

The Power of the Son of Man
Matthew 17:14-27

Review:

1. We revel in Christ's promises of power and freedom, but we must beware of perverting our faith, trying to use it only to get what we want
2. Christ alone has all power – over the natural world as well as the supernatural
3. We can only share in His power through sharing in His humility – doing what He says, no matter how nonsensical it sounds, praying with confession of our complete dependence on Him

Reflect:

1. In what part of your life do you think you need to express greater faith in Christ? What is holding you back from trusting Him more?

Go further: Read Daniel 7:1-28

1. In verse 2, what does Daniel say he saw the wind doing to the Great Sea, the Mediterranean?
2. What does he see coming up out of the sea?
3. How does verse 4 describe the first beast? What happened to it?
4. How is the second beast described in verse 5? What does it have in its mouth?
5. How does verse 6 describe the third beast?
6. How does verse 7 describe the fourth beast?
7. How does verse 8 describe the little horn of the beast?
8. Who does Daniel see seated in verse 9? How does he describe the One on the throne?
9. Who does Daniel see surrounding the throne in verse 10?
10. In verse 11, what happened to the fourth beast?
11. What happened to the rest of the beasts in verse 12?
12. Who does Daniel see approaching the Ancient of Days in verse 13?
13. What is given to the Son of Man in verse 14? What is the reason He is given this kingdom?
14. How long does 14 say that His kingdom will last?
15. What does verse 15 say is Daniel's reaction to this vision?
16. What does verse 17 say that the four beasts represent?
17. What does verse 18 say is the main point of the vision?
18. In verses 19-20, what is Daniel most interested in learning about?
19. What is the little horn able to do in verse 21?
20. What happens in verse 22 to put a stop to this war?
21. How is the fourth beast described in verse 23?
22. What does verse 24 say the ten horns of the beast symbolize?
23. What do verses 24 and 25 say the little horn will do?
24. For how long will the little horn have power over the saints?
25. What does verse 26 say will happen to the little horn?
26. What does verse 27 say the saints shall receive?
27. How is the kingdom of the Most High described in verse 27?
28. Who does verse 27 say will serve and obey the Most High?

Summary and Application:

1. Compare the kingdom of the beasts in verses 3 through 8 with the kingdom of the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man in verses 9-14. How are they different in power and longevity?

2. Compare Daniel's interest in verses 19-21 with the ultimate outcome of his vision in verses 26 and 27. When thinking about the end times, where should our focus be?
3. Given what verse 27 says about how long the Kingdom of God shall last, how much emphasis do you think Christians should place on the power and politics of our world?