



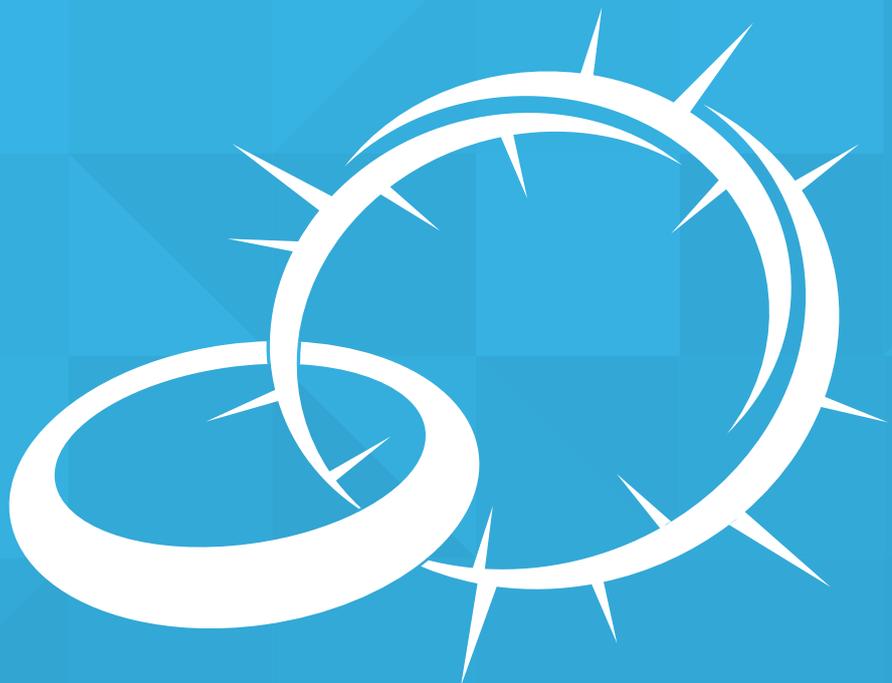
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THINK FAITH SRE AT HOME

# MATTHEW'S GOSPEL: WEEK 2

The King's power





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## THINK FAITH SRE AT HOME

# Matthew's Gospel Week 2: The King's power

*Welcome to Think Faith SRE at Home. In these devotions you'll have the chance to spend 5–10 minutes a day reading a part of the Bible and reflecting on what it means. We hope and pray that these devotions are helpful for you while SRE lessons aren't running in your school.*

**Last week**, we saw how Christians believe that Jesus is the King that God had promised.

**This week** we'll be looking at the power of King Jesus and how he used that power.

**In Day 1's** passage, Jesus meets a Roman commander—someone who wasn't familiar with God or his promises but still recognised that Jesus had power and that he was someone he could ask for help.

As you read the passage, pay attention to just how powerful Jesus' words really are.

TICK WHEN COMPLETED.

**Day 2's** passage is almost the opposite of Day 1. On Day 1, we saw Jesus heal a man he hadn't even met. Today, we'll see the opposite: the mother-in-law of Peter, one of Jesus' best friends, needs Jesus' help.

In this passage you'll see that Jesus' power to heal wasn't something that came out of nowhere. The Old Testament book of Isaiah that was written about 700 years before Jesus said that this is what God's chosen King would do. By healing people Jesus was making God's promises come true.

TICK WHEN COMPLETED.

**Day 3's** passage shows Jesus doing something even more important than heal. Pay attention to what he says to the paralysed man. Jesus' words will show us what the paralysed man's greatest need truly was.

TICK WHEN COMPLETED.

**Day 4's** passage shows us two men who believed in Jesus.

You might remember back to last week when we read about God's promise to King David that one day one of his descendants would rule forever? These men knew about that promise, and though they were blind they saw Jesus for who he really was.

When they came to Jesus they asked him for mercy and healing. Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' 'Yes, Lord', they replied. Pay attention to what the crowd concludes about Jesus at the end of the passage—it may also tell you why Jesus was so important.

TICK WHEN COMPLETED.

**Day 5's** passage is from the Old Testament book of Isaiah. Christians believe this passage is all about Jesus (even though it was written 700 years before Jesus was born!)

What does it mean to you that Jesus fulfilled these predictions?

TICK WHEN COMPLETED.

**MATTHEW** 8:5–13 (NirV)

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a Roman commander came to him. He asked Jesus for help. <sup>6</sup> ‘Lord’, he said, ‘my servant lies at home and can’t move. He is suffering terribly’. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, ‘Shall I come and heal him?’ <sup>8</sup> The commander replied, ‘Lord, I am not good enough to have you come into my house. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> I myself am a man under authority. And I have soldiers who obey my orders. I tell this one, “Go”, and he goes. I tell that one, “Come”, and he comes. I say to my slave, “Do this”, and he does it.’ <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those following him, ‘What I’m about to tell you is true. In Israel I have not found anyone whose faith is so strong. <sup>11</sup> I say to you that many will come from the east and the west. They will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of heaven. [...] <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the Roman commander, ‘Go! It will be done just as you believed it would’. And his servant was healed at that moment.

**BIG IDEA:** JESUS CAN HEAL WITHOUT EVEN MEETING THE SICK PERSON

 <p>VIDEO</p>	<p><b>Introduction video</b></p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Make a note of anything interesting from the videos.</p>	<p><b>Additional video</b></p> <p>'Riverview Kids— Jesus and the Centurion'</p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p>
 <p>CONNECTING</p>	<p>What are the chances of you commanding and successfully making the rain to fall? Or the day to become night? Or your phone to ring?</p> <p>If you could command things to occur, what would you do with that power?</p>	
 <p>EXPLORING</p>	<p>Why didn't Jesus go to the Roman commander's house?</p> <p><b>Highlight the reason from the passage.</b></p> <p>Why do you think he didn't feel worthy?</p> <p>Which verse shows you whether or not Jesus agrees with him?</p>	
 <p>FORMING</p>	<p>Jesus can command a body to heal, even if he's never met the person.</p> <p>What does this tell you about the extent of Jesus' power?</p> <p>Does this make you more or less willing to learn more about him?</p>	

# MATTHEW 8:14-17 (NirV)

When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law. She was lying in bed. She had a fever. <sup>15</sup> Jesus touched her hand, and the fever left her. She got up and began to serve him. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, many people controlled by demons were brought to Jesus. He drove out the

spirits with a word. He healed all who were sick. <sup>17</sup> This happened so that what Isaiah the prophet had said would come true. He had said, 'He suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on himself the sicknesses that should have been ours'. (Isaiah 53:4)

## BIG IDEA: JESUS' HEALINGS WERE PREDICTED

 <p>VIDEO</p>	<p><b>Introduction video</b></p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Make a note of anything interesting from the videos.</p>	<p><b>Additional video</b></p> <p>'Jesus gives us the power over sickness'</p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p>
 <p>CONNECTING</p>	<p>Have you ever predicted the outcome of something? Like a footy match or when a celebrity couple would get married?</p> <p>How does it feel when you get it right?</p>	
 <p>EXPLORING</p>	<p>Jesus' healings were predicted approximately 700 years before he was born, in the book of Isaiah.</p> <p><b>Highlight the key words/phrases in the passage.</b></p> <p>How does Jesus show that these verses are about him?</p>	
 <p>FORMING</p>	<p>What do you think about Jesus knowing his healings were predicted so many years before he was born?</p>	

## MATTHEW 9:1–8 (Nirv)

Jesus stepped into a boat. He went over to the other side of the lake and came to his own town.

<sup>2</sup> Some men brought to him a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. Jesus saw that they had faith. So he said to the man, 'Don't lose hope, son. Your sins are forgiven'. <sup>3</sup> Then some teachers of the law said to themselves, 'This fellow is saying a very evil thing!' <sup>4</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said, 'Why do you have evil thoughts in your hearts?' <sup>5</sup> Is it easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven"? Or to say, "Get up and walk"?

<sup>6</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'. So he spoke to the man who could not walk. 'Get up', he said. 'Take your mat and go home.' <sup>7</sup> The man got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowd saw this, they were filled with wonder. They praised God for giving that kind of authority to a human being.

**BIG IDEA:** JESUS COULD HEAL MORE THAN JUST THE BODY

 <p>VIDEO</p>	<p><b>Introduction video</b></p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Make a note of anything interesting from the videos.</p>	<p><b>Additional video</b></p> <p>'The Chosen: Jesus heals the paralytic'</p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p>
 <p>CONNECTING</p>	<p>Why would it be so much more difficult to be paralysed in Jesus' day compared to today?</p> <p>How have advances in technology and society helped people such as the man in this passage?</p>	
 <p>EXPLORING</p>	<p>The order of things is important to note here. What does Jesus do for the man first?</p> <p><b>Highlight the key words/phrases in the passage.</b></p> <p>Why do you think Jesus did things in this order? What was he saying about the man's most important need?</p>	
 <p>FORMING</p>	<p>The teachers of the law were offended by Jesus' promise to forgive the man's sins because they believed that only God could forgive sins.</p> <p>If Jesus truly has the power to forgive sins, what does that say about who he really is?</p>	

**MATTHEW** 9:27–33 (Nirv)

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!' <sup>28</sup> When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' 'Yes, Lord', they replied. <sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith let it be done to you'; <sup>30</sup> and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, 'See that no-one knows about this'. <sup>31</sup> But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region. <sup>32</sup> While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. <sup>33</sup> And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel'.

**BIG IDEA:** JESUS WILL BE A KING UNLIKE ANY OTHER KING

 <p>VIDEO</p>	<p><b>Introduction video</b></p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Make a note of anything interesting from the video.</p>	<p><b>Additional video</b></p> <p>'Lumo—Gospel of Matthew 9:27–38 10:1–15'</p>  <p>Or click <a href="#">here</a></p>
 <p>CONNECTING</p>	<p>When someone says the phrase 'I see what you mean', are they talking about their eyesight? Why/why not?</p> <p>When someone says, 'I believe in myself', what do they mean?</p> <p>From what you've already read this week, why do Christians think it is so powerful to believe in Jesus?</p>	
 <p>EXPLORING</p>	<p>What do the blind men call Jesus?</p> <p><b>Highlight the name for Jesus in green.</b></p> <p>What are they saying about who he is? (Hint: think back to week 1's studies.)</p> <p>What does Jesus do to show that he is who they think he is?</p>	
 <p>FORMING</p>	<p>In this passage, we can see how people started believing in Jesus because of the incredible power he had and the amazing miracles he was able to perform.</p> <p>According to this passage, were Jesus' miracles performed in secret or not?</p> <p>Does this make you more or less likely to believe his claims?</p>	

# ISAIAH 35:4–6 (NIV)

Say to those with fearful hearts,  
 'Be strong, do not fear;  
 your God will come, [...]  
 he will come to save you'.

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
 and the mute tongue shout for joy.

## BIG IDEA: JESUS WILL BE A KING UNLIKE ANY OTHER KING

 VIDEO	<p><b>Introduction video</b></p>  Or click <a href="#">here</a> Make a note of anything interesting from the videos.	<p><b>Additional video</b></p> <p>'Did Jesus do miracles?'</p>  Or click <a href="#">here</a>
 CONNECTING	<p>Imagine you were in the crowds following Jesus around and seeing all his miracles.</p> <p>Which miracle would impress you the most? Why?</p> <p>What would you think about him based on the evidence of his miracles?</p>	
 EXPLORING	<p>This passage was written 700 years before Jesus was born. What does it say about who Jesus is?</p> <p>What does it say about the proof that Jesus will give?</p> <p><b>Highlight the words and phrases from the passage.</b></p>	
 FORMING	<p>What do Jesus' miracles say about who he was and what he came to do?</p> <p>Why is Jesus' mission so important to his followers?</p>	