

Authority on Display Matthew 8:1-17

Jesus demonstrates his Authority over disease, demonic, and nature. The real question is how should we respond to his power? I think by looking at how He yields his unparalleled power we will find that He is Lord and easy to submit our lives to.

Jesus' Power Demonstrates Authority

- **His Power is Authentic (8.2-4)**

- Jesus' Prerogative- *"if you are willing"*
- Jesus' Authentic Power- *"go to chief priests"*

Modern Theology and Biblical Criticism, C.S. Lewis

I have been reading poems, romances, vision-literature, legends, myths all my life. I know what they are like. I know that not one of them is like this. Of this text there are only two possible views. Either this is reportage or else, some unknown writer in the second century, without known predecessors, or successors, suddenly anticipated the whole technique of modern, novelistic, realistic narrative. If it is untrue, it must be narrative of that kind. The reader who doesn't see this has simply not learned to read.

- **His Power is Authoritative (8.5-13)**

- Jesus has Unparalleled Power

- **His Power is Attractive (8.14-17)**

- Why?

"He took our infirmities and carried away our diseases"

How do you respond to Jesus' Authority?

- Investigate Jesus
- Submit to Jesus