

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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PART 9: DISPLAYING SUPERNATURAL POWER

JESUS CONFIRMS HIS AUTHORITY FROM GOD

When someone comes along and makes a great claim, it's one thing to say it but another to actually prove it. We are following the account written down by the apostle Matthew, who tells us that Jesus only did teaching on the mount, but as soon as his teaching was over and he came down, he encountered situations which could only be handled through power from the spirit world. In the case of Jesus, He was empowered by the Holy Spirit.

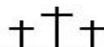
TAKE NOTE OF THIS IMPORTANT POINT: Jesus was God in the flesh but did not use His divine creation power; instead, He limited Himself and relied solely on the power of the Holy Spirit as long as He was in the flesh on this earth. **Matthew 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 5:17-26**

His first encounter with disease was leprosy, an incurable disease at the time. There is no hesitation from Jesus; He knew that He had been given power to not only heal the man from leprosy but also to give the man a creative miracle of restoring destroyed cell tissues. **Matthew 8:1-4**

The next miracle was a real eye-opener for the Jewish crowd following Jesus. They had been taught since childhood that Gentiles weren't even human beings, just animals with no soul. So when Jesus encountered this man, He did not see Him as a Roman officer from the hated occupation army, but interacted with him. This is important to note because with the exception of the Sadducees, all Jews despised and hated the Romans. Jesus did not declare him to be a beast, someone not worth helping; instead, Jesus dealt a death blow to the Talmudic teaching when He prophesied that large numbers of Gentiles were going to be saved and that this man's faith exceeded the faith Jesus had seen among the Jewish people. **verses 5-13**

We must understand that Matthew did not have a clipboard with him, and as events happened, he wrote them down. These writings were done after the resurrection under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Just like the apostle Peter, Matthew realized that the verbal knowledge of Jesus would disappear with the last apostle and with those who were part of the group that followed Jesus day by day for some 3.5 years. It had to be written down. **2 Peter 1:11-21; John 16:7-15**

The Holy Spirit led Matthew to tie in Jesus as the Messiah via the prophet Isaiah. **Matthew 8:14-17; Isaiah 53:1-7**



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Once Jesus had established absolute control over all diseases, it was time to demonstrate to the disciples and people that He also had power over nature.

Matthew 8:23-27

The greatest threat to the human race comes from the Devil and his fallen angels, and at the time of Jesus, they had mercilessly tormented the human race for some 5,000 years. This is brought out by Jesus in **Revelation 12:7-12**.

It was time for Jesus to show the Jewish people that the Messiah had come, relief was available, and that Jesus had total power and authority over the demonic world. **verses 28-34**

It is important to note that the teaching of Jesus not only applied to the people who walked with Him but it is also available and relevant to each generation thereafter. His teachings will be good and applicable until the end of times!

Matthew 28:16-20

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