

Matthew Lesson 07

8:1-4 The Man with Leprosy

Leprosy was a contagious disease. We see in this lesson the strong faith of the man who risked being punished or even being put to death to come into the crowds and find Jesus. People with leprosy had to stay away from the healthy or be put to death. We also see the love of Jesus who touched the man that was unclean and dangerous to touch.

According to Old Testament law the man had to be announced healthy by a priest and give a thank offering to the Lord for cleansing before the man could live again among people in the city.

8:5-13 The Faith of the Centurion

A centurion was a captain of one hundred men in the Roman army. Jews looked at Romans as their enemy since Rome controlled the Holy Land.

1. For whom did the centurion seek help?

Anyone who associated with the Roman enemy would be looked at as unclean. This centurion did not want Jesus to ruin himself by coming to his house which would make Jesus unclean in the eyes of the Jewish leaders.

2. When the centurion talks about giving orders and commands to his men, what was he telling Jesus he knew Jesus could do?

Hebrews 4:12—The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow.

3. How quickly was the servant healed?

Jesus warns that people who do not have similar faith in God's Word will be condemned to hell.

8:14-17 Jesus Heals Many

4. The example of Jesus healing the people is a fulfillment of a passage from what book of the Bible?

8:18-22 The Cost of Following Jesus

5. What do we say we will do in order to follow Jesus?

8:23-27 Jesus Calms the Storm

6. Why could Jesus sleep through the storm that made the disciples so afraid?
7. What problem did the disciples have which Jesus spoke about in verse 26?
8. What is the answer for the problem the disciples had?
9. How does this lesson prove to you that Jesus is true man?
10. How does this lesson prove to you that Jesus is true God?

8:28-34 The Healing of Two Demon-possessed Men

11. How does this story show you the divine power of Jesus' words?
12. In verse 29 what is the "appointed time" the demons speak about?
13. How can demons know who Jesus is when people do not know him? (See 8:27.)

The region of Gadara (see map) was an area where the Jews controlled. Jews lived there at this time. The Old Testament Sabbath laws forbid the eating of pork. Since the pigs died, it was proper that the forbidden meat be destroyed.

14. How did the people react to the healing of the two men possessed of the evil spirits?