

THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING: PART 2

Matthew 8:23–9:8

Current news headlines suggest that we have a lot to be afraid of. A spreading virus, a falling economy, government overreach, climate change, creeping totalitarianism, the disintegration of the family, attacks on freedom of speech, and accusations of hate speech. It's like we're in a house of mirrors that, instead of seeing our own reflection everywhere we turn, we see the reflection of something that could kill us, hurt us, or take something from us. We're surrounded! Yet, at the same time, fearful Christians are bad advertisement for the God of all comfort and peace. In other words, Christ-followers should respond differently than others to all the fearful happenings around us. But *how*? Matthew's helps us answer that question and encourages us in taking small steps away from fear and toward faith.

The FALLENNESS

- Fallen *creation* 8:24–26; Rom 8:22
- Fallen *angels* 8:28
- Fallen *humanity* 9:1–2

The FEAR

8:25–26a
8:28b, 29–32, 33–34
9:2b, 3–5

The FIX

- Who is Jesus? 8:26; 9:2
8:27, 29; 9:6
- What authority does Jesus have? 8:26, 32; 9:2, 6, 8
- What promise has Jesus made? Joel 3:18; Dan 7:25–27; Isa 33:24