

Power of the Kingdom - 1

The Gospel of Matthew is similar in some ways to the Book of the Law in the Old Testament. The first book of the Law is Genesis, which speaks about the beginning of the human race and the Jewish nation. Matthew also starts his book by writing about the beginning of the life of Jesus. The second book, Exodus, tells us how God gave His people the Law and how they were set free from slavery in Egypt following 10 miraculous plagues. In a similar way, Matthew gives the Laws of the Kingdom, then records 10 miracles Jesus performed to set people free from the bondage of Satan. We read these in Matthew 8 and 9.

These miracles show the power of the Kingdom of God. Jesus received this power when the Holy Spirit came upon Him at His baptism. This same power is available to us.



Below is a chart of the miracles recorded in Matthew 8 and 9. What did Jesus do for these people in need? Write the answers in the blanks.

Who did Jesus touch?	Reference	Demonstrates Jesus' power over:	What did Jesus do?
1. The man with leprosy	8:1-4	Sickness	8:3
2. Centurion's servant	8:5-13	Sickness	8:7
3. Peter's mother-in-law	8:14-17	Sickness	8:15
4. The storm	8:23-27	Nature	8:26
5. Two demon possessed men	8:28-34	Demons	8:32
6. Paralyzed man	9:1-8	Sickness	9:2 9:6
7. Woman subject to bleeding	9:20-22	Sickness	9:22
8. A dead girl	9:18-19 9:23-26	Death	9:25
9. Two blind men	9:27-31	Sickness	9:29
10. Demon possessed man	9:32-34	Demons	9:33

*A closer look at:*

## Jesus healing the centurion's servant

Matthew 8:5-13

Where did this miracle take place?

Who was the centurion?

- He was a Roman military officer in charge of 100 soldiers.



**Discuss**

What do you think the Centurion meant in v8-9?

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What can we learn from this story to help us be more effective in praying for the sick?