

The Power of Jesus (Who is This?)

Matthew 8:1-34

The Power to heal diseases 1-17

- 1-4 A Jewish leper.. "if you are willing, you can make me clean"
 - I am willing.. Jesus touched him
 - Go to the priest.. as testimony to them
- 5-13 A Gentile centurion.. Painful paralysis
 - I will come .. "only speak the word"
 - Not found this great faith even in Israel

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- 14-15 A disciple's relative.. Sick with fever
 - Jesus touched her hand
 - The fever left/she arose, served them
- 16-17 His healing power attracted many
 - Cast out spirits with a word/healed all
 - Fulfillment of prophecy (Isaiah 53:4)

The Cost of Discipleship 18-22

- 18-20 A scribe: "Teacher, I will follow you"
 - The Son of Man has no home..
 - Understand the difficulties...
- 21-22 A disciple: "Let me first bury my father"
 - Ordinary priorities give way to discipleship
 - Don't put off commitment to Christ

Power over Nature 23-27

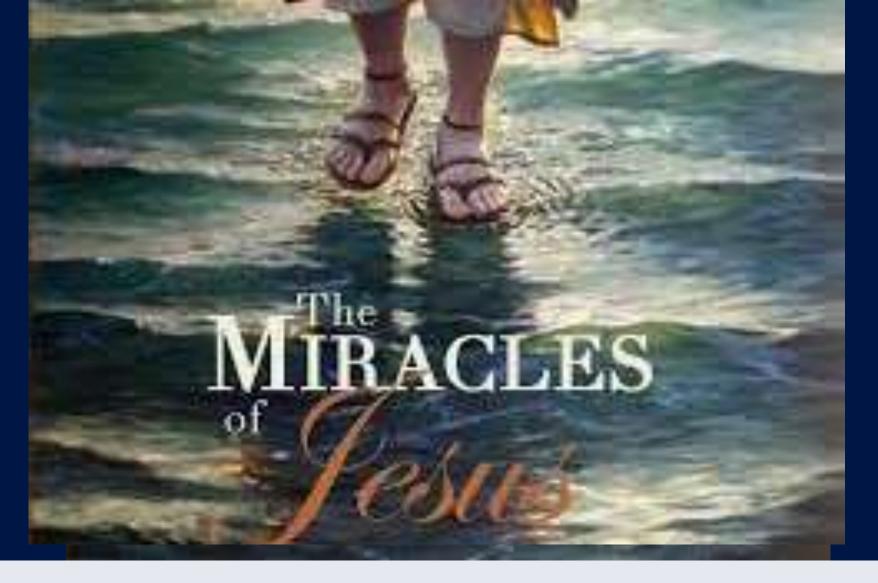
- 23-25 Got into boat.. the disciples followed
 - Great tempest arose.. waves covered the boat
 - The disciples' frightened.. Jesus calmly asleep
- 26-27 Jesus calms the storm
 - "Why are you fearful, you of little faith?"
 - "Who can this be.. even winds/sea obey Him?"

Power over Supernatural 28-34

- 28-29 Two demon possessed men
 - Under the domination of Satan
 - The demons know Jesus as Son of God
- 30-34 Demons ask to go into herd of swine
 - Jesus tells them to go..
 - The citizens want Jesus to depart..

Important lessons

- God cares about individuals (even outcasts)
- Jesus responds to Faith (great faith, little faith, impulsive faith)
- Jesus calls for true commitment (count the cost)
- The foolishness of rejecting Him



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