



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah

**Passage Mathew 8:1-22**

**Title:** Prejudice, Racism and Jesus

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**Discussion Starter** – Why do you think man’s efforts to eradicate prejudice and racism have not been effective in our country and throughout the world?

### **The Lordship of Jesus (Matthew 8:1-4)**

- Lepers were looked down upon in the society during Jesus’ ministry. It was a form of prejudice and discrimination. The Samaritans were also hated by the Jews and the Romans felt their race was superior to all. With this as a background what are some of the unique and unexpected things you see happening as the leper approaches Jesus?
- How does Jesus respond the leper’s request? What does that tell us about bringing our cares and afflictions to Jesus?
- Why don’t some people want to bring their afflictions to Jesus?
- Explain how the Lordship of Jesus is the answer to racism? Read Romans 3:23-26 and Galatians 3:26-29. What additional insights are seen in these verses?
- What is the significance of what Jesus asks the leper to do after He has healed him? What is the spiritual application message here to us as Christians today?

### **The Faith of a Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)**

- Why was Jesus so amazed at the Centurion’s faith? How might this be so unexpected?
- What was the Centurion’s faith in and how do you think he came to this faith, not being a religious Jew?

### **The Cost of Discipleship (Matthew 8:18-22)**

- What do you think motivated the scribe to say he would follow Jesus where ever He went?
- What important message do we see in how Jesus responds to the scribe?
- How can following Jesus be the most terrifying thing we can do, but at the same time the most rewarding life we can live?
- What can we learn from the answer Jesus gave to the disciple that requested to bury his father first before following Him in ministry? What did Jesus mean by this statement?
- How are you doing in the ministry Jesus has called you to? How can you be used to bring healing and unity to our country?