

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –03/16/26

Matthew - Lesson 10
Matthew 8:23-9:8

1. Read Matthew 8:23-27. What did the disciples fear? Why did they wake up Jesus? How was Jesus able to sleep in the midst of such a dangerous storm? What did his disciples need to learn?

2. Have you ever felt like God was “sleeping on the job” when you needed Him? What lessons from this incident can help you when you are afraid?

3. How did the disciples react after Jesus had calmed the storm? (see also Mark 5:41)

4. Read Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20. This miracle is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Matthew’s account is much shorter and mentions two men; Mark and Luke only one. What did the demons know about Jesus? What did they fear? What did they want from him?

5. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How does the demon-possessed man/men illustrate the universal condition of mankind apart from Christ?

6. Compare his/their condition before and after encountering Jesus. What does this teach about Jesus’ power and salvation?

7. Why do you think Jesus allowed the destruction of the pigs? How did the people in the town respond? Why?

8. Read Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12. Jesus’ words to the paralytic imply a close link between sin and sickness. Why did the teachers of the law accuse Jesus of blasphemy?

9. How would you answer Jesus’ question in Matthew 9:5? Which is easier? What did he tell the man to do? Why? (v. 6) What was the response of the crowd?