



The Ministry of the King in Matthew: Christ our Messiah

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Matthew 8:14-17

Thanks to Pastor Profit and how the LORD used him to impart truth concerning the faith of the Centurion.

A few exhortations concerning that passage:

1. First, the centurion was obviously a Roman. What must it have taken for Him to set aside his identity, upbringing, social set, and pride to reach out to Jesus on behalf of His servant?
2. Love is powerful! What are we willing to do for those whom we love?
3. His humility. While seeking the LORD blessing for his servant, he nevertheless understood that he was not worthy!
4. Oh that we might have the centurions faith! Please note that His faith manifested itself in His understanding of the Power of Jesus and of Authority. Like he commands His troops, He knows the LORD can simply “speak the Word.”
5. May we, as a church, “...*Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*” Mar 11:22-24 (KJV)

Today's Text:

1. Today's Text speaks of our LORD's heart towards the broken and hurting, AND His authority and power over devils and unclean spirits. As we progress through Matthew, we'll see these two themes over and over.
2. In fact, we'll see Jesus do what this church is called to do: *Reach people through His Gospel, Teach them concerning the Kingdom of God, and Release them from all sorts of bondage.*
3. Today however, we saw an opportunity to “build up your most holy faith” (Jude 1:20) with a focus on verse 17.
4. Indeed, this verse is unique among the Gospel accounts of this healing and deliverance instance, as neither Mark nor Luke mention it.
5. Verse 17 from the ESV: *"This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Mat 8:17 (ESV)*
6. This of course comes from some of Isaiah's most encouraging words:

Isa 53:1-5 (KJV) Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man

of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

7. This great messianic prophecy declares that the Christ would come, and he would not only heal physical griefs, sorrows, illnesses and disease, but He would do a greater work and heal our souls!
8. Verse 5 demonstrates the substitutionary work of Jesus. His physical suffering for our spiritual healing:
 - **Physical** wounding for **spiritual** transgressions
 - **Physical** bruising for our **spiritual** iniquity
 - **Physical** chastisement for our **spiritual** peace
 - **Physical** stripes for our **spiritual** healing!

The Fulfiller of Prophecy

1. Indeed, the fulfillment of prophecy by Christ is a great apologetic for His Messiahship and Lordship.
2. Not only that, but the truth that our LORD fulfilled all the prophecies concerning Him demonstrates the **faithfulness** of God AND the **truthfulness** and **reliability** of the Scriptures! You can trust God and His Holy Word!
3. Fulfilled prophecy is a theme throughout the Gospels, that our faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but the power of God (1 Cor 2:5). This is particularly true of the Gospel of the Apostle Matthew whose mission was, in part, to demonstrate that Jesus was the Messiah promised in the Scriptures. In the first few chapters of Matthew alone, we see this emphasis:

*Mat 1:22-23 (KJV) Now all this was done, that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

*Mat 2:15 (KJV) And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

*Mat 2:16-18 (KJV) Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. 17 Then was **fulfilled** that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.*

*Mat 2:23 (KJV) And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.*

*Mat 4:14-17 (KJV) That it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

Christ the Messiah!

1. Recall the first verse of Matthew: *Mat 1:1 (KJV) The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*
2. The word "Christ" is "Christos" in Greek. It means "anointed one." The word Messiah comes from the Hebrew word Mashiach, which also means "anointed one." Christos = Mashiach.
3. His Name Jesus (or Jehoshua in Hebrew) means "Jehovah is Salvation" or "Savior."
4. Jesus Christ literally means Jesus "The Savior; the Anointed One!"
5. From the Garden of Eden He was prophesied to come. The Old Testament is filled with types and shadows concerning Him. The Prophets spoke of Him. Because Christ alone could do what man could not...

Mat 1:21 (KJV) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Rom 3:23-26 (KJV) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

More Messianic Prophetic Fulfillments!

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Born of the Seed of the Woman

Gen. 3:15, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Matt. 1:20, "But after he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'"

Born of a Virgin

Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Matt. 1:18, 25, "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary . . . was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit . . . But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus."

Son of God

Psalm 2:7, "I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, 'You are my Son, today I have become your Father.'"

Matt. 3:15, "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'"

Seed of Abraham

Gen. 22:18, "and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Matt. 1:1, "record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham."

Son of Isaac

Gen. 21:12, "But God said to him, 'Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.'"

Luke 3:23-34, "Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli . . . the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor."

House of David

Jer. 23:5, "The days are coming, declares the LORD, 'when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.'"

Luke 3:23-31, "Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli . . . the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David."

Born at Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Matt. 2:1, "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem."

He shall be a Prophet

Deut. 18:18, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."

Matt. 21:11, "The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'"

He shall be a Priest

Psalm 110:4, "The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.'"

Heb. 3:1, "Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess."

Heb. 5:5-6, "So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' And he says in another place, 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.'"

He shall be a King

Psalms 2:6, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Matt. 27:37, "Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

He shall judge

Isaiah 33:22, "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us."

John 5:30, "By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me."

He would be preceded by a Messenger

Isaiah 40:3, "A voice of one calling: 'In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.'"

Matt. 3:1-2, "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.'"

Rejected by His own people

Isaiah 53:3, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

John 7:5, "For even his own brothers did not believe in him."

John 7:48, "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"

His side pierced

Zech. 12:10, "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one mourns for an only son."

John 19:34, "Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water."

Crucifixion

Psalms 22:1, Psalm 22:11-18, "For the director of music. To the tune of 'The Doe of the Morning.' A psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? . . . Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan. Dogs have surrounded me; a

band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." Luke 23:33, "When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left."

John 19:33, "But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs."

John 19:23-24, "When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. 'Let's not tear it,' they said to one another. 'Let's decide by lot who will get it.' This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, 'They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.' So this is what the soldiers did."

Final Thoughts:

As Gary Demar wrote, "One man has calculated that there are more than 330 distinct predictions that Jesus fulfilled. The chance that any one person fulfilled just 48 prophecies is 1 in 10^{157} . This number is so large—1 followed by 157 zeros—as to be unimaginable."

Main points today: *Jesus Christ is Messiah! The Bible is trustworthy! You can trust our LORD with your life...your dreams, your pains, and your fears!*

Jesus indeed carried infirmities and sicknesses. In His providence, He still does so today. All honor and praises to Jesus Christ, the Priest, Prophet, and King Messiah!