

## Assignments on Matthew 8

Please read Matthew 8 (note parallels in other accounts) and answer these questions.

1. Who came to Jesus, and what request did he make – 8:1,2? (Think: Learn what you can about the disease of leprosy.)
2. What did Jesus say to the man, and what did He do? What was the result – 8:3?
3. What instruction did Jesus give to the man – 8:4? What had Moses commanded about this? How would this constitute a testimony to them?

4. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn from this example about the nature of true Biblical miracles? What characteristics of miracles does this event demonstrate?

5. Who came to Jesus at Capernaum (see map), and what request did he make – 8:5,6? (Think: What was a centurion?)
6. What did Jesus say that He would do, and what did the centurion say to do instead – 8:7,8? Why did he say Jesus should not come to his house?
7. In 8:9, why did the centurion say Jesus could heal the servant simply by speaking? Explain.

8. **Special Assignment:** How does the centurion's statement express the concept of authority? How should we apply this regarding the authority of God and the Scriptures?

9. What compliment did Jesus pay the centurion in 8:10? In what way did the centurion's statements demonstrate faith?
10. What lesson did Jesus teach about faith – 8:11,12? Explain the statement and its application? (Think: How would this differ from what the Jews would have expected?)

11. What did Jesus say about the centurion and his servant, and what was the result – 8:13? (Think: What faith healer today can do what Jesus did in this case?)

12. Where did Jesus go in 8:14, and what problem did He find there?

13. What did He do for the woman, and what was the result – 8:15? How does this event demonstrate the nature of true miracles?

14. **Case Study:** What modern practice of the Catholic Church would be contradicted by this event? Explain the difficulty.

15. What happened when evening came – 8:16? What does this show about the power of Jesus, and how does it differ from modern faith healers?

16. What Old Testament prophecy does this fulfill, and where is it found – 8:17?

17. Where did Jesus go, and who spoke to Him – 8:18,19? What did the man say?

18. How did Jesus respond to the man – 8:20? What does this tell you about Jesus? (Think: Does this mean it is wrong for Christians to own houses? Proof?)

19. **Special Assignment:** Why would Jesus say this to the man? Was He trying to discourage him from following Him? What lessons should we learn today?

20. What did another man say to Jesus in 8:21? How did Jesus respond to him – 8:22? (Think: Does this mean it is wrong to bury our dead relatives?)

21. Explain the meaning of Jesus' statement. What lessons should we learn today?

22. Where was Jesus, and who was with Him in this event – 8:23,24? What problem occurred, and what was Jesus doing at the time?

23. What the disciples do, and what did they say to Jesus – 8:25?

24. What did Jesus say to the disciples – 8:26? Why would He say this, and what lessons should we learn?

25. What did He do about the storm? What was the result?

26. **Special Assignment:** How did the disciples respond – 8:27? What can we learn about the nature of true miracles? How does this contrast to modern faith healers?

27. Where did Jesus go? Who met him there – 8:28? How are these men described?

28. What did these men say to Jesus – 8:29? What does this show about how aware they were of who Jesus is?

29. What request did the demons make of Jesus – 8:30-32? How did Jesus respond, and what happened as a result?

30. What did those who kept the pigs do? What did the people of the city do – 8:33,34?

31. **Special Assignment:** How does this event demonstrate the power of Jesus? Once again, what do we learn about the nature of true miracles?