# JESUS CHRIST JEHOVAH'S KING MINISTRY AND TEACHING OF JESUS KNOWING THE KING

# I. JESUS RETURNS HOME

- A. Matthew 9:1-8 Jesus Stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. [2] Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." [3] At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" [4] Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? [5] Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? [6] But so that you may know that the son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . . " Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." [7] And the man got up and went home. [8] When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.
  - 1. THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM AT WORK!
    - A. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.
    - B. GET UP AND WALK.
    - C. WHAT TRIGGERS THIS POWER OR WHAT MAKES IT WORK.
      - (1) WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH.
        - (A) Acts 14:9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed
          - I) Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who **comes to him** [ask] must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly **seek him.**
  - 2. The purpose of this power?
    - A. THINK ABOUT IT!
      - (1) BUT SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS
      - (2) When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God
  - 3. WHY WERE THEY FILLED WITH AWE AND WHY DID THEY PRAISE GOD.
    - A. WHO HAD GIVEN SUCH AUTHORITY TO MEN.
      - (1) WHAT AUTHORITY?
        - (A) 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP AND WALK'?
  - 4. AND WHEN I SAY THIS, OR POINT THIS OUT TO YOU. WHAT CROSSES YOUR MIND?
    - A. AT THIS, SOME OF THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW SAID TO THEMSELVES, "THIS FELLOW IS BLASPHEMING!
  - 5. IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, FROM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN ABOVE. WHAT HAS JESUS SAID ABOUT YOU?
    - A. Matthew 21:23-24 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching,

- the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" [24] Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
- B. Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 6. What should this mean to you?
  - A. Mark 13:34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

## II. THE CALL ON THE AUTHOR

- A. MATTHEW [9] AS JESUS WENT ON FROM THERE, HE SAW A MAN NAMED MATTHEW SITTING AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," HE TOLD HIM, AND MATTHEW GOT UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.
  - 1. Here it is.
  - 2. SOUNDS SO SIMPLE!
  - 3. Let us see what happens.
    - A. FIRST MATTHEW DID NOT COME TO JESUS WITH THE REQUEST.
      - (1) SEE ABOVE.
    - B. JESUS SAW A MAN
  - 4. What was the exchange?
    - A. FOLLOW ME.
    - B. WHAT DOES JESUS SAY TODAY?
      - (1) John 10:30 I and the Father are one."
      - (2) John 17:22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:
      - (3) Romans 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
  - 5. SO WHERE DOES JESUS WANT US TO FOLLOW HIM TO.
    - A. IF I AM GOING TO GOING TO FOLLOW. THERE HAS TO BE A PLACE WHERE WE ARE GOING. WHERE DID HE GO?

# III. JESUS ANSWERS THE PHARISEES

- A. MATTHEW 9:[10] WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE, MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND "SINNERS" CAME AND ATE WITH HIM AND HIS DISCIPLES. [11] WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW THIS, THEY ASKED HIS DISCIPLES, "WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND 'SINNERS'?" [12] ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID, "IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. [13] BUT GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS: 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE.' FOR I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."
  - 1. Now lets see what happens.
  - 2. Jesus Calls Matthew. Follow Me.
  - 3. BUT NOW LOOK WHERE ARE THEY?
    - A. IN THE HOME OF MATTHEW.

- B. WITH THE FRIENDS AND THOSE WHO MATTHEW KNOWS.
- 4. WHAT DOES THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF THE DAY HAVE TO SAY WHEN THEY SEE THOSE JESUS IS REACHING OUT TO?
  - A. "WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND 'SINNERS'?"
    - (1) WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE ACTIVE CHURCH TODAY?
      - (A) WHERE SHOULD THE CHURCH BE ACTIVE?
- 5. Now Jesus Makes a very important statement. What is it?
  - A. 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE.' FOR I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS
    - (1) 1 Samuel 15:22 But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.
    - (2) Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.
  - B. SO WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM THE CHURCH TODAY?
    - (1) I DESIRE MERCY
      - (A) MERCY FOR WHO?
    - (2) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOD

# IV. JESUS ANSWERS JOHN'S DISCIPLES

- A. MATTHEW 9:[14] THEN JOHN'S DISCIPLES CAME AND ASKED HIM, "HOW IS IT THAT WE AND THE PHARISEES FAST, BUT YOUR DISCIPLES DO NOT FAST?" [15] JESUS ANSWERED, "HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM MOURN WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM; THEN THEY WILL FAST.
- B. Matthew 9:14-15 Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? [15] And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bride chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.
- C. FAST FAST The sole fast required by the law of Moses was that of the great Day of Atonement (q.v.), Leviticus 23:26-32. It is called "the fast" (Acts 27:9). The only other mention of a periodical fast in the Old Testament is in Zech. 7:1-7; Zech. 8:19, from which it appears that during their captivity the Jews observed four annual fasts.
  - 1. The fast of the fourth month, kept on the seventeenth day of Tammuz, the anniversary of the capture of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans; to commemorate also the incident recorded Exodus 32:19. (Comp. Jeremiah 52:6-7.)
  - 2. The fast of the fifth month, kept on the ninth of Ab (comp. Numbers 14:27), to commemorate the burning of the city and temple (Jeremiah 52:12-13).
  - 3. The fast of the seventh month, kept on the third of Tisri (comp. 2 Kings 25), the anniversary of the murder of Gedaliah (Jeremiah 41:1-2).
  - 4. The fast of the tenth month (comp. Jeremiah 52:4; Ezekiel 33:21; 2 Kings 25:1), to commemorate the beginning of the siege of the holy city by Nebuchadnezzar. There was in addition to these the fast appointed by Esther (Esther 4:16). Public national fasts on account of sin or to supplicate divine favor were sometimes held.
    - a. 1 Samuel 7:6;
    - b. 2 Chron. 20:3;

- c. Jeremiah 36:6-10;
- d. Neh. 9:1.
- 5. There were also local fasts.
  - a. Judges 20:26;
  - b. 2 Samuel 1:12;
  - c. 1 Samuel 31:13;
  - d. 1 Kings 21:9-12;
  - e. Ezra 8:21-23:
  - f. Jonah 3:5-9.
- 6. There are many instances of private occasional fasting (1 Samuel 1:7; 1 Samuel 20:34; 2 Samuel 3:35; 2 Samuel 12:16; 1 Kings 21:27; Ezra 10:6; Neh. 1:4; Daniel 10:2-3). Moses fasted forty days (Exodus 24:18; Exodus 34:28), and so also did Elijah (1 Kings 19:8).
- 7. Our Lord fasted forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2). In the lapse of time the practice of fasting was lamentably abused (Isaiah 58:4; Jeremiah 14:12; Zech. 7:5).
- 8. Our Lord rebuked the Pharisees for their hypocritical pretense in fasting (Matthew 6:16).
- 9. He himself appointed no fast.
- 10. The early Christians, however, observed the ordinary fasts according to the law of their fathers (Acts 13:3; Acts 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:5).
- D. WHAT DOES JESUS CALL HIS FOLLOWERS?
  - 1. GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM MOURN WHILE HE IS WITH THEM
    - A. WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEM?
      - (1) THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM; THEN THEY WILL FAST

## V. JESUS TEACHES - ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS

- A. MATTHEW 9: [16] "NO ONE SEWS A PATCH OF UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD GARMENT, FOR THE PATCH WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE GARMENT, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. [17] NEITHER DO MEN POUR NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS. IF THEY DO, THE SKINS WILL BURST, THE WINE WILL RUN OUT AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS, AND BOTH ARE PRESERVED."
  - 1. THE FIRST QUESTION, WHY DO YOU EAT WITH SINNERS.
  - 2. The second question, why do Your followers not fast.
  - 3. The answer.
    - A. THERE IS A NEW GARMENT
      - (1) THE ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION.
        - (A) SOMETHING NEW FOR THE SINNER.
          - I) Isaiah 61:10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
    - B. THERE IS A NEW WINE
      - (1) THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND QUESTION.
        - (A) SOMETHING NEW FOR THE BELIEVER.

I) Ephesians. 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

# VI. JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS TEACHING

- A. Matthew 9: [18] While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." [19] Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. [20] Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. [21] She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." [22] Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment. [23] When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, [24] he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. [25] After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.
  - 1. WHILE HE WAS SAYING THIS! SAYING WHAT?
    - A. SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH
    - B. WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH,
      - (1) JESUS HAS JUST MADE SOME STATEMENTS. THIS IS ALL ONE EVENT. SO WE ARE NOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT ALL THIS MEANS.
  - 2. WHILE HE WAS SAYING THIS, A RULER CAME AND KNELT BEFORE HIM AND SAID,
    - A. KNELT BEFORE JESUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WHO JESUS IS. WE HAVE SEEN THE POOR DO THIS THE GENTILE DO THIS NOW WE HAVE A RULER OF ISRAEL DO IT.
  - 3. Now we will hear what this man has to say!
    - A. "MY DAUGHTER HAS JUST DIED. BUT COME AND PUT YOUR HAND ON HER, AND SHE WILL LIVE
      - (1) WHAT HAS THIS FATHER DONE?
        - (A) HE ESTABLISHED HOW HIS DAUGHTER IS TO BE SAVED.
  - 4. How does Jesus respond to him?
    - A. HE WENT WITH HIM TO DO AS HE WAS ASKED.
  - 5. BUT, ON THE WAY SOMETHING HAPPENS.
  - 6. ANOTHER NEED IS BEING PRESENTED TO HIM.
    - A. A WOMAN WHO HAS A PROBLEM HAS DONE HER HOME WORK. SHE HAS **ASKED** ABOUT THIS JESUS, SHE IS NOW **SEEKING** HIM OUT. AND SHE IS ABOUT TO **KNOCK** AT THE KINGDOM.
    - B. HER PROBLEM.
      - (1) JUST THEN A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO BLEEDING FOR TWELVE YEARS
    - C. THE ANSWER TO HER PROBLEM.
      - (1) SHE HAS **ASKED** OTHERS AND KNOWS THAT THIS JESUS CAN HEAL HER.
      - (2) SHE KNOWS, NOW SHE **SEEKS** THE ONE THAT CAN HELP HER.
      - (3) NOW SHE WILL **KNOCK** [PUT HER KNOWLEDGE TO WORK] AT THE KINGDOM.
        - (A) "IF I ONLY TOUCH HIS CLOAK, I WILL BE HEALED

- I) WHERE DID SHE EVER GET SUCH AN IDEA? ASK SEEK & KNOCK.
- D. AND WHAT DID JESUS HAVE TO SAY TO HER?
  - (1) JESUS TURNED AND SAW HER. "TAKE HEART, DAUGHTER," HE SAID, "YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU."
- E. WHAT WAS THE RESULT?
  - (1) " AND THE WOMAN WAS HEALED FROM THAT MOMENT.
- 7. JESUS CONTINUES TO FILL THE REQUEST OF THE RULER.
  - A. WHEN JESUS ENTERED THE RULER'S HOUSE AND SAW THE FLUTE PLAYERS AND THE NOISY CROWD, [24] HE SAID, "GO AWAY. THE GIRL IS NOT DEAD BUT ASLEEP." BUT THEY LAUGHED AT HIM
    - (1) How were things when Jesus came to the house.
    - (2) WHAT WAS THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE THERE.
      - (A) THIS CAN NOT BE.
      - (B) EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT THE KINGDOM IS ABOUT.
        - I) BUT THEY LAUGHED AT HIM
    - (3) JESUS DOES NOT NEED THIS ATTITUDE ABOUT HIM. HE SENDS THEM AWAY.
- 8. AFTER THE CROWD HAD BEEN PUT OUTSIDE, HE WENT IN AND TOOK THE GIRL BY THE HAND, AND SHE GOT UP.
  - A. WHAT DID THE RULER SAY? WHERE WAS HIS FAITH? HAD HE **ASKED**, **SOUGHT**, AND **KNOCKED**.
  - B. WHO DETERMINED HOW THE GIRL WAS TO BE RAISED?

# VII. JESUS AGAIN DEMONSTRATES HIS TEACHING

- A. MATTHEW 9: [26] NEWS OF THIS SPREAD THROUGH ALL THAT REGION. [27] AS JESUS WENT ON FROM THERE, TWO BLIND MEN FOLLOWED HIM, CALLING OUT, "HAVE MERCY ON US, SON OF DAVID!" [28] 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. [29] THEN HE TOUCHED THEIR EYES AND SAID, "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH WILL IT BE DONE TO YOU"; [30] AND THEIR SIGHT WAS RESTORED. JESUS WARNED THEM STERNLY, "SEE THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THIS."
  - 1. It is now later.
  - 2. TWO BLIND MEN.
    - A. TWO = WITNESS
      - (1) NOT TO THE PEOPLE OF THAT TIME
        - (A) JESUS WARNED THEM STERNLY, "SEE THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THIS."
      - (2) THEN TO WHOM?
  - 3. How do they approach Jesus?
    - A. HAVE MERCY ON US,
    - B. WHAT HAVE THEY ASKED FOR? THINK ABOUT IT?
  - 4. What do they do then?
    - A. WHEN HE HAD GONE INDOORS, THE BLIND MEN CAME TO HIM
      - (1) WHAT DOES THIS SAY?
        - (A) IT WAS NOT DONE IMMEDIATELY.
        - (B) THEY FOLLOWED HIM.
  - 5. WHAT DID JESUS DO? HE ASKED A QUESTION? HE IS HELPING THEM ASK, SEEK AND

## KNOCK.

- A. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT I AM ABLE TO DO THIS?"
- 6. Before they addressed Him as the Son OF DAVID, Now they address Him as LORD.
  - A. "YES, LORD," THEY REPLIED.
- 7. WHAT DOES JESUS DO AND WHAT IS THE RESULT?
  - A. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; [30] and their sight was restored

# VIII. THE RESULT OF HIS DEMONSTRATIONS

- A. Matthew 9: [31] But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region. [32] While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. [33] 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."
  - 1. NOTE: NEWS ABOUT HIM WAS SPREAD ALL OVER THE REGION.
  - 2. This brought a man to Him.
    - A. A MAN WHO WAS DEMON-POSSESSED
    - B. COULD NOT TALK WAS BROUGHT TO JESUS
      - (1) WHO DID THE ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK?
        - (A) BROUGHT TO HIM.
  - 3. The result.
    - A. THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN MUTE SPOKE.
    - B. THE CROWD WAS AMAZED AND SAID,
    - C. "NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER BEEN SEEN IN ISRAEL."

## IX. THE DIVISION THAT WAS SURE TO COME

- A. Matthew 9: [34] But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons." [35] Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. [36] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37] Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. [38] Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
  - 1. ALL THESE GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING. EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY?
    - A. But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."
  - 2. WHAT DID JESUS THE KING DO ABOUT THIS?
    - A. JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES,
    - B. TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES,
    - C. PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM AND
    - D. HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND SICKNESS.
  - 3. How did ALL THIS EFFECT JESUS?
    - A. WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS,

- (1) HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM,
- (2) WHY?
  - (A) BECAUSE THEY WERE HARASSED
  - (B) AND HELPLESS,
  - (C) LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.
    - I) WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE ROLE OF SHEPHERD?
      - A) Ezekiel 34:8 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock,
  - (D) WHO WAS HARASSING THEM?
  - (E) WHY WERE THEY HELPLESS?
- 4. When Jesus sees all this, what is His answer to the problem?
  - A. THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,
  - B. "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL
  - C. BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.
  - D. [38] ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST,
  - E. THEREFORE,
  - F. TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD."

WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS SEES WHEN HE LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN TODAY?

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE SAYS TO THEM AROUND HIM?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?