

Jesus Christ the Omnipotent

The word “omnipotent” is a combination of two Latin words. The word “omni” means all and the word “potent” means power or force. When you put them together they mean “all power.” The dictionary defines the word omnipotent as follows: “*Having unlimited or universal power, authority, or force.*”¹

Jesus Christ is God; therefore He is omnipotent. He has unlimited power, authority, and force. He has power over physical illness, the forces of nature, and even unseen spirit creatures.

Ancient kings often had titles attached to their names, such as Alexander the Great, Richard the Lion-Hearted, or even Ivan the Terrible. As you study Matthew 8 you will find that our Lord may aptly be called **Jesus Christ the Omnipotent**.

Jesus Has Power to Heal Through Touch

- Matt. 8:1-2** After finishing the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus came down from the mountain. Many people followed Him. What did the leper want?
- Matt. 8:3** “Jesus put forth his _____, and _____ him, saying, I _____; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was _____.” Look at verse 14.
- Matt. 8:14** What did Jesus find when He entered Peter’s house?
- Matt. 8:15** What did Jesus do?
What happened?

Jesus had power to heal diseases with the touch of His hand.

Jesus Has Power to Heal Through the Spoken Word

- Matt. 8:5** Jesus entered Capernaum (see the map on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**). A centurion was a Roman military officer.
- Matt. 8:6** What did the centurion tell Jesus?
- Matt. 8:7** What did Jesus offer to do?
- Matt. 8:8** Why didn’t the centurion want Jesus to come to his house?
What did he ask Jesus to do?

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Matt. 8:9 Why did this man understand authority?

Matt. 8:10 Why did Jesus marvel at the centurion?

Matt. 8:13 What did Jesus tell the centurion?

What happened to his servant?

Not only could Jesus heal with His touch, He also had power to heal someone a long distance away with just His spoken word.

Jesus Has Power Over the Spirit World

Matt. 8:16 What did Jesus do for those possessed with demons?

Verses 28-43 tell about another such incident.

Matt. 8:28-29 Two demon-possessed men approached Jesus. What did they ask Him?

Matt. 8:30-31 What else did they ask Him?

Matt. 8:32 What happened when Jesus said, “Go”?

Jesus Christ has power over physical disease and evil spirit forces. Verses 23-27 tell about another realm of His power.

Jesus Has Power Over the Forces of Nature

Matt. 8:23-24 Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. What happened?

Matt. 8:25 What did the disciples say when they woke Jesus?

Matt. 8:26 “And He saith unto them, Why are ye _____, O ye of little _____? Then He arose, and rebuked the _____ and the _____; and there was a great _____.”

Matt. 8:27 How did the disciples react to this miracle?

Concluding Thoughts: Jesus Christ has incredible, unlimited supernatural power. In this lesson you have seen that Jesus demonstrated His power in the following realms:

- Jesus has power to heal through touch (v. 1-3, 14-15)
- Jesus has power to heal through the spoken word (v. 5-13)
- Jesus has power over the spirit world (v. 16, 28-34)
- Jesus has power over the forces of nature (v. 23-27)

Jesus can overcome physical disease, spiritual oppression, and even the powerful forces of nature. Since He has that much power, He can certainly handle whatever needs you might have.

Remember, however, that just because Jesus has this power does not mean He is obligated to use it the way we want. The leper told Jesus, “*If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.*” Jesus was willing in that instance, so He healed the leper; but there were other lepers in Israel who were not healed. In the same way, Jesus calmed the storm on the sea, but allowed other storms to go unchecked.

Take time right now to thank Jesus Christ for His omnipotence. Take your needs to Him in prayer. Trust Him to do what’s best.

Project: When your situation seems hopeless, call on **Jesus Christ the Omnipotent.**