

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 17: MATTHEW 8:18-22; 9:9-13; 35-38

QUICK REVIEW

LAST TWO WEEKS: POWER AND AUTHORITY OF JESUS DISPLAYED

LAST WEEK: IS IT GOD'S WILL TO HEAL EVERYONE?

CONSENSUS: (1) GOD HAS THE POWER TO HEAL ANYONE.

- (2) NO INSTANCES RECORDED WHERE JESUS DID NOT HEAL SOMEONE WHO ASKED TO BE HEALED.
- (3) JESUS DID NOT HEAL EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT HE ENCOUNTERED.
- (4) FAITH IS NOT ALWAYS A FACTOR. SOME PEOPLE WERE HEALED:
 - BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH,
 - BECAUSE OF FAITH OF OTHERS,
 - AS A RESULT OF A CHALLENGE TO JESUS,
 - WITH NO ABILITY TO HAVE FAITH.
- (5) WE SHOULD NOT DISCOUNT FAITH AND PRAY ONLY FOR THE POSSIBLE.

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Why do we just sit around and talk
about all the things we should be doing,
instead of actually doing any of them?

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP: MATTHEW 8:18-22

When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake.

Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

JESUS REPLIED, "FOXES HAVE HOLES AND BIRDS OF THE AIR HAVE NESTS, BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NO PLACE TO LAY HIS HEAD."

ANOTHER DISCIPLE SAID TO HIM,
"LORD, FIRST LET ME GO AND BURY MY FATHER."

BUT JESUS TOLD HIM,
"FOLLOW ME, AND LET THE DEAD
BURY THEIR OWN DEAD."

CALLING OF MATTHEW: MATTHEW 9:9-13

AS JESUS WENT ON FROM THERE,
HE SAW A MAN NAMED MATTHEW SITTING AT THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," HE TOLD HIM,
AND MATTHEW GOT UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE,
MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND "SINNERS" CAME AND ATE WITH HIM
AND HIS DISCIPLES. WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW THIS,
THEY ASKED HIS DISCIPLES, "WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT
WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND 'SINNERS'?"

ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID,
"IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR,
BUT THE SICK.
BUT GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS:
"I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE."
FOR I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL
THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."

WORKERS ARE FEW: MATTHEW 9: 35-38

JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM AND HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND SICKNESS.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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