

Mt.8.1-15 “Loving the Least”
Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #107
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INTRODUCTION to Matthew 8-15:

The King’s Divine Authority	—	Attesting Miracles (8–9)
The King’s Apostles	—	Their Commissioning (10)
The King’s Audience	—	Their Responses (11–12)
The King’s Announcement	—	The Mystery of His Church/Parables of the Kingdom (13)
The King’s Audience	—	More Responses and Miracles (14–15)

In the Sermon on the Mount the Lord overturned the entire **religious** system.

Matthew demonstrated the Messiahship of Jesus through:

- ❖ His **legal** qualification through His **genealogy**,
- ❖ His **prophetic** qualification through the **fulfillment** of prophecy by His birth & infancy,
- ❖ His **divine** qualification by the Father’s own **attestation** at His baptism,
- ❖ His **spiritual** qualification by His **perfect resistance** to Satan’s temptations, &
- ❖ His **theological** qualification through the **teaching** of the Sermon on the Mount.

In chs.8 & 9 Matthew dramatically sets forth still another qualification: Jesus’ divine **power**
These are **critical to understanding** the life and ministry of Christ - **irrefutable credentials**.

Jesus’ purpose was to **confirm** His deity & His claim to be the Messiah & the Savior of the world.

Jesus was criticized by the Jewish leaders for (1) **healing** on the Sabbath, (2) **blasphemy**.

When Jesus healed:

He healed **instantaneously**.

He healed **totally**.

He healed **everyone**.

He healed **organic** as well as functional afflictions.

Most Dramatically, He: _____

Jesus went through the land **healing thousands** (4.3–24; 8.16–17; 9.35; 14.14; 15.30; 19.2; 21.14).

Such things could only have a **divine** cause.

Jesus’ miracles have 4 common characteristics:

1. Jesus dealt with the **lowest level** of human need, the physical.
2. Jesus responded to **direct appeals** ...
3. Jesus acted by His **own will**.
4. Jesus ministered to the **lowest** plane of human existence. [According to the Leaders].

**Our Lord showed special compassion toward
those for whom society had special disdain.**