Week 17 Day 1 Matthew 8

Understand your Bible reading plan





Introduction

We continue looking at Matthew's account of the life of Jesus Christ.

Questions

- 1. What does the leper say that indicates he believes Jesus can heal him?
- 2. What did the centurion have that the disciples in the boat lacked?
- 3. What did Jesus do when he saw great multitudes around him?



Summary Points

- v 1 to 4 Jesus cures a leper who says he believes he can do so
- v 5 to 13 Jesus heals the servant of a centurion who acknowledges that Jesus has authority
- v 14 to 18 Jesus heals many including Peter's wife's mother fulfilling Isaiah's prediction
- v 19 to 22 Jesus indicates that following him may not be easy
- v 23 to 27 The disciples show lack of faith when caught in a storm on the sea of Galilee. His miracles make them realise Jesus is no ordinary man (see theme)
- v 28 to 34 Jesus cures two demon-possessed men (see theme) resulting in the death of a herd of pigs

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Themes

Jesus' miracles show he is God's Son

A selection of verses showing that Jesus' miracles were evidence that he was God's Son.

Jesus' twelve disciples believed that Jesus was the Son of God because he stilled the distressing contrary wind on the sea of Galilee:

Matthew 14 verse 33

Jesus himself said that his miracles were testimony that he was Son of God:

John 15 verses 22 to 24

John says he wrote his gospel to show that Jesus was the Christ and also Son of God: John 20 verses 30 and 31

Demons

A selection of verses showing what the Bible says about demons.

Demon-possessed people are healed in the same way as those with every other illness:

Matthew 4 verse 24

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A dumb man is said to be demon-possessed:

Matthew 9 verse 32

When a demon-possessed man is cured, he is described as being in his right mind:

Mark 5 verse 15

John the Baptiser's unusual habit of not eating bread or drinking wine is referred to as having a demon:

Luke 7 verse 33

Jesus Christ is accused of having a demon when he accuses the Jews of wanting to kill him, and when he says things they think are impossible:

John 7 verse 20, 8 verse 52

Insanity is thought to be caused by a demon:

John 10 verse 20

Anyone with a mental illness or inexplicable behaviour is said to have a demon.

Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 10 and 26, Q 3: v 18



Bible timeline

