

## THE AUTHORITY OF THE SON OF GOD

Matthew 8:18 - 9:8

Key verse: 9:6a

1. Where had Jesus gone and who did he meet? (28) What did they say? (29) What did the evil spirits know about Jesus? What is the evidence of the existence of evil spirits? (1Jn 5:19; Eph 2:1-2) What did the evil spirits beg? (30-31) Why? (Mt 12:45)
2. What did Jesus command? (32a) What happened to the herd of pigs? (32b) What does this show about Jesus? (Col 1:13) How did the townspeople react? (33-34) Why? What does Jesus demonstrate about his power and authority?
3. Where did Jesus go next? (9:1) Who brought this paralysed man to Jesus? (2a) What was their faith? How did Jesus respond to their faith? (2b) Why did Jesus say "Take heart, son"? Why did Jesus give the man forgiveness of sin before physical healing?
4. Why were the religious leaders so upset? (3) In what way were their thoughts evil? (4) What is the answer to Jesus' question in verse 5?
5. How did Jesus demonstrate his authority? (6) Why is Jesus the only authority who can forgive sin? What does forgiveness bring? (Ro 5:1; Gal 5:1) How did the crowd respond and why? (7-8)