - i. Healing a Leper (8:1–4)
  - ii. Healing the Centurion's Servant (8:5–13)
  - iii. Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law (8:14–17)
- b. Authority Over Nature (8:23–27)
- c. Authority Over Demons (8:28–34)
- d. Authority Over Sin (9:1–8)

### **2. The Cost of Following the King**

- a. To the enthusiastic Teacher of the Law (8:18–20)
- b. To the eager Disciple (8:21–22)

### **Personal Reflection:**

- 1. Where am I hesitating to obey?
- 2. Is Jesus my King in theory but not in practice?
- 3. What is one thing I must release today to fully embrace Christ's Lordship in my life?