

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?

Matthew 8²⁰ And Jesus said to him, *Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*

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Series Theme: *Jesus reveals a Father who is worthy of your trust.*

***The Father sent a Son who won't rest
'til the Father's will is done on earth as in heaven.***

ONE: What kind of Jesus is Jesus? 9.27: What sort of man is this?

8.1-4 his touch makes the unclean clean

8.5-13 his word makes outsiders insiders and...

8.14-17 his touch removes fever & distorted fervor

8.23-27 he speaks to winds & waves

8.28-34 he values possessed people over possessions

9.1-8 he forgives sins & removes brokenness

9.9-17 he parties when he shouldn't & won't fit in our skins

9.18-26 he makes influential wait & adopts rejected daughters

9.27-31 his touch opens eyes to see & spread his fame

9.32-34 he turns mutes into marvels

TWO: Where does the real Jesus live? 8.20 *The Son of man has no place...*

8.1-4 among the unclean

8.5-13 ...outsiders (cultural/faith)

8.14-17 ...the less important/the spiritual strugglers

8.18-22 ...the spiritually restless/dissatisfied

8.24-25 on a cushion in a storm

8.28-34 ...the spiritually enslaved who long...

9.1-8 ...those burdened and crippled by sin

9.9-17 ...the despised by the politically correct

9.18-26 ...the dying and the dead

9.27-31 ...the longing to see

9.32-34 ...the mute lips with lips to be opened

THREE: Do you want to live with Jesus?

Questions for interaction and study

The **Mat 1** genealogy reveals Jesus as the ultimate King David and the son of Abraham who blesses. In **Mat 2** King Herod is threatened by him. In **Mat 3** John the Baptist and the Father acknowledge him. In **Mat 4** Satan cannot conquer him. **Mat 4.23-25** & **9.35-38** show the Father's compassion on the crowds. In between, chapters **5-7** and **8-9** show in word and in deed what this king of the kingdom of heaven is like.

1. How are the 10 miracles in these chapters a contrast to the 10 plagues God used to decreate/deconstruct Egypt as he delivered Israel from bondage?
2. What is striking about the make-up of the types of people Matthew records as being the first examples of Jesus' kingdom-of-heaven ministry?
3. How is Jesus training by example the disciples he is calling (4.18-22; 10.1-ff.)? For whom are they being taught to have compassion? Apply today.
4. Why can *the Son of man* have no settled home & set group of relationships (8.20)? How does this challenge us to stay unsettled as to the circles of people for whom we care? Are you including new folks in your life?
5. How do these attesting signs/miracles relate to Romans 8.18-23? Why are eyes, ears & mouths opened by Jesus never satisfied with the mere praising of life in this broken creation?