

Matthew 8:23-9:8

Intro/Starter

What explanations do people put forward as to why they think the world is the way that it is?

What are some of the remedies that people suggest?

Jesus' authority over nature

Read Matthew 8:23-27.

In what way do we see Jesus' humanity in this passage? In what way do we see that he is more than a man?

What is the response of the disciples?

When was the last time you were amazed at Jesus? What inadequate views of Jesus might prevent us from being as amazed at him as we ought to be?

Jesus' authority over demons

Read Matthew 8:28-34.

How do the demon-possessed men answer the disciples' question from verse 27?

In what way does Jesus show his authority here?

How do the people of the town respond? In what way might this serve as a warning to us?

Jesus' authority to forgive sins

Read Matthew 9:1-8.

How do Jesus' words and actions here indicate what truly is humanity's greatest problem?

How does Jesus show his authority once again in this passage?

Given what we have seen of Jesus' authority in these passages, what would be an appropriate response to him?