

# **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

## **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**

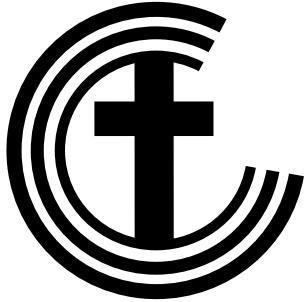
- Rebuke of the disciples' little faith (v. 26)
- Miracle: Jesus calms the storm, bringing peace (v. 26-27)

### **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)



# **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

## **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**

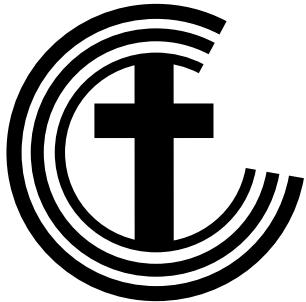
- The demons' request and Jesus' permission; swine drown (v. 30-32)
- Reaction of the town; request for Jesus to leave (v. 33-34)

### **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)



# **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

## **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)

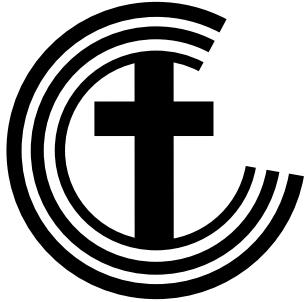
### **C. Jesus' Authority to Forgive and Heal**

- 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



# **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

## **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**

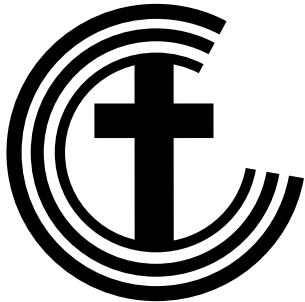
- Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, who follows Him (v. 9)

### **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)



## **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

### **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)

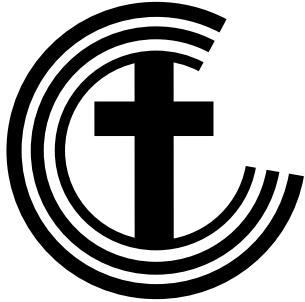
## **V. Question about Fasting (Matthew 9:14-17)**

### **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)



## **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

### **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)