

**FOLLOW ME | THE PRIORITY OF THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION**  
**MATTHEW 9:1-8**

If you do not recognize someone's authority, then you will not obey them. Put another way, you won't follow someone who you do not believe is worth following. Here is a simple question: Do you follow Jesus? The answer to that question is telling. It exposes what we really believe about Him. Jesus reveals His authority, His priorities, and His identity in the chapters that we will explore over the next few weeks. As we look at our passage we see His compassion, we learn better who He is, and we discover His priorities. When we see who He is, we're left with the question, do I follow Him?

1. Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ works demonstrated His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ of those who \_\_\_\_\_ His authority and \_\_\_\_\_ in faith.
  
3. Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ healing pointed to the greater priority of the \_\_\_\_\_ healing of our \_\_\_\_\_ sickness.