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I. Jesus Calms the Storm (Matthew 8:23-27)

A. Setting and Disciples' Reaction

- Jesus enters the boat; disciples follow (v. 23)
- Disciples' fear and plea for salvation (v. 24-25)

B. Jesus' Response and Miracle

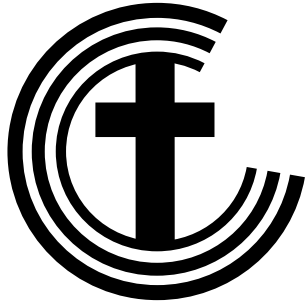
- Rebuke of the disciples' little faith (v. 26)
- Miracle: Jesus calms the storm, bringing peace (v. 26-27)

C. Key Themes

- Faith vs. Fear: The danger of focusing on physical perils over spiritual growth
- Authority of Jesus over creation

D. Cross References:

- Matthew 6:25-34 (Do not be anxious)
- Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25 (Parallel accounts)



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II. Jesus Heals Two Demon-Possessed Men (Matthew 8:28-34)

A. Encounter with the Demon-Possessed

- Arrival in the Gadarenes and meeting with two demon-possessed men (v. 28)
- Acknowledgment of Jesus' authority by demons (v. 29)

B. The Miracle and its Impact

- The demons' request and Jesus' permission; swine drown (v. 30-32)
- Reaction of the town; request for Jesus to leave (v. 33-34)

C. Key Themes

- Jesus' authority over spiritual realms
- Resistance to Jesus' ministry due to material loss

D. Cross References:

- Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39 (Parallel accounts)



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III. Jesus Heals a Paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)

A. Faith Demonstrated and Forgiveness Offered

- Jesus sees the faith of friends; forgives the paralytic (v. 1-2)

B. Opposition from Scribes

- Scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy in their hearts (v. 3)

C. Jesus' Authority to Forgive and Heal

- Jesus corrects the scribes and heals the paralytic (v. 4-7)
- Response of the crowd: amazement and glorification of God (v. 8)

D. Key Themes

- Faith influences Jesus' actions; external vs. internal healing
- Forgiveness of sins as fundamental



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E. Cross References:

- Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26 (Parallel accounts)
- Isaiah 35:5-6 (Messianic expectations)

IV. Jesus Calls Matthew and Dines with Sinners (Matthew 9:9-13)

A. Calling of Matthew

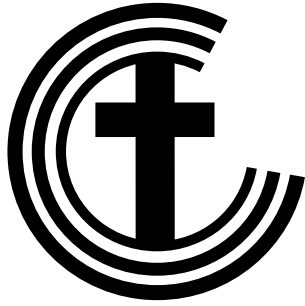
- Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, who follows Him (v. 9)

B. Fellowship with Sinners

- Jesus' dining with sinners prompts Pharisees' question (v. 10-11)

C. Teaching on Mercy over Sacrifice

- Jesus' response emphasizing mercy over ritual observance (v. 12-13)



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D. Key Themes

- Jesus' mission to the spiritually needy
- Challenge to traditional religious norms

E. Cross References:

- Hosea 6:6 (Desire for mercy)
- Romans 5:8 (Christ's love for sinners)

V. Question about Fasting (Matthew 9:14-17)

A. Inquiry from John's Disciples

- Question about why Jesus' disciples do not fast like others (v. 14)

B. Jesus' Explanation

- Illustrated by bridegroom analogy: presence vs. absence (v. 15)
- New cloth and new wine skins: illustrating a new covenant (v. 16-17)



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C. Key Themes

- Appropriateness of fasting related to context
- Introduction of a new covenant, not merely a reformation of the old

D. Cross References:

- Luke 5:33-39, Mark 2:18-22 (Parallel accounts)
- John 3:29 (Jesus as the bridegroom)