

## Three Miracles Showing Jesus' Authority

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### Matthew 8:23-9:8 (ESV) **Jesus Calms a Storm**

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

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And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing."

26

And he said to them,

"Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?"

Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

27

And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

### **Jesus Heals Two Men with Demons**

28 And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, [\[1\]](#) two demon-possessed

[\[2\]](#)

men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way.

29

And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

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Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them.

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And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs."

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And he said to them,

"Go."

So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters.

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The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

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And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

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### Jesus Heals a Paralytic

9:1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. 2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

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And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

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But Jesus, knowing

[\[3\]](#)

their thoughts, said,

"Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

5

For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

6

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"

—he then said to the paralytic—

"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."

7

And he rose and went home.

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When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men. (

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### Footnotes

[\[1\]](#) 8:28 Some manuscripts *Gergesenes*; some *Gerasenes*

[\[2\]](#) 8:28 Greek *daimonizomai*; also verse 33; elsewhere rendered *oppressed by demons*

[\[3\]](#) 9:4 Some manuscripts *perceiving*