

## **The Great Deliverer Matthew 8**

### **I. Need for Deliverance**

1. God created all things perfect  
He said everything was "very good" – Gen. 1:31
2. Sin brought a curse upon creation  
Humans: mortality, sickness, disease, death  
Ground: weeds, thorns, thistles, barrenness  
Climate: storms, drought, natural disasters
3. Christ came to deal with sin & consequences  
He is the true deliverer
4. In God's Kingdom all will be well  
Revelation 21:4; 22:3

### **II. From Physical Affliction – 8:1-17**

1. Deliverance for the Incurable – 8:1-4  
Leprosy was incurable at that time  
It was also contagious – forcing separation  
Man believed Jesus could heal him  
Jesus touched him and he was healed  
His deliverance was to be a sign to the priests
2. Deliverance available to all – 5-13  
Gentile servant to Roman soldier  
Centurion believed Jesus could heal with a word  
Jesus marveled at his faith  
He healed his servant
3. Deliverance in fulfillment of Scripture – 14-17  
Peter's Mother-in-law is sick with a fever - 14  
Jesus touched her & healed her - 15  
Healing so complete that she served them  
Many others came and were healed – 16  
Fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy – 17

### **III. Calls for Commitment – 8:18-22**

1. Scribe witnessed what Jesus did – 18-19  
Wanted to follow Jesus
2. Jesus told him of the cost – 20  
Hardships call for all out commitment
3. Would-be follower challenged – 21-20  
Will follow after his father dies  
Following Christ must be a priority

### **IV. Power over Nature – 8:23-27**

1. Disciples; no immunity to storms – 23-24  
Appeared to be life threatening
2. Jesus was asleep – 24-25  
While disciples were in fear of dying
3. Jesus challenged their faith – 26  
He rebuked the wind & the sea  
The result was a perfect calm

4. Disciples marveled at His authority – 27  
That even the wind & the sea obey Him

### **V. From Demonic Power – 8:28-34**

1. Two men possessed with demons – 28  
Exceeding fierce – uncontrollable
2. Recognized Jesus & His power – 29  
Knew He was the Son of God  
He had authority to judge them
3. Asked to be allowed to enter pigs – 30-31  
Didn't want to be cast into the pit
4. Jesus allowed them to enter pigs – 32
5. Jesus was asked to leave – 33-34  
Loss of the pigs took priority

### **VI. Present Suffering**

1. If Jesus is our deliverer why do we suffer?  
His miracles were signs to prove His power  
John 20:30-31 – Calls us to faith  
Miracles foreshadowed ultimate deliverance  
Romans 8:17-23 Revelation 21:4; 22:2-3
2. Challenges us to rely upon His strength  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Philippians 4:11-13
3. Equips us for ministry to others  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
We minister in a broken world – must share in it