

# **More Than a Prophet**

**Matthew 8:23 — 9:8**



**And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”**

**–Matt. 8:23-27 (NRSV)**

**“He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry;  
he led them through the deep as through a  
desert.”**

**–Psalm 106:9 (NRSV)**



**Jesus has the power of the  
One Who Spoke Creation into Existence**

**When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?”**

**Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.”**

**And he said to them, “Go!” So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.**

**–Matt. 8:28-34 (NRSV)**



**Jesus has authority over evil—no contest!**

**And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Then some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’?**

**“But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.” And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.**

**—Matt. 9:1-8 (NRSV)**

# The Power and Authority of the One Who Sits on the Throne



- Over Creation
- Over spiritual forces
- Over sin and sickness

## **Next Week - Matt. 10**

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**“Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority...” (v.1)**



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