



Text: Matthew 8

Topic: Authority, Trust

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus possesses absolute authority in the world and warrants absolute allegiance from the world.

Application Point: Jesus' power and sovereignty are not simply there to be observed, but to be relied on and rejoiced in. In light of the realities of Jesus' authority in this text, we should respond in a number of ways:

- Let's *trust* wholeheartedly in Jesus' authority.
- Let's *rest* peacefully in Jesus' authority.
- Let's *submit* completely to Jesus' authority.
- Let's *rejoice* gladly in Jesus' authority.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How does Jesus' absolute authority contrast with the relativism of our day?
3. Why is a privatized, keep-it-to-yourself faith incompatible with Jesus' authority?
4. Jesus heals three unlikely characters in this chapter. How might this impact those with whom you seek to share the gospel?
5. How does the account of the centurion highlight the centrality of faith in our response to Jesus?
6. How can Jesus' calming of the storm give you comfort in your own trials and suffering?
7. How do verses 28-34 speak to Jesus' authority in regard to Satan?