



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 8:18–34” on August 16th

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 8:1-17 affect your week?

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DISCOVER: MATTHEW 8:18–34

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MATTHEW 8:18-22 Jesus uses two examples of what it means to follow Him – the nature of His itinerant ministry and the urgency of the gospel. From His phrases, “The Son of Man has no place to lay His head” and “Let the dead bury their own dead.”:

- Overall, what is Jesus teaching us about following Him?
- Is there a comfort level or security level you’re not willing to give up to risk truly following Jesus?
- What comfort, hardship, or brokenness in your life is telling you to tell Jesus, “Not right now!”?
- What all did Jesus mean in vs. 22 – “Let the dead bury their own dead?” How does that impact your own spiritual journey?

MATTHEW 8:23-27 Awakened during a storm by the fearful disciples in the boat, Jesus admonished them for their lack of faith and calmed the wind and waves immediately with just His voice. Jason indicated that for us to see Jesus move in the storms of our lives, we have to REALIZE He’s there in the boat with us, and we must ASK Him to save us.

- Can you describe a time in your life that was like a ‘storm’ until Jesus came to the rescue?
- How can storms in our lives benefit us spiritually?
- Surrendering to Jesus brings peace, fulfillment and joy. What obstacles are you struggling with that stand in the way of your surrendering completely to Him?

MATTHEW 8:28-34 Read Mark’s description of this story in Mark 5:1-18 along with Luke’s story in Luke 8:26-29.

Considering all three descriptions of Jesus’ authority over spiritual forces:

- What do you learn about the demons and their relationship to Jesus?
- What do you learn from the reactions of the herdsmen and townspeople?
- What do you learn of the men who were freed from demon possession?
- What does it mean to you to know that Jesus holds authority over your life? Is there anything that controls you, keeping you from surrendering to His authority?

RESPOND

How might today’s passage impact the way you study the Bible and share the gospel with others?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.