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A Study in the Book of Matthew

“”One of the things that surprised me when I first read the New Testament seriously was that it talked so much about a Dark Power in the universe -

**a mighty evil spirit who was held to be the Power
behind death and disease, and sin.**

**"Enemy-occupied territory---
that is what this world is. Christianity is the story
of how the rightful king has landed,**

**you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us
to take part in a great campaign of sabotage."**

C.S. Lewis

**When Jesus had finished saying these things, the
crowds were astonished at His teaching,**

Matthew 7:28 (CSB)

Because He was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.

Matthew 7:29 (CSB)

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1. For the sick

**When He came down from the mountain, large
crowds followed Him.**

Matthew 8:1 (CSB)

Right away a man with leprosy came up and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Matthew 8:2 (CSB)

**Reaching out His hand, Jesus touched him,
saying, “I am willing; be made clean.”
Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.**

Matthew 8:3 (CSB)

Then Jesus told him, “See that you don’t tell anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest,

Matthew 8:4 (CSB)

And offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

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2. For the slave

**When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came
to him, pleading with Him,**

Matthew 8:5 (CSB)

**“Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in
terrible agony.”**

Matthew 8:6 (CSB)

He said to him, “Am I to come and heal him?”

Matthew 8:7 (CSB)

“Lord,” the centurion replied, “I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Matthew 8:8 (CSB)

For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another,

Matthew 8:9 (CSB)

‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”

Matthew 8:9 (CSB)

Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith.

Matthew 8:10 (CSB)

**I tell you that many will come from east and west
to share the banquet with Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven.**

Matthew 8:11 (CSB)

But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 8:12 (CSB)

Then Jesus told the centurion, “Go. As you have believed, let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that very moment.

Matthew 8:13 (CSB)

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3. For the second class

Jesus went into Peter's house and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.

Matthew 8:14 (CSB)

**So he touched her hand, and the fever left her.
Then she got up and began to serve Him.**

Matthew 8:15 (CSB)

**When evening came, they brought to Him many
who were demon-possessed.**

Matthew 8:16 (CSB)

**He drove out the spirits with a word and healed
all who were sick,**

Matthew 8:16 (CSB)

**So that what was spoken through the prophet
Isaiah might be fulfilled:**

Matthew 8:17 (CSB)

He himself took our weaknesses and carried our diseases.

Matthew 8:17 (CSB)