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The Seed vs. the Serpent

Matthew 8:23 – 9:17

- In each of the following encounters, Jesus is shown to be the promised Seed of the Woman (**Gen. 3:15**), the Messiah who has come into the world to destroy the works of the devil (**1 John 3:8**).

Three Miracles (8:23-9:8) and a Teaching (9:9-17)

First Miracle (v. 23-27)

- Jesus crushed Satan's authority over nature.

Mark 4:39 "...be muzzled"

- In quelling this demonic storm, Jesus crushes Satan's use of nature to oppose the purposes of God.

Second Miracle (v. 28-34)

- Jesus crushed Satan's authority over man's will.

2 Tim. 2:26 ...and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will

- The demonic powers knew Jesus' true identity and purpose.

Third Miracle (v. 1-8)

- Jesus crushed Satan's authority to enslave His people to their sin.
- Jesus showed that He indeed had *Divine* authority to forgive sin.
- Since the Fall, Satan has exercised authority over humanity (**1 John 5:19**). But Jesus, the Seed of the woman, has come to deliver His people from their slavery to sin (**Rom.6:17**), by crushing Satan's head [authority] at the Cross (**Heb.2:14**).

A Teaching (v. 9-17)

- After giving us three examples of Jesus' authority over Satan, Matthew records his own deliverance from Satan's rule when called by Jesus and the celebration with his colleagues that ensued.

- The Pharisees objected to Jesus' eating with sinners who were considered outcasts. But Jesus informed them that He had come as a Physician to call the sick into the Kingdom.

Hosea 6:6 ...I desire mercy, not sacrifice...