

# Compassionate Sovereignty

Part 3  
Matthew 8 and 9

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## Theme passage:

**Matthew 9:35** And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

<sup>36</sup> And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.

<sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

<sup>38</sup> "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

**Matthew 8:14** And when Jesus had come to Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever.

<sup>15</sup> And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and waited on Him.

<sup>16</sup> And when evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill

<sup>17</sup> in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases."

<sup>18</sup> Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side.

<sup>19</sup> And a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

<sup>21</sup> And another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me; and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

<sup>23</sup> And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

<sup>24</sup> And behold, there arose a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep.

<sup>25</sup> And they came to *Him*, and awoke Him, saying, "Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!"

<sup>26</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you timid, you men of little faith?" Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and it became perfectly calm.

<sup>27</sup> And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

<sup>28</sup> And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; *they were* so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road.

<sup>29</sup> And behold, they cried out, saying, "What do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

<sup>30</sup> Now there was at a distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

<sup>31</sup> And the demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, "If You are *going to* cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

<sup>32</sup> And He said to them, "Begone!" And they came out, and went into the swine, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters.

<sup>33</sup> And the herdsmen ran away, and went to the city, and reported everything, including the *incident* of the demoniacs.

<sup>34</sup> And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they entreated *Him* to depart from their region.

**Matthew 9:1** And getting into a boat, He crossed over, and came to His own city.

<sup>2</sup> And behold, they were bringing to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven."

<sup>3</sup> And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This *fellow* blasphemes."

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"

<sup>5</sup> "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk '?"

<sup>6</sup> "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins "-- then He said to the paralytic-- "Rise, take up your bed, and go home."

<sup>7</sup> And he rose, and went home.

<sup>8</sup> But when the multitudes saw *this*, they were filled with awe, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

<sup>9</sup> And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> And it happened that as He was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold many tax-gatherers and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

<sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> But when He heard this, He said, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

<sup>13</sup> "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."