

17—More Miracles

Matthew 8:23-34; 9:18-38; Mk 4:35-6:6; Luke 8:22-56

1. What does Jesus attempt to do to get away from the crowds who were following Him (Matthew 8:18, 23; Mark 4:35-36; Luke 8:22)? Why was Jesus growing in popularity among the people? What occurs as He attempts to get away for a moment of peace (Matthew 8:24-25; Mark 4:37-38; Luke 8:23-24)?

2. How does Jesus handle this tense situation (Matthew 8:26-27; Mark 4:39-41; Luke 8:24-25)? What did this miracle indicate about the power and person of Jesus? What can we learn as we contrast His personality in handling the storm with the panic of the disciples?



3. Describe the character Jesus comes across in the city of Gadara (Matthew 8:28-29; Mark 5:1-5; Luke 8:26-27). How would you feel in the presence of such an individual?

4. What was Jesus able to do with this demon-possessed man? Describe this individual after he comes into contact with Jesus (Matthew 8:31-34; Mark 5:6-20; Luke 8:30-39). How do the people from the city react to this miracle? How does the demon-possessed man react? Why such a different reaction?

5. What miracle occurs in the following texts and what is unique about it (Matthew 9:18-22; Mark 5:22-34; Luke 8:41-48)? How would the first woman be considered by the Jewish rabbis according to Leviticus 15:26? What spiritual lessons can we learn from the woman and Jesus in this text?

6. How does it seem the funerals in the time of Christ were different than funerals today? What kind of scene was Jesus walking into as He went to heal Jairus' daughter (Matthew 9:23-26; Mark 5:35-43; Luke 8:49-56)? Although Jesus has done something amazing, what does He command the family? Why?

7. Yet another healing is noted in Matthew 9:27-31. This time Jesus heals two blind men. Yet, why do you think Jesus waits until He is alone in the house with them to perform the healing? Again, He asks them not to tell others. Yet, what happens anyway?

8. Jesus heals a demon-possessed mute in Matthew 9:32-34. After the healing, what conclusion is reached by the Pharisees about how this healing took place? What might have prompted them to make a statement like this?

9. After a barrage of miracles, Jesus then goes to His hometown of Nazareth. What does He say to His hometown brethren at the synagogue during His visit (Matthew 13:54-56; Mark 6:1-3; Luke 4:16-23)? How do they both admit His miracles and try to discredit Him?

10. When Jesus is rejected, He makes several Old Testament comparisons which anger the crowd more (Matthew 13:57-58; Mark 6:4-6; Luke 4:24-31). Who does Jesus compare Himself to? To whom does Jesus compare the city of Nazareth? Why would His mention of the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian especially enrage these Jewish skeptics (1 Kings 17:8-16; 2 Kings 5:1-14)?