

JESUS THE AUTHORITATIVE HEALER

Matthew 7.28-8.17

JESUS' AUTHORITY TO HEAL

The Gospel of Matthew is broken up with an alternating pattern. Matthew goes from a "Discourse" of Jesus' teachings and then into a "Demonstration" of His authority. This happens 5 times in Matthew. The Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7) is the first "Discourse," and now we go into Chapter 8, the first "Demonstration."

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Here, Jesus is shocked at the kind of faith coming out of a Gentile. The Jews themselves had not expressed this kind of faith, and here Jesus gives us another "premonition" of the Great Commission, that "many will come from east and west" in the "kingdom of heaven." This is a reference to other nations coming to faith.

If Christ is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

Hebrews 1.3 // Colossians 1.15-18

OUR FUTURE HOPE

Matthew 7.28-8.13

As Jesus had described the Kingdom and Kingdom living in Chapters 5-7, He now demonstrates and proves that He not only teaches in authority (**7.29**), but also actually *has* real authority: the authority of God Himself, who alone has authority over sickness and death. Here, He proves that He is here to fulfill even prophecies about the Messiah, the one who will take "our illnesses" and "diseases."

Many circles of Christianity, under the very broad umbrella of the "Prosperity Gospel," laud this verse out of context to say that since Jesus broke the power of sin and death on the cross, we are now no longer under the curse and can have all the blessings of the Kingdom now and in totality. But this is simply not true. We still are awaiting the full consummation, when Christ defeats in finality.

1 Corinthians 15.24-26 // Revelation 21.3-7

**But when Jesus returns, will we be found with faith like the Centurion?
Or faithlessness like the Jews,
resting in our Blessed Assumption?**



NOTES:

Recommended Resources

Radical by David Platt

A great book on living the life of real, radical discipleship.

The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 7:28-8:17**. What verses stuck out or was most impactful from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Read **Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15-18**. What do we learn about Jesus in these verses and why is it important to know this characteristic about him? _____

Read **Matthew 28:18**. What authority has Jesus been given? _____

How does knowing that Jesus is in control, ruling and reigning, above all things, in control of sickness, death, and diseases effect the way you pray for healing? _____

Re-read **Matthew 8:4**. Why does it seem that Jesus wants to keep this miracle of healing a secret? _____

On Sunday, Jobey read a quote from Joyce Meyer that said "I am not poor. I am not miserable and I am not a sinner. That is a lie from the pit of hell. That is what I were and if I still was then Jesus died in vain. I'm going to tell you something folks. I didn't stop sinning until I finally got it through my thick head I wasn't a sinner anymore. And the religious world thinks that's heresy and they want to hang you for it. But the Bible says that I am righteous and I can't be righteous and be a sinner at the same time." Now read **Matthew 5:3, Luke 6:20, Philippians 3:8, Romans 7:18** and **Luke 18:14**. What are your thoughts on this quote? Is it biblical? _____

Although we as Christians are clearly not perfect and most would agree that life often feels like a daily grind, a truth that we do know is Jesus' blood has healed us from the power over sin in our lives. We are in the middle part of the Gospel story. Read **Isaiah 53:3-5, 1 Peter 2:24**. How does knowing that Jesus' blood has healed you of past sins motivate you to continue live a godly life and pick up your cross to follow Jesus? _____

Read **1 Peter 2:9-11**. Spend some time writing down the who "you once were" by listing your old desires, pursues, hurts, and sin(s) you struggled with. Then list imperfect, yet "healed by the blood" version that you are today. Do you see a big difference from before you were healed by the blood and today? How has Jesus healed and cleansed you of past sins, hurts or struggles? _____

1 Corinthians 15:24-26, Revelation 21:3-7 and **Revelation 7:9:17**. Although we are not yet fully healed and perfected, what truths do we have to look forward to? What's the conclusion of the Gospel story look like? _____

End the group, praying in love (**1 Corinthians 14:1**) and reminding one another of how Jesus has healed us from the power of sin, also thanking Him for our glorious future.