



The Messiah's Authoritative Deliverance

Matthew 8:23-34

Jesus holds all divine authority; therefore, we must submit to Him.

Four responses to Jesus Christ's authority will reveal our submission to Him.

1. _____ (v23-27).

2. _____ (v28-34).

3. _____ (v33-34).

4. _____ (v23-34).

The following readings and questions are designed to help you reflect on the truths found in this week's sermon in order that you might retain them in your life. You might find the most benefit by reading this week's passage along with the daily passage.

READ**REFLECT****RETAIN****MONDAY:**

Matthew 8:23-34

In what ways does Jesus's authority become obvious in these verses? How do you generally respond to Jesus's authority? What does your response to His authority reveal about your heart? What change is necessary?

TUESDAY:

1 Samuel 15:1-23

When do you attempt to call your rebellion obedience like Saul does here? How do we and Saul convince ourselves we've obeyed? What do Samuel words in v22-23 reveal is the real problem in your heart?

WEDNESDAY:

Proverbs 3:1-12

How do these verses teach some of the same principles of submission as the narrative in Matthew? How does your life line up with these principles of submission? What does this reveal about who is your authority?

THURSDAY:

Mark 9:17-29

In what ways do you see yourself in the different characters of this narrative? If confident trust is key to submission, then how do the father's words in v24 help you? How does that prayer change your focus?

FRIDAY:

Matthew 8:23-34

Do you tend to respond to Jesus's commands more like the winds, waves, and demons, or do you respond more like the people of the Gadarenes? What does this reveal about your heart? What can produce the needed change?

SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

Matthew 9:1-17

Read the passage for November 10 in preparation for Sunday.