

- **Mt 1.1** – This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...
- **Authority** – broad word; can refer to both the right to do something and the power/ability to do something
- **Mt 5-9** – demonstrates Jesus is the Messiah by highlighting His authority
 - **Mt 5-7** – Sermon on the Mount; ‘...the people were amazed at His teaching because He taught w/authority’
 - Has the right to introduce new teaching on the Kingdom of God

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Mt 8-9 – 10 miracle stories that display Jesus' authority through His actions; see His power over:

- demons – 8.28-34; 9.32-34
- sickness – 8.1-4; 8.5-13; 8.14-15; 9.18-26; 9.27-30
- sin – 9.1-8
- nature – 8.23-27
- death – 9.18-26

8.18-22 – on discipleship; following Jesus
Offers no promise of material rewards
Is more important than any other commitments

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Jesus Eats With Sinners Because-

They need Him – not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick

It is reflective of God's heart – God desires mercy (withholding deserved punishment) more than sacrifice (maintaining ritual purity)

It is His mission/calling – I have not come to call the righteous but sinners

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Adjustments need to be made for Jesus' ministry-

Jesus' disciples don't fast because it would be inappropriate – don't fast at a wedding feast; timing is wrong; now is the time for celebration; the reason they've been fasting has arrived

Old understandings/practices are inadequate for what Jesus is doing now – actually counterproductive; undermine/hinder the very things they are meant to bring about

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Three Challenges

From the call to Matthew – Jesus is looking for humility, desire, and repentance, not uprightness

From eating with tax collectors and sinners – Jesus goes to those who need Him and send us to do the same

From exchange about fasting – Jesus expects us to adjust our perspective/lifestyle to Him; ‘walking in the same direction’ is not the same as ‘following’

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Communion

Halfway point of 2024-

Anything to leave behind?

Renewed sense of hope for 2nd half of year?

Psalm 103

Forgives all our sins

Heals all our diseases

Redeems our lives from the pit/crowns us with love and compassion

Satisfies our desires with good things so our youth is renewed like the eagle's

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