

# Treasure Hunt

- What is the common theme of Matthew 4-11?
- How does the structure of ch. 8-9 emphasize this theme?
- What practical lesson can we learn from our Lord's example?
- Why does Matthew emphasize our Lord's acts of healing?
- What do the recipients of the first three healings have in common?
- What symbolic meaning does the OT law of leprosy associate with the disease?
- How do OT healings of leprosy anticipate this healing?
- Why does the leper "worship" the Lord Jesus?

# Overview of Matthew

Gen 5:1 “This is the book of the generations of Adam”

- Genealogy

## Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

### 1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the King

**1:1** “The book of the Generation of Jesus Christ”

- 1:1-17 Genealogy
- 1:18-25 Birth
- 2:1-23 Recognition & Preservation
- 3:1-17 Baptism
- 4:1-11 Temptation
- 4:12-16 Move to Capernaum (transition)

### 4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the King

**4:17** “From that time Jesus began to preach, ...”

- 4:17-11:1 Preparation of the Twelve
- 11:2-16:20 Growing Opposition

### 16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the King

**16:21** “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, ...”

- 16:21-17:21 Principles of Discipleship
- 17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom
- 20:17-25:46 Controversy in Jerusalem
- 26:1-28:20 Death & Resurrection

# Matt 4-10, Teaching the Disciples

4:18-22 Calling & Commissioning the <b>Four</b>	9:36-11:1 Calling & Commissioning the <b>Twelve</b>
4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, <b>teaching</b> in their synagogues, and <b>preaching</b> the gospel of the kingdom, and <b>healing</b> all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.	9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, <b>teaching</b> in their synagogues, and <b>preaching</b> the gospel of the kingdom, and <b>healing</b> every sickness and every disease among the people.
ch. 5-7 <b>Teaching</b> (Sermon on the Mount)	ch. 8-9 <b>Healings</b>

# Healing and the Messiah

Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Mat 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

# Structure of Matt 8-9

## Healings and Miracles

8:2-4, Leper  
8:5-13, Centurion's Servant  
8:14-17, Peter's Mother-in-law  
(and others)

8:23-27, Calming the Sea  
8:28-34, Gadarene Demoniacs  
9:2-8, Palsied Man

9:18-26, Ruler's Daughter &  
Woman with Issue  
9:27-31, Two Blind Men  
9:32-34, Dumb Man

## Discipleship

8:18-22, The Reluctant Scribe

9:9-13, Call of Matthew  
9:14-17, Disciples of John

# Leprosy as a Parable of Death

	Death	Leper
<b>Marks of Mourning</b>	Eze 24:17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, <b>bind the tire of thine head upon thee</b> , and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and <b>cover not thy lips</b> , and eat not the bread of men.	Lev 13:45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his <b>head bare</b> , and he shall put a <b>covering upon his upper lip</b> , and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.
	Gen 23:4 <i>I am</i> a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead <b>out of my sight</b> .	46 All the days wherein the plague <i>shall be</i> in him he shall be defiled; he <i>is</i> unclean: he shall dwell alone; <b>without the camp shall</b> his habitation <i>be</i> .
<b>Ritual of Cleansing</b>	Num 19:6 And the priest shall take <b>cedar wood</b> , and <b>hyssop</b> , and <b>scarlet</b> , and cast <i>it</i> into the midst of the burning of the heifer.	Lev 14:4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive <i>and</i> clean, and <b>cedar wood</b> , and <b>scarlet</b> , and <b>hyssop</b> :

Aaron to Moses, when Miriam was smitten with leprosy:

Num 12:12 Let her not be **as one dead**, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

# Three Men Named “Jesus”

	<b>Joshua</b>	<b>Elisha</b>	<b>Our Lord</b>
Name	Jehovah is Salvation	God is Salvation	Jehovah is Salvation
Forerunner and Teacher	Moses	Elijah	John
Marked by the Spirit	Num 27:8 Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit,	2Ki 2:15 they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.	Matt 3:16 and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Mat 11:13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.  
14 And if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias [Elijah], which was for to come.

# “Worship”: Just Respect?

Before the exile:

Gen 23:7 And Abraham stood up, and **bowed** himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

1Sa 24:8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and **bowed** himself.

After the captivity:

Dan 3:15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye **fall down** and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace;

Est 3:2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai **bowed not**, nor did him reverence.

Est 4:17 (LXX) Thou knowest all things: thou knowest, Lord, that it is not in the insolence, nor haughtiness, nor love of glory, that I have done this, to refuse obeisance to the haughty Aman. For I would gladly have kissed the soles of his feet for the safety of Israel. But I have done this, that I might not set the glory of man above the glory of God: and I will not worship any one except thee, my Lord, and I will not do these things in haughtiness.



# “Worship” in the NT

61x in the NT.

15x to the Lord Jesus.

27x to God.

21x refused when offered to idols or men

1x parable of the ungrateful servant in Matt 18:26

1x Rev 3:9

Exception: Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and **worship** before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.