

Matthew 8

The words of Jesus demand our ultimate respect.

Six episodes of Jesus' word at work:

1. He **cleaned** a leper (1-4)
2. He **granted** healing for a centurion's paralyzed servant (5-13)
3. He **healed** the sickness and evil spirits of many (14-17)
4. He **clarified** discipleship (18-22)
5. He **rebuked** storms (23-26)
6. He **drove out** demons (27-34)

3 notable responses to Jesus:

1. The centurion's **great faith** (8-10)
2. The disciples **little faith** (23-26)
3. The town peoples **lack of faith** (32-34)

Discussion Questions

1. What most impressed you about Jesus in chapter 8?
2. Imagine following Jesus and seeing him minister to people with his words the way he did. What kind of impact do you think his word would have on you were there to witness it?
3. Jesus healed all kinds of people through the ministry of his powerful word. How does the ministry of Jesus' word help and heal people today?
4. Think about the different ways people responded to Jesus: the centurion (10), the disciples (26), and the people of Gadarenes (34). Whose response do you identify with most and why?