

## INTRODUCTION

- \* We have been "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew." Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience and giving testimony regarding the life and ministry of the Messiah who had been foretold by many of the Jewish prophets.
- \* Matthew has been declaring how Jesus of Nazareth met all of the requirements of messianic prophecies: His lineage, His birth, and His forerunner.
- \* As we considered the message of the Messiah, we saw that the people were astonished because Jesus "taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."
- \* All authority intrinsically is backed by some power. Behind the "exousia" (authority) there has to be some "dunamos" (power).
- \* Over the past two weeks we have been considering the proof of the messianic authority of Jesus as it was revealed in His power the physical and spiritual realms.
- \* Today, Lord willing, we will be considering the display of Jesus' authority over sin.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-26)

#### A. The F\_\_\_\_\_ of the Friends (cf. Mark 2:3-4)

#### B. The F\_\_\_\_\_ of the Man

1. HIS DIAGNOSIS
2. HIS DELIVERANCE

#### C. The R\_\_\_\_\_ of the Crowd

1. THE SCRIBES
2. THE PEOPLE

### II. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ (9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)

#### A. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ:

1. THE L\_\_\_\_\_
2. THE P\_\_\_\_\_
3. THE R\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Luke 14:25-33)

#### B. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

1. THE OBJECTS OF THE CALL
2. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL

## INTROSPECTION

- \* JESUS **HAS PAID FOR YOUR SIN.** HAVE YOU ACCEPTED THE GIFT AND ALLOWED THE **GREAT PHYSICIAN** TO HEAL YOU OF YOUR GREATEST NEED?
- \* HOW HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO THE CALL OF CHRIST?
- \* ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAVE EVERYTHING?
- \* IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SENSING THAT JESUS HAS BEEN ASKING YOU TO DO BUT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WILLING TO "LEAVE THE TABLE"?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

*It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- \* How should we, as an assembly, address the various "maladies" that we see within our society?
- \* Should equipping the saints include training in Christian Counseling? How many would be interested in being trained?