

JUDGING OTHERS; A MATTER OF YOUR HEART.

DON'T SIT IN GOD'S PLACE.
Examine situations, *not* hearts.
Judge for identification & restoration,
not for condemnation.

*"Judge not, that you be not judged.
For with what judgment you judge,
you will be judged; and with the measure
you use, it will be measured back to you."*
- Matthew 7:1-2

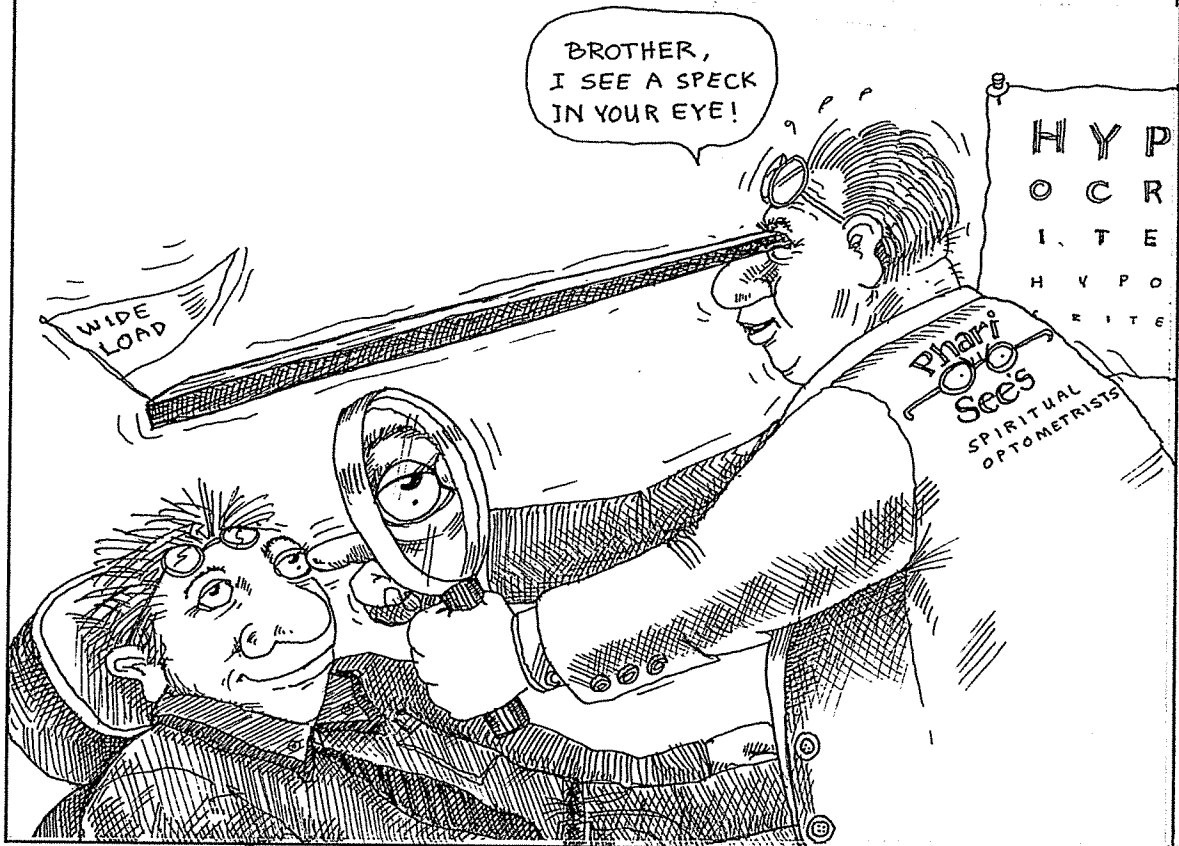
Galatians 6:1 says, "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted." Be kind because Galatians 6:7 says not to be deceived, that God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. So, if you're critical and harsh with others, it will come back that way to you.

"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye': and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."
-Matthew 7:3-5

We plainly see the sins of others that *we* know so well ourselves! The plank and speck were probably made of the same material (meaning the same sin)!

"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before the swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces." - Matthew 7:6

How can you tell if you're casting the precious things of God to those who will trample them under foot and then attack you? By prayer. Jump ahead and read Matthew 7: 7-11.



People who don't believe the Bible say that Jesus contradicts Himself about judging. In John 7:24, Jesus says, "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." Remember that it is only God who sees the heart, man doesn't. We cannot judge motives or the heart, but we are told many times to judge situations and the fruit in someone's life (Matthew 7:17). Romans 16:17 says, "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them." Love them and pray for them, but avoid them.

1Corinthians 5:12-13 says, "For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside (those of the world)? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore, put away from yourselves the evil person." Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 to get a better understanding. We can only look at those in the Body of Christ because the world doesn't know how to live differently. The Holy Spirit does not dwell in them, though God loves them and sent His Son for them, too.

Sermon on the Mount:
Judging Others; A Matter of Your Heart
Matthew 7:1-6

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. discern- to recognize as separate or different; to perceive or recognize the difference
2. hypocrite- pretending to be what one is not. This term is what the Greeks would call a stage player or an actor on stage who would impersonate a character. This is where we get our term "two-faced."
3. judge- condemn; assume the office of a judge
4. judgment- condemnation
5. plank- a stick of timber; beam
6. speck- a dry twig or straw
7. swine- a hog

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 7:1-2. Who is the Judge? (John 5:26-27)

2. In Matthew 7:1-5, Jesus is speaking against judging someone. In Matthew 7:6, we are supposed to recognize "dogs" and "swine" (Jesus is referring to people here). Would this be judging? (see vocabulary- "judge" and "discern") What is the difference?

3. In Matthew 7:1-5, Jesus is letting us know that we are not to judge someone to condemn that person. That is God's place. But, there is a time to "judge" a believer for identifying a sin and restoring that person, not to condemn them. (Lev. 19:17)
 - a. Who should do this and how? (Gal. 6:1)

 - b. What would one use to do this? (II Tim. 3:16)

 - c. Have you ever had someone rebuke you or correct you when you were wrong? If you are wise, what should your response be? (Prov. 9:7-8; Prov. 27:5-6; Ecc. 7:5)

Today's Memory Verse

"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Matthew 7:2 (NKJV)

*"ASK, and it will be given to you;
SEEK, and you will find;
KNOCK, and it will be opened to you.*

FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES,

*and he who seeks finds, and to
him who knocks it will be opened.*

*Or what man is there among you
who, if his son asks for bread,
will give him a stone? Or if he
asks for a fish, will he give him a
serpent?*

*If you then, being evil, know how
to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father
Who is in heaven give good things
to those who ask Him!"*
- Matthew 7:7-11

THE GOLDEN RULE:

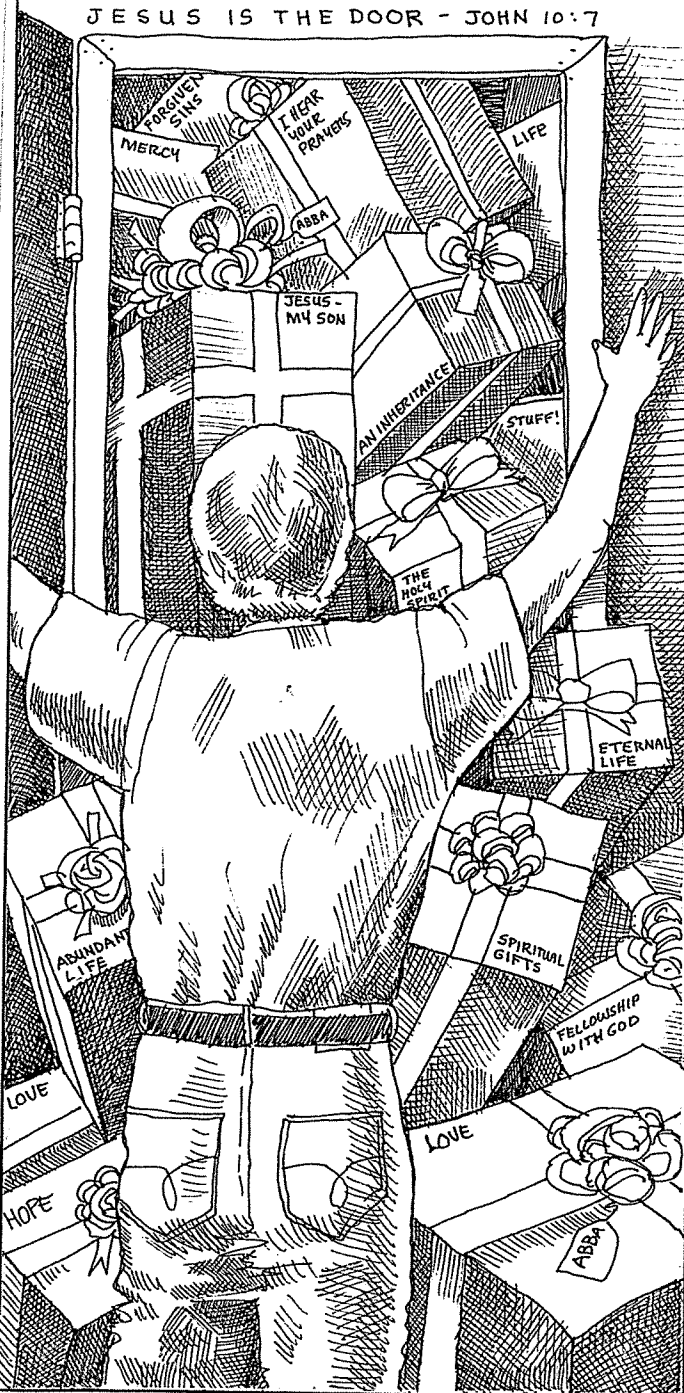
*"Therefore, whatever you want
men to do to you, do also to
them, for this is the Law and
the Prophets."* -Matthew 7:12

In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus says,
*"You shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your soul, and with all
your mind.' This is the first and great
commandment. And the second is like it;
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets."*

Love is the key word. We must love one
another by the power of the Holy Spirit.
The fruit of the Spirit is love. (Gal. 5:22)

*"But without faith it is
impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God
must believe that He is,
and that He is
a REWARDER of those
who diligently SEEK Him."
- Hebrews 11:6*

JESUS IS THE DOOR - JOHN 10:7



Sermon on the Mount:
For Everyone Who Asks Receives
Matthew 7:7-12

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. ask- request, call for, crave, desire; the seeking by an inferior from the superior, by a child from the parent, by man from God
2. seek- strive after; to desire

Discussion Questions

1. Read John 16:23-24. In Matthew 7:7-12, Jesus talks about asking and receiving. If we are asking God for things in Jesus' name, what sort of things will we be asking for? (Matt. 6:9-13)

2. Matthew 7:12 is known as the Golden Rule. Should we follow this rule even when others don't? Why or why not?

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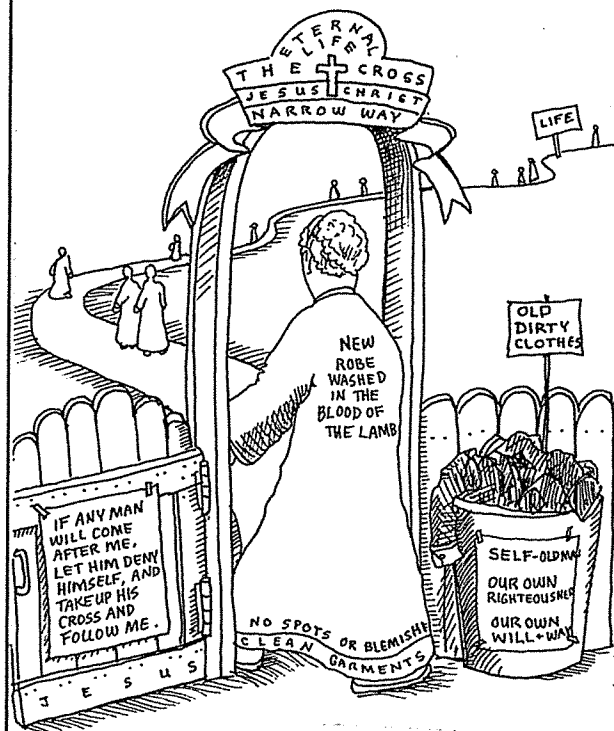
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JESUS CHRIST- THE NARROW WAY

*"Enter by the narrow gate;
for wide is the gate and broad is the way
that leads to destruction,
and there are many who go in by it.
Because narrow is the gate
and difficult is the way which leads to life,
and there are few who find it."*

- Matthew 7:13-14

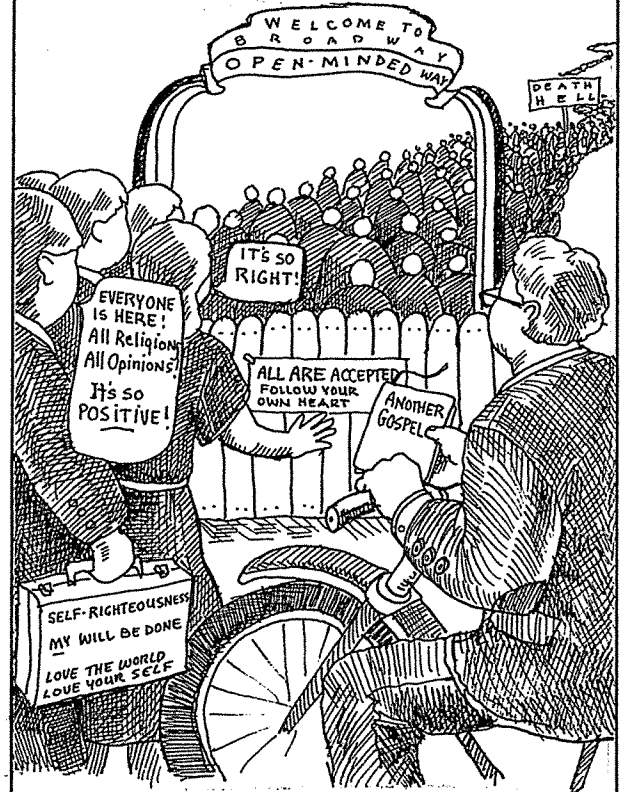
- ✓ ENTER BY THE NARROW GATE
- ✓ BECAUSE NARROW IS THE GATE AND DIFFICULT IS THE WAY WHICH LEADS TO LIFE
- ✓ AND THERE ARE FEW WHO FIND IT.



Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." - John 14:6

WIDE IS THE GATE
AND BROAD IS THE WAY
THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION

AND THERE ARE
MANY WHO GO IN BY IT.



"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." - Proverbs 14:12

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." - Colossians 2:8-10

Sermon on the Mount:
**JESUS CHRIST-
THE NARROW WAY**
Matthew 7:13-14

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. broad- spacious
2. destruction- a place of eternal punishment
3. difficult- afflict, suffer tribulation
4. life- referring to the principle of life in the spirit and soul
5. narrow- narrow from obstacles standing close about; confined
6. way- path; a method or manner of obtaining
7. wide- a flat, broad surface

Discussion Questions

1. a. Have you ever wanted to do something that your friends were doing and your parents said, "No"? And have you ever responded, "But, everyone is doing it"?

- b. Read Matthew 7:13-14. If "everyone is doing it," is it then okay to assume that it must be the right thing to do?

- c. According to Matthew 7:13-14, which "gate" do most people take and where does it lead?

- d. Which gate do few people take and where does it lead?

2. a. Have you ever heard someone say, "All" or "Many paths lead to God"?

- b. Do you think that the above statement is true? Why or why not? (Matt. 7:13-14; John 14:6; Prov. 14:12)

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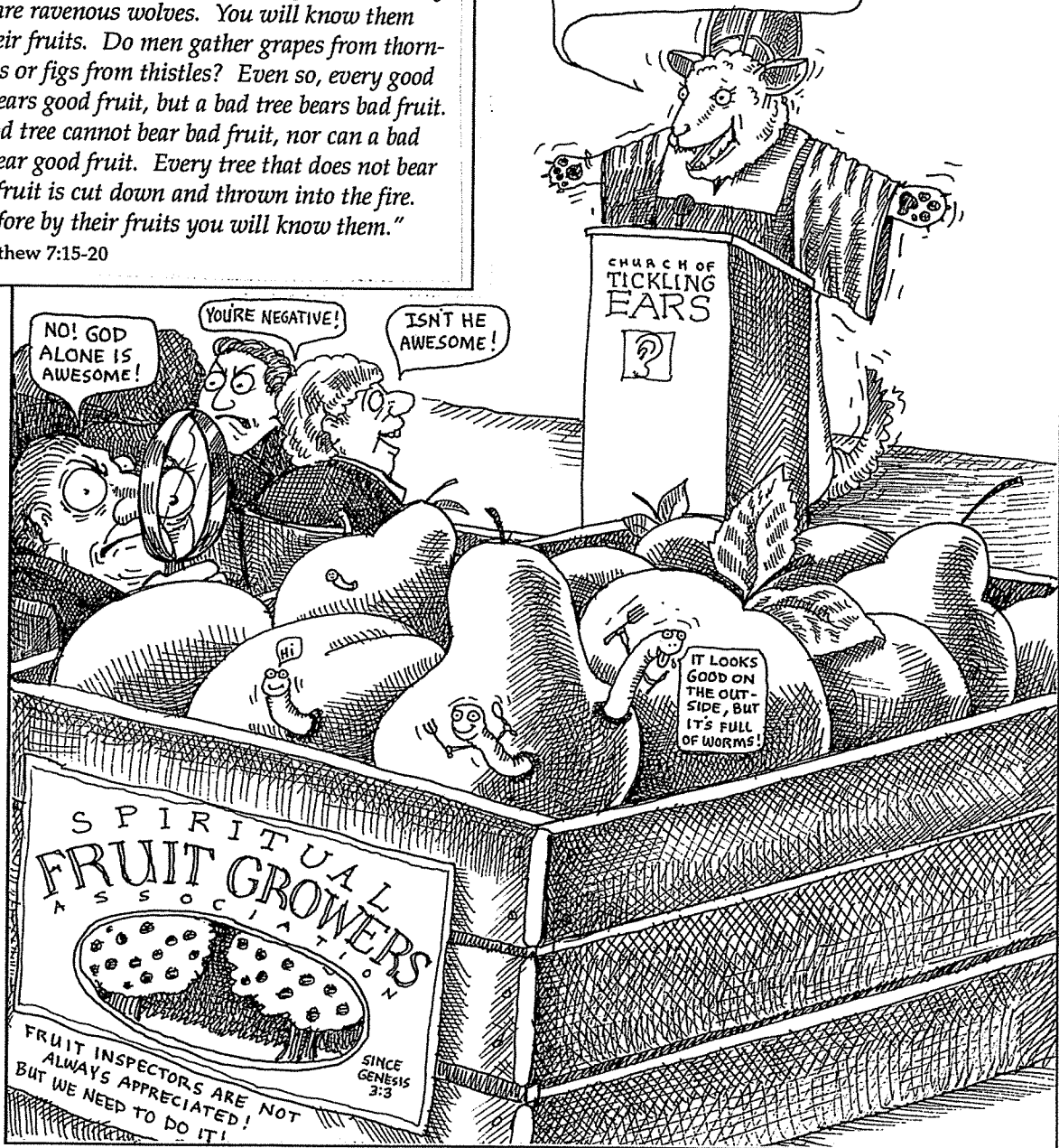
BE A FRUIT INSPECTOR

"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS,

who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn-bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

- Matthew 7:15-20

FOLLOW ME! I WAS A ROCKET SCIENTIST FOR FORTY YEARS. I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE SO WELL - I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT SAYS! GOD HAS GIVEN ME NEW REVELATIONS FOR YOU! LET ME PRAY TO GOD FOR YOU! DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE YOUR WALLET HERE!



A SIGN OF JESUS' RETURN

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceive you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." - Matthew 24:3-5

"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." - Matthew 24:11-12

**Sermon on the Mount:
BE A FRUIT INSPECTOR
BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS
Matthew 7:15-20**

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. false prophet- pretended foreteller; imposter; see Deut. 13:1-5, Matt. 24:24
2. ravenous- greedily or wildly hungry; extort(to get from someone by violence, threats, misuse of authority, ect.)
3. thistle- a thorny plant

Discussion Questions

Matthew 7:15-20 talks about false prophets who disguise themselves to fit in. You will encounter false prophets or teachers if you have not already (Acts 20:29-30). The following verses tell us things to watch out for. Match the reference to the scripture by drawing a line:

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." II Cor. 11:13-14

"And Jesus answered and said to them: 'Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many.'" Matt. 24:24

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light." Matt. 24:4-5

1. a. Read Matthew 7:15-20. What would a wolf be doing in sheep's clothing?

b. Why would Jesus compare a false prophet to a wolf in sheep's clothing?
2. In Matthew 7:17-20, Jesus compares prophets to fruit trees. What does he mean by, "Therefore, by their fruits you will know them"?

Today's Memory Verse

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Matthew 10:16 (NKJV)

WHO GOES TO HEAVEN?

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,'
shall enter the kingdom of heaven,*

BUT HE WHO DOES

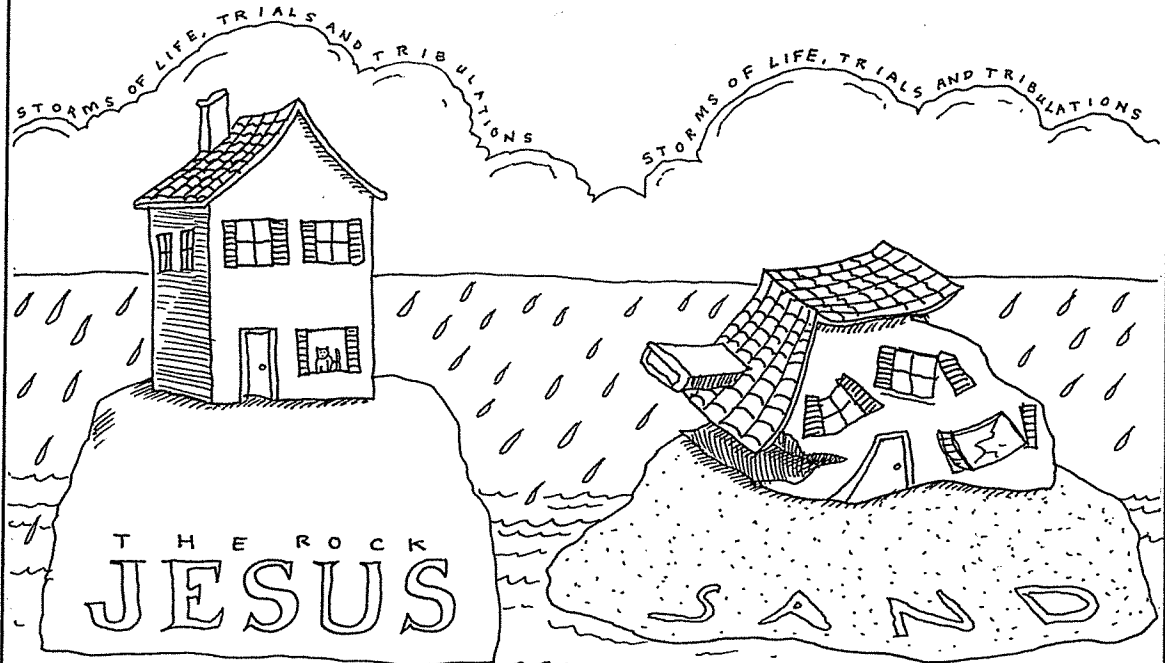
THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

*Many will say to Me in that day,
'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name,
cast out demons in Your name,
and done many wonders in Your name?'*

*And then I will declare to them,
'I never knew you; depart from Me,
you who practice lawlessness!'"*

- Matthew 7:21-23

Many say, 'Lord, Lord,' and yet they are not born again. They do not know Him, let alone do His will. Works in Jesus' name don't get you to heaven. You must be born again, then you are able by the Holy Spirit to do the Father's will and obey Him.



**HEARING AND DOING
JESUS' SAYINGS IS LIKE BUILDING
ON THE ROCK - STRONG.**

*"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine,
AND DOES THEM, I will liken him to a
wise man who built his house on the rock:
and the rain descended, the floods came, and
the winds blew and beat on that house; and it
did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

- Matthew 7:24-25

**HEARING ONLY, AND NOT DOING
JESUS' SAYINGS IS LIKE BUILDING
ON THE SAND - WEAK.**

*"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine,
AND DOES NOT DO THEM, will be like
a foolish man who built his house on the sand:
and the rain descended, the floods came, and the
winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell.
And great was its fall."*

- Matthew 7:26-27

*God is our Rock. (See Deut. 32:18, 2 Samuel 22:32, Psalm 31:3, Psalm 61:2, and many more.)
Is your life founded on Jesus the Rock? Are you born again?*

**Sermon on the Mount:
Who Goes to Heaven?
Matthew 7:21-29**

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. authority- power, right, strength to do anything
2. founded- to lay a basis for; lay the foundation
3. lawlessness- iniquity; transgression of the law; sin
4. liken- be like; in the likeness; resemble
5. prophesied- to declare truths through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit whether foretelling things to come or not
6. scribes- one who would explain the law in schools and synagogues
7. wonders- wonderful works

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Many people say they are Christians, but if we are truly Christians what will we do? (see Matt. 7:21; I John 3:18; James 1:22-24; *note: This is for a self check, not an others' check. Only God knows who is a Christian and who isn't.)
2. a. Read Matthew 7:24-29. How do we build our house on the Rock? (Matt. 7:24; Josh. 1:8)

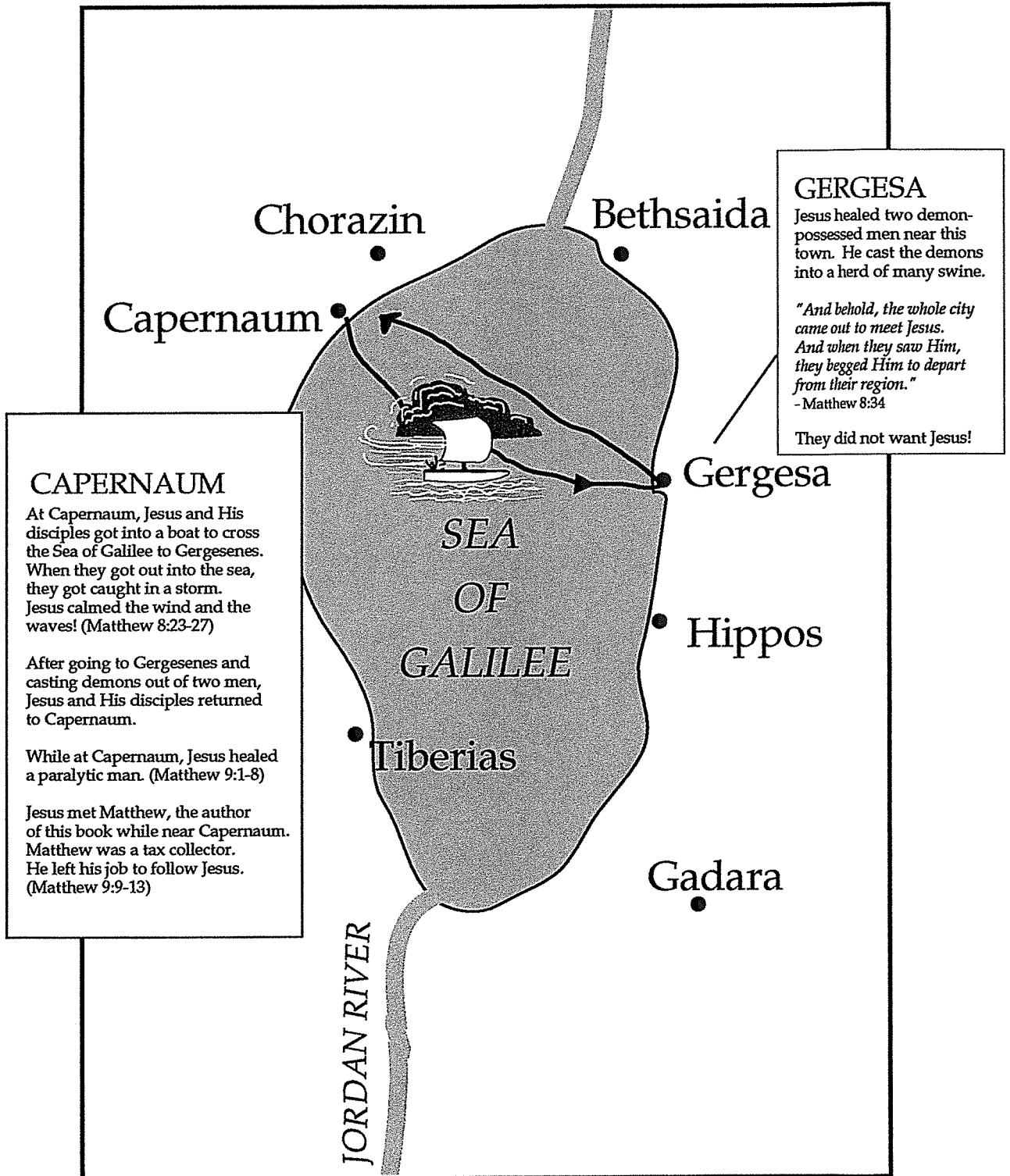
b. Who is the Rock? (I Sam. 2:2)

c. What good will it do us to build our house on the Rock? (Matt. 7:25)
3. The rain, floods, and wind represent trials and hard times. Who has to go through this? (Matt. 7:24-29; Matt. 5:45)

Today's Memory Verse

"For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me." Psalms 31:3 (NKJV)

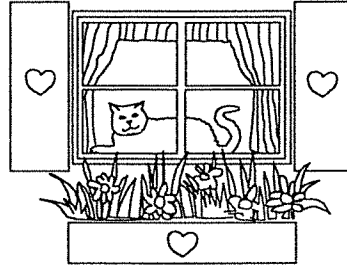
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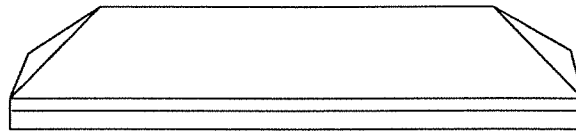
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A House Built On JESUS- The Rock

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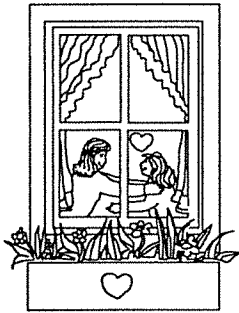


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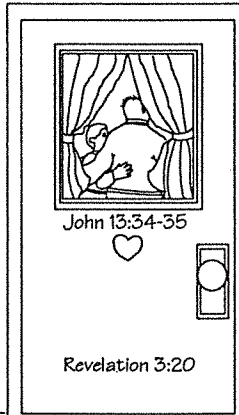


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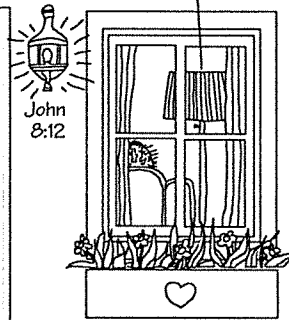


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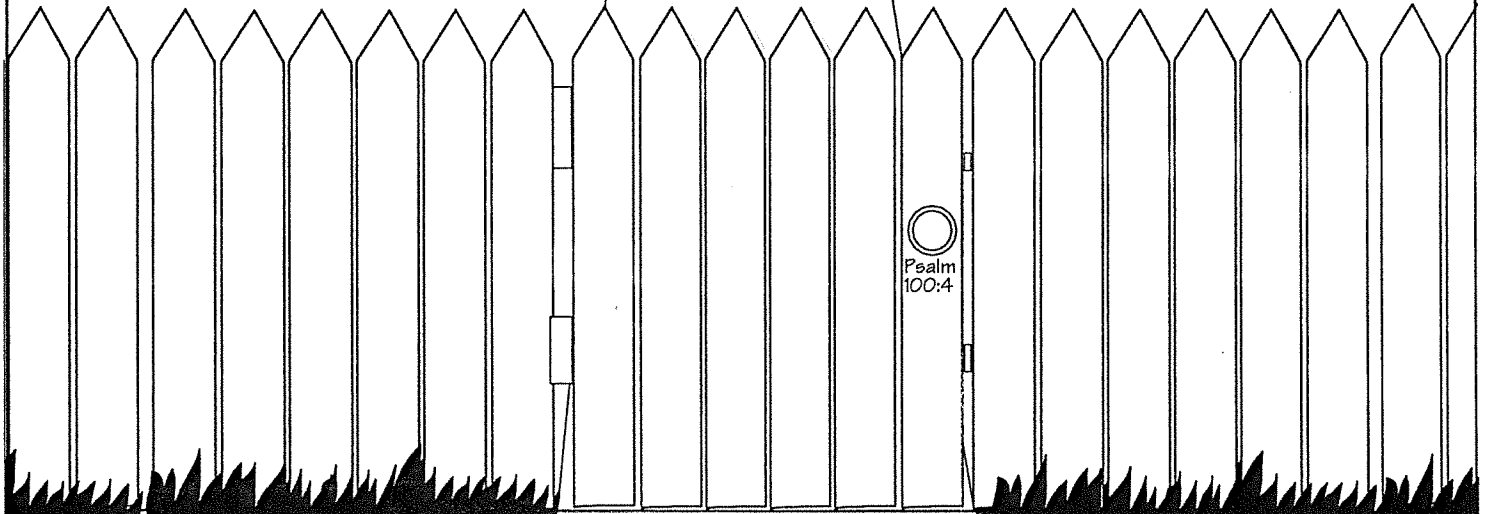
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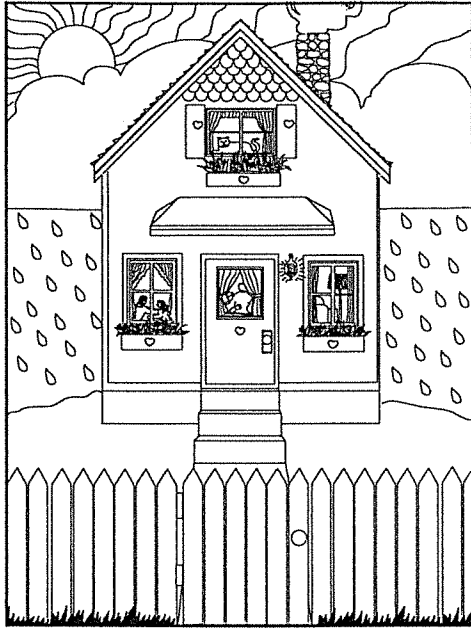


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by Me, he shall
be saved, and
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-John 10:9

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Matthew 7:24-25

Lord, I have loved the habitation
of Your house, and the place where
Your glory dwells. -Psalm 26:8

Who builds the house?

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; -Psalm 127:1

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. -Ephesians 2:10

How is the house built? What foundation?

Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;
By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
- Proverbs 24:3-4

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay,
straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be
revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.
- 1 Corinthians 3:11-13

If we keep His Word, He will make His Home with us!

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word;
and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
He who does not love Me does not keep My Words; and the Word which you hear
is not Mine but the Father's Who sent Me. - John 14:23-24

"And a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;
as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you
are My disciples, if you have love for one another." -John 13:34-35

The sunshine & storms hit the evil and the good,
but only the house built on the Rock will stand. Hear His Word,
and Do it also. We keep His Word and do it because we love Him.
And we love Him because He first loved us.

Who is the Rock?

"The Lord is my Rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength,
in Whom I will trust; My Shield and the Horn of my salvation. My stronghold and
my Refuge; my Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, Who
is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies." -2 Samuel 22:2-4

"Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my Rock of refuge, a Fortress
of defense to save me. For You are my Rock and my Fortress; therefore, for
Your Name's sake, lead me and guide me." - Psalm 31:2-3

"...For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain
on the just and on the unjust." - Matthew 5:45

Who is the Door? Who is the Way?

Jesus said, "I Am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he shall be saved,
and will go in and out and find pasture." -John 10:9

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice
and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
- Revelation 3:20

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He will guide your steps

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. - Proverbs 16:9

A man's steps are of the Lord; How then can a man understand his own way?
-Proverbs 20:24

For the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with
His hand. - Psalm 37:23-24

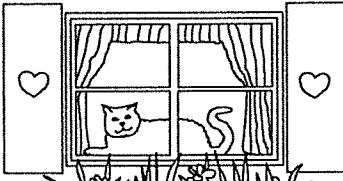
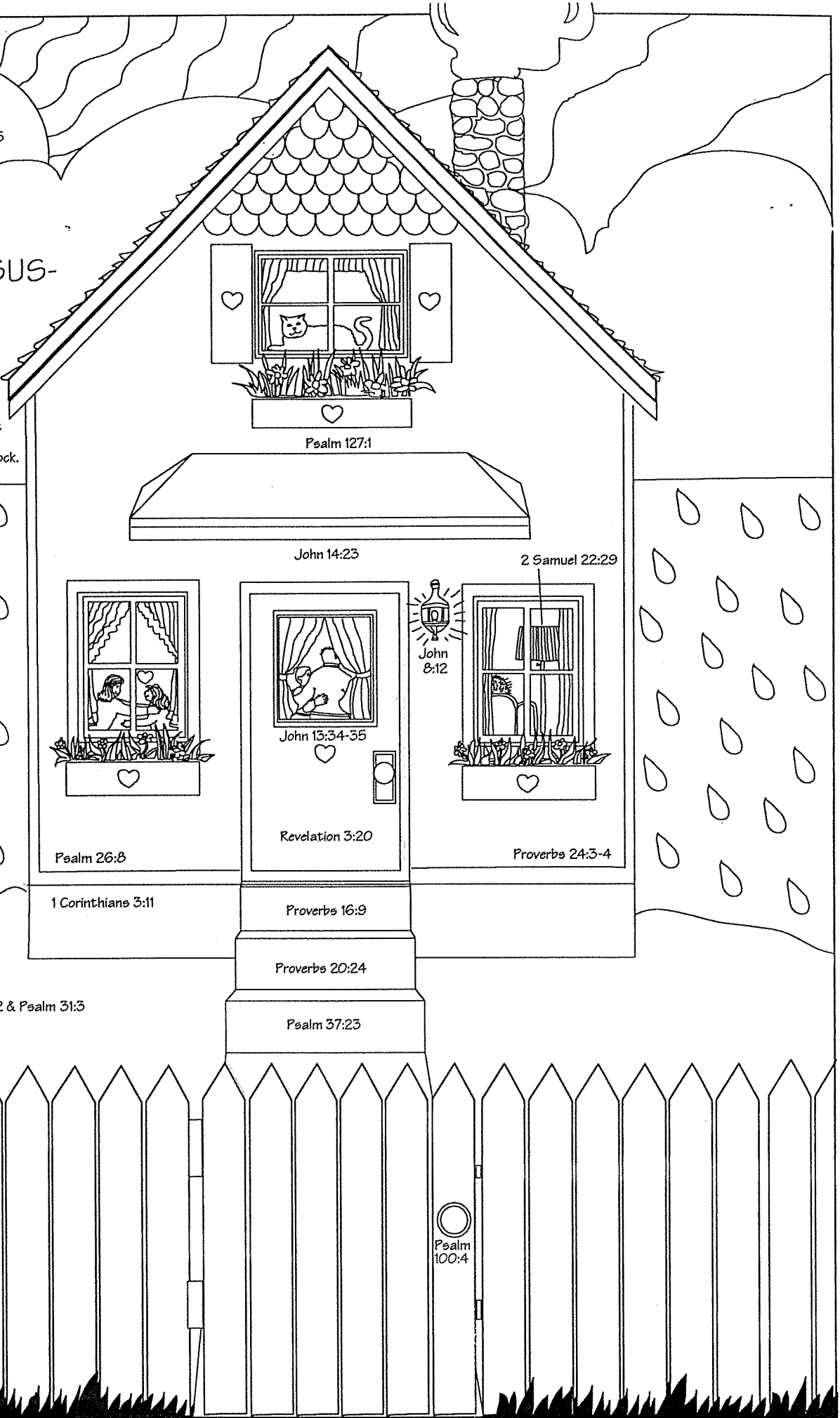
How should you enter His gates?

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. -Psalm 100:4-5

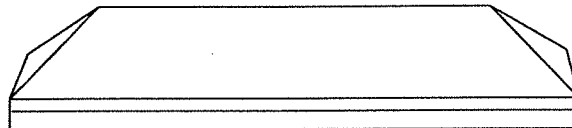
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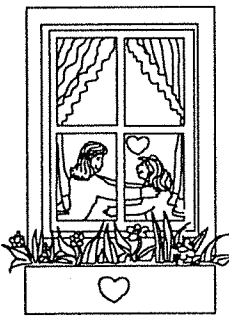


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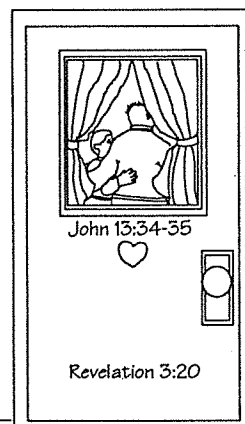


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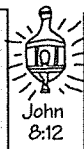


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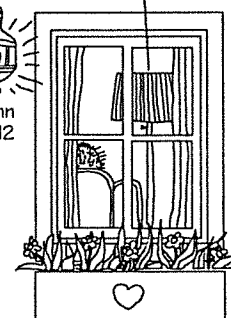


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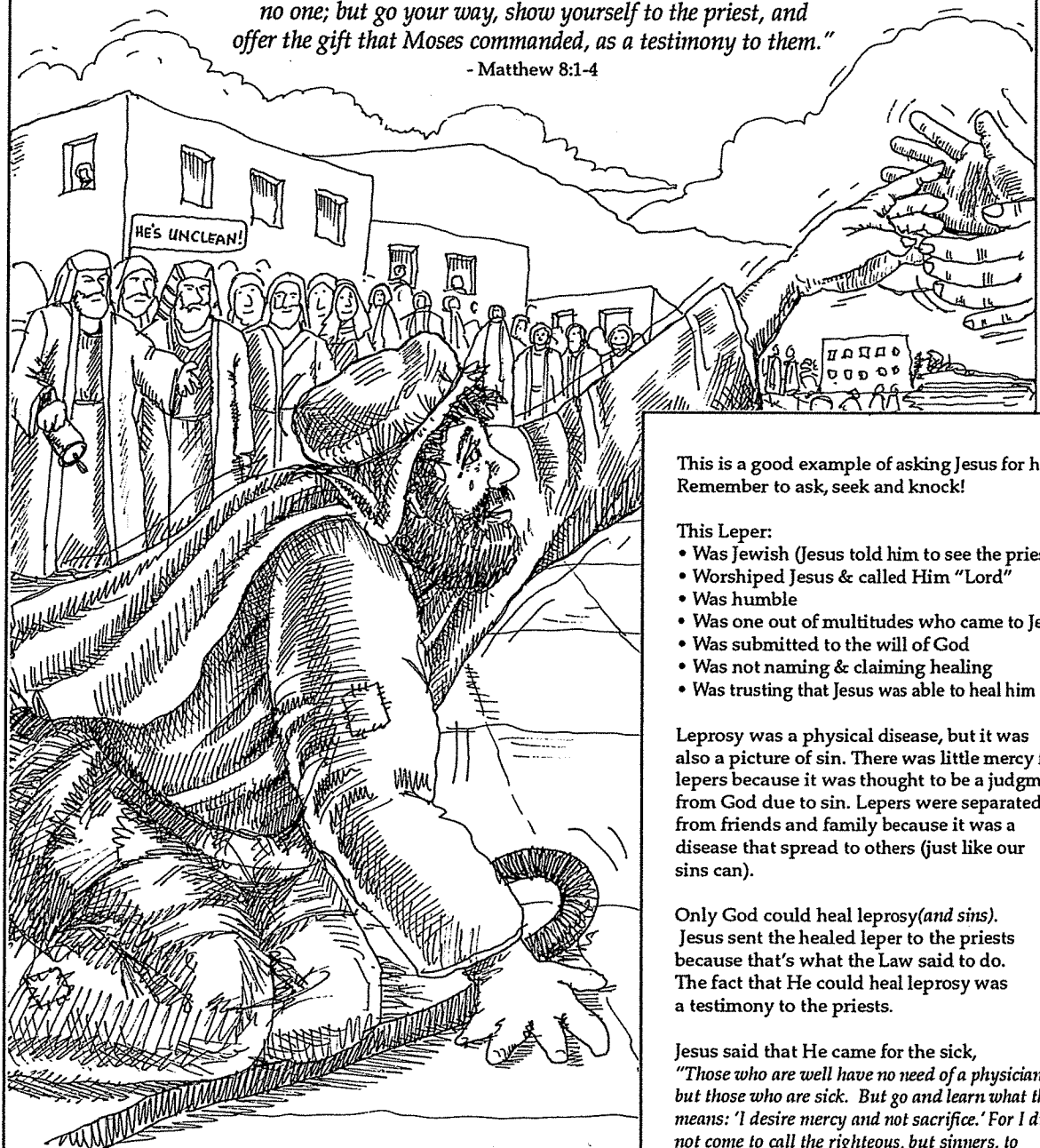
Psalm 100:4

When He (Jesus) had come down from the mountain,
great multitudes followed Him.

JESUS HEALS A LEPER - A JEWISH MAN

And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying,
"Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."
Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying,
"I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy
was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell
no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and
offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

- Matthew 8:1-4



This is a good example of asking Jesus for help.
Remember to ask, seek and knock!

This Leper:

- Was Jewish (Jesus told him to see the priest)
- Worshiped Jesus & called Him "Lord"
- Was humble
- Was one out of multitudes who came to Jesus
- Was submitted to the will of God
- Was not naming & claiming healing
- Was trusting that Jesus was able to heal him

Leprosy was a physical disease, but it was also a picture of sin. There was little mercy for lepers because it was thought to be a judgment from God due to sin. Lepers were separated from friends and family because it was a disease that spread to others (just like our sins can).

Only God could heal leprosy (and sins).

Jesus sent the healed leper to the priests because that's what the Law said to do. The fact that He could heal leprosy was a testimony to the priests.

Jesus said that He came for the sick,
"Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick. But go and learn what this
means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did
not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to
repentance." - Matthew 9:12-13

We are all sick sinners in need of a Savior.

Jesus Heals A Leper

A Jewish Man

Matthew 8:1-4

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. leper- a person who has leprosy. Because of the need to control the spread of the disease for which there was no cure at that time, the law required that a leper be isolated from the rest of society (Lev. 13:45-46). Today, modern medicine has all but eliminated the disease.
2. leprosy- an infectious disease characterized by sores, scabs, and white shining spots beneath the skin. (The Law concerning leprosy: see Leviticus 13)
3. make clean- to cleanse or to make clean from leprosy
4. the gift that Moses commanded- see Leviticus 14, Deuteronomy 24:8

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus has just finished the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). Read Matthew 7:28 - 8:1. Why do you think great multitudes followed Him?
2. Leprosy is a picture of sin. Romans 3:23 tells us that "All have sinned...." We all have spiritual leprosy before we are saved.
 - a. What did the leper do to be cleansed from leprosy? (Matt. 8:2-3)
 - b. What do we have to do to be cleansed from sin? (I Jn. 1:9; Matt. 7:7-8)
3. Read Matthew 8:4. Why do you think that Jesus said "See that you tell no one...?"

Today's Memory Verse

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9 (NKJV)

JESUS HEALS A CENTURION'S SERVANT - A GENTILE (Non-Jew)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum,
a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying,
"Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
And Jesus said to him, *"I will come and heal him."*

The centurion answered and said,
*"Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.
But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."*

- Matthew 8:5-8



This is a good example of intercessory prayer - or asking Jesus to help someone you know or love. In this case, Jesus healed a centurion's servant. The centurion was a Roman - a Gentile.

He (Jesus) marveled, and said to those who followed (*not everyone continued to follow Him after His sermon on the mount*), *"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Then Jesus said to the centurion, *"Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you."* And his servant was healed that same hour. - Matthew 8:10-12

Jesus marveled because He found such great faith in a Gentile. He should have found that faith among God's chosen people, Israel! Most of the sons of the kingdom, the Israelites, rejected Jesus. But many of the Gentiles, (from east and west) will get to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven because they trusted Jesus, the Messiah. **DO YOU?**

The Centurion knew that all Jesus had to do was to speak a word and his servant would be healed. Today, the "faith" teachers (false teachers) tell us that we have the power to speak what we want into existence, and if we had enough faith we would be healed. They don't really have faith in God or they would trust *His will* rather than commanding, naming and claiming *their will*. God hears the humble ones who pray *"Thy will be done."* Sometimes He doesn't heal us physically, but He tells us, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."* - 2 Corinthians 12:9 He has already healed us of our leprosy (sins) by forgiving us and promising everlasting life through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant
A Gentile (Non-Jew)
Matthew 8:5-13

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. authority- power as entrusted, commission, right, full power
2. centurion- a Roman military officer commanding approximately 100 men
3. Gentile- a non-Jewish person
4. marveled- to be struck with admiration or astonishment

Discussion Questions

1. a. Read Matthew 8:5-13. Why do you think Jesus marveled at the centurion's statement in Matthew 8:8-9? (Matt. 8:10)

b. When Jesus marveled what was He expressing?

c. Does your faith compare to the centurion's faith? We don't have Jesus face-to-face to talk to, but we have His Word (the Bible). Do you believe His Word like the centurion did? (John 1:1-5,14; II Tim. 3:16)
2. a. There was another time that Jesus marveled. What was it? (Mark 6:1-6)

b. When Jesus marveled in Mark 6:1-6, what was He expressing?

c. How was this different from when He marveled in Matthew 8:10?

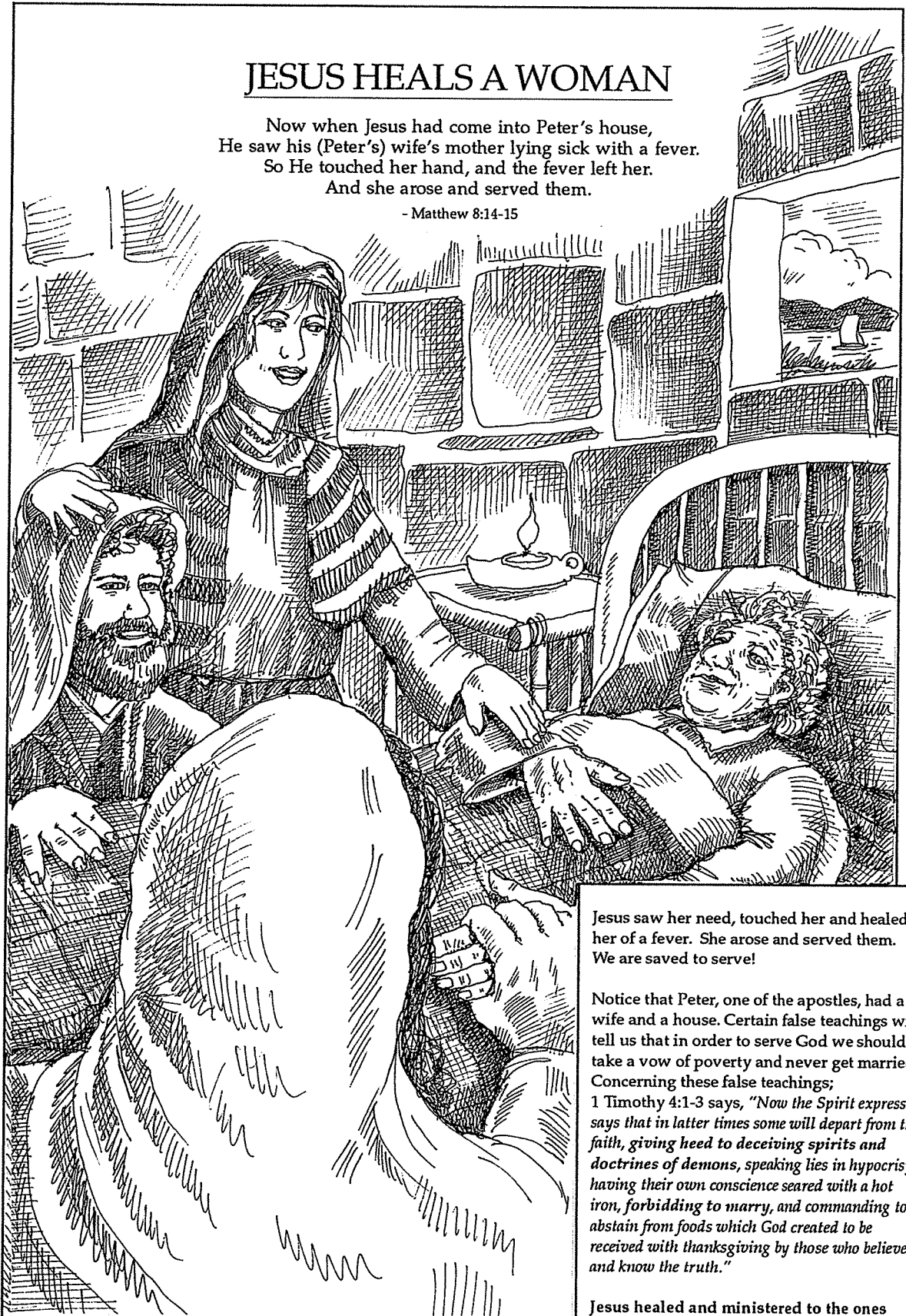
Today's Memory Verse

"Remember the word to your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life." Psalm 119:49-50 (NKJV)

JESUS HEALS A WOMAN

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house,
He saw his (Peter's) wife's mother lying sick with a fever.
So He touched her hand, and the fever left her.
And she arose and served them.

- Matthew 8:14-15



Jesus saw her need, touched her and healed her of a fever. She arose and served them. We are saved to serve!

Notice that Peter, one of the apostles, had a wife and a house. Certain false teachings will tell us that in order to serve God we should take a vow of poverty and never get married. Concerning these false teachings; 1 Timothy 4:1-3 says, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth."

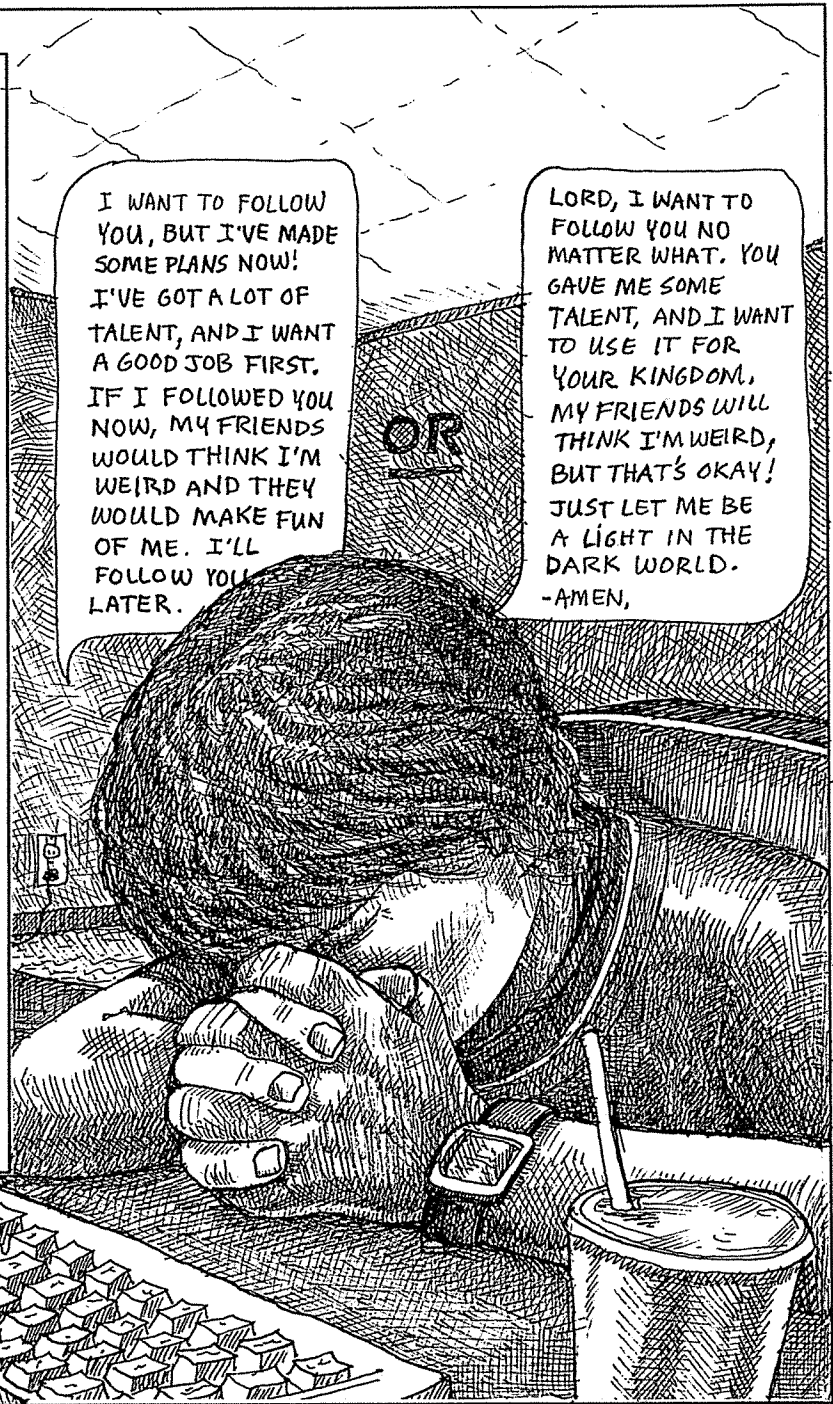
Jesus healed and ministered to the ones who were the least in the eyes of society; a leper, a Gentile and a woman.

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him,

"FOXES HAVE HOLES AND BIRDS OF THE AIR HAVE NESTS, BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NOWHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD."

Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead." -Matthew 8:16-22



I WANT TO FOLLOW YOU, BUT I'VE MADE SOME PLANS NOW! I'VE GOT A LOT OF TALENT, AND I WANT A GOOD JOB FIRST. IF I FOLLOWED YOU NOW, MY FRIENDS WOULD THINK I'M WEIRD AND THEY WOULD MAKE FUN OF ME. I'LL FOLLOW YOU LATER.

OR

LORD, I WANT TO FOLLOW YOU NO MATTER WHAT. YOU GAVE ME SOME TALENT, AND I WANT TO USE IT FOR YOUR KINGDOM. MY FRIENDS WILL THINK I'M WEIRD, BUT THAT'S OKAY! JUST LET ME BE A LIGHT IN THE DARK WORLD. -AMEN,



Two main things that keep us from following Jesus;

Counting the cost of discipleship

(See Luke 14:25-35).

Jesus said, "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." - Luke 14:33

1) RELATIONSHIPS (friends & family)

Example: The last man's heart was tied up in serving his dad first. Jesus wants us to honor our father and mother (Exodus 20:12), but no one should come before God in our hearts (Exodus 20:3).

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." (Matthew 10:37-38)

2) LIFESTYLE

(love of money, possessions, fame & habits we love more than Him)

Example: The rich young ruler (See Matthew 19:16-30). In Matthew 19:21, Jesus said, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." Remember Matthew 6:24? "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Counting the Cost of Discipleship Matthew 8:16-22

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. bore- to take upon oneself and bear
2. infirmities- to be sick or weak; Matthew 8:17, refers to consequences of sin, in other words this is referring to spiritual sickness
3. sicknesses- disease
4. Son of Man- the Messiah as descended from the line of David (referring to Jesus)

Discussion Questions

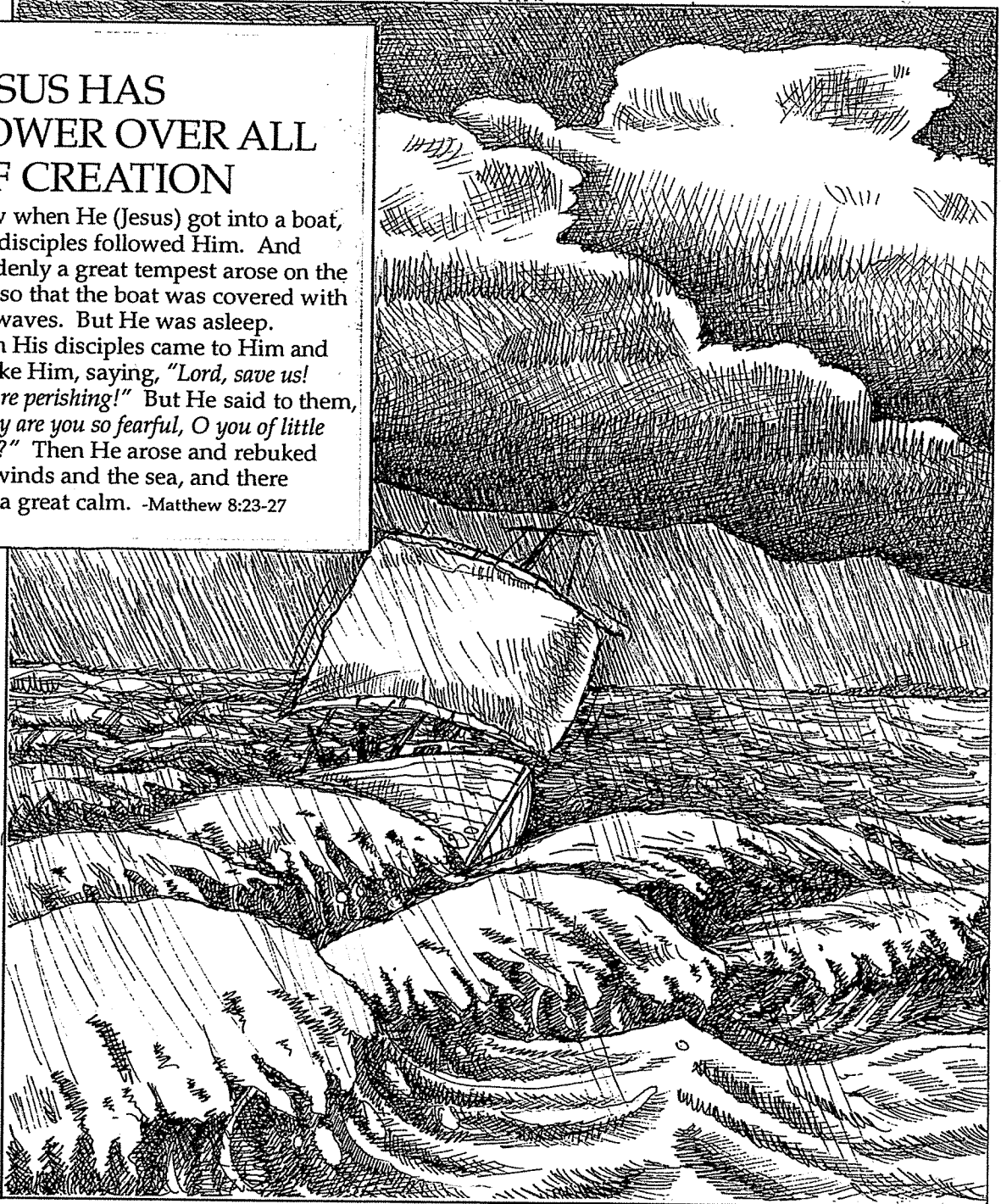
1. Matthew 8:16 talks about demon-possession. Can Christians be demon-possessed? Why or why not? (II Cor. 6:14-16; Matt. 12:22-30)
2. a. How did Jesus cast out the demons/spirits? (Matt. 8:16)
b. How hard is it for Jesus to accomplish His work? What does He have to do for it to be done? (John 1:1-5, 14; Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 21; Col. 1:13-16; Matt. 8:8)
3. a. Matthew 8:16 says, "...And He cast out all the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick." This is referring to "spiritual sickness." How many is all?!
b. Does God always heal physical sickness? Explain. (II Cor. 12:7-10)
4. a. Read Matthew 8:18-22. Do you think that it is easy to follow the Lord? Explain. (Matt. 16:24-25)
b. What are two main things that keep us from following Jesus? (Matt. 8:19-22; see front of handout)

Today's Memory Verse

"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."
Matthew 10:38-39 (NKJV)

JESUS HAS POWER OVER ALL OF CREATION

Now when He (Jesus) got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. -Matthew 8:23-27



EVEN DEMONS OBEY HIM

When He had come to the other side (of the Sea of Galilee), to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" -Matthew 8:28-29



Jesus had power over the storm as well as the demons. Jesus created everything, even the demons. (Colossians 1:16) They know their final destiny is the Lake of Fire (Matthew 25:41), but their time of torment is yet future. Jesus spoke one word to them and said, "Go" and then He cast them into a herd of swine. The swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. The demons had to ask Jesus to allow them to possess the swine! He has total control of all things.

Jesus didn't need any devices or rituals to cast the demons out. He only said, "Go." Two men were set free that day, but the whole city was upset about loss of the swine, so they begged Jesus to depart. So He honored their request and left.

Jesus Has Power Over All Creation

Matthew 8:23-34

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. disciples- a pupil or a learner; imitator of their teacher. Jesus' twelve disciples were not ordinary disciples, but those who remained with Him and followed Him.
2. rebuked- to find fault with, hence to charge strictly with
3. Son of God- Jesus Christ, the Messiah
4. tempest- "a shaking" referring to a violent storm with high winds, especially one accompanied by rain

Discussion Questions

1. a. Read Matthew 8:23-27. The disciples followed Jesus and ended up in a storm. When you follow Jesus, you will go through personal storms. Can you name a personal storm that you have gone through?

b. During the crises of the storm, who did the disciples turn to? (Matt. 8:25)

c. Jesus knew that the disciples were afraid. Do we have any reason to be afraid if we know Jesus, even if we are going through a crisis? Why or why not? (Matt. 8:26; Psalms 18:1-3; Isaiah 41:10; Deut. 31:8; Matt. 28:20)

d. In Matthew 8:27, the men marveled at Jesus. They asked themselves, "Who can this be, that even the winds and sea obey Him?" If they had read their Scriptures, what conclusion might they come to? (Psalms 89:9; 93:4)
2. Read Matthew 8:28-34. In vs. 29, what were the demons so worried about? (James 2:19; Matt. 25:41)
3. In Matthew 8:34, why would the city beg Jesus to leave?

Today's Memory Verse

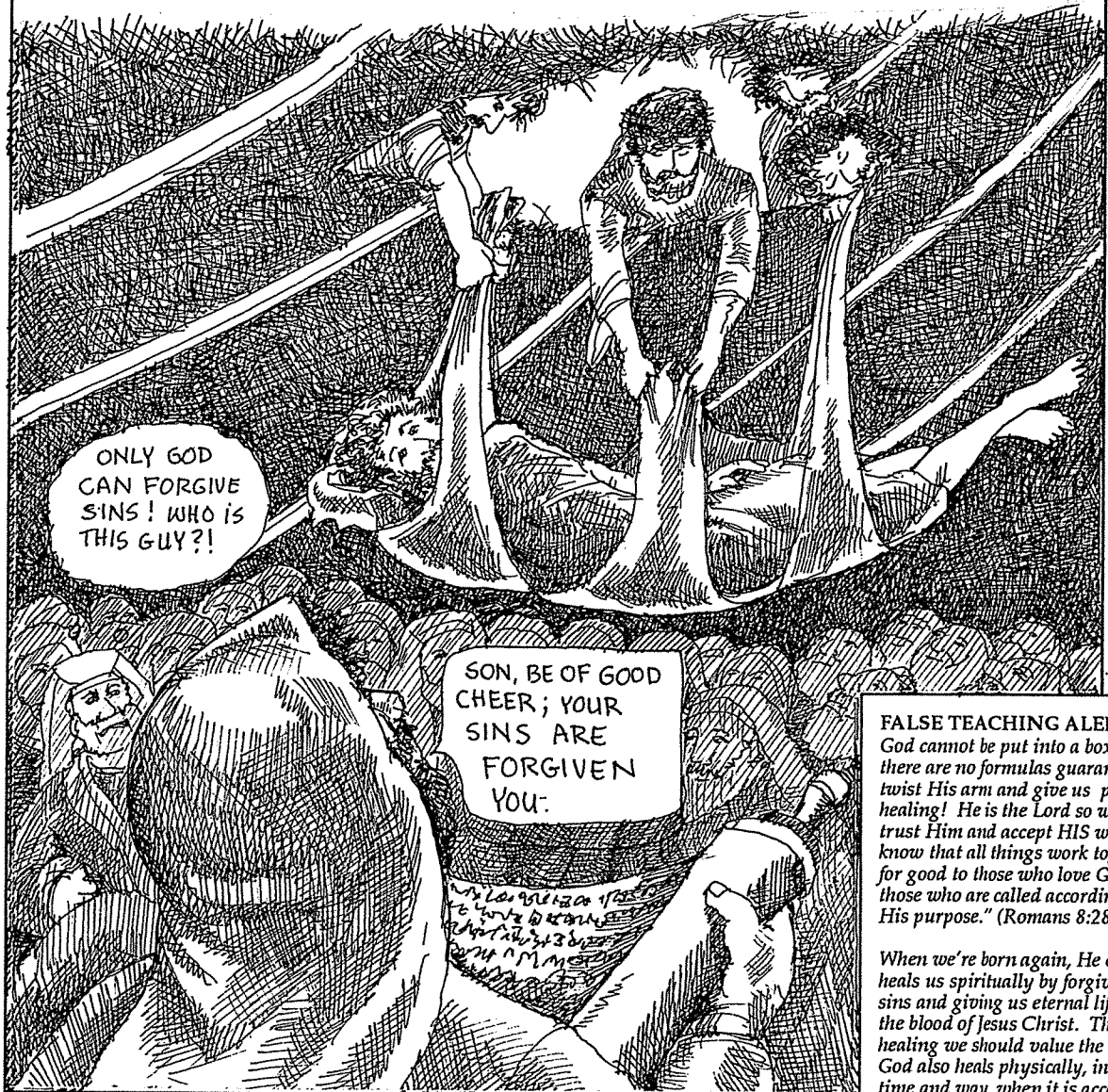
"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8 (NKJV)

JESUS HAS POWER TO FORGIVE OUR SINS AND HEAL US

So He (Jesus) got into a boat, crossed over (the Sea of Galilee), and came to His own city (Capernaum). Then behold they brought to him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves. "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, Who had given such power to men.

-Matthew 9:1-8



FALSE TEACHING ALERT!
God cannot be put into a box, and there are no formulas guaranteed to twist His arm and give us physical healing! He is the Lord so we must trust Him and accept HIS will. "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

When we're born again, He completely heals us spiritually by forgiving our sins and giving us eternal life through the blood of Jesus Christ. That is the healing we should value the most. God also heals physically, in HIS own time and way, when it is according to HIS will. Physical healing is just the icing on the cake of forgiveness! Some times He tells us that His grace is sufficient for us, and we are not healed physically. Then we just trust Him.

Beware of "healers" who draw attention to themselves and let others glorify them. God alone should be glorified.

READ MARK 2:1-12 FOR A CLEARER PICTURE

- Jesus preached the Word to them (Mark 2:2)
- Jesus saw the faith of the four men who carried the paralytic man (Mark 2:5)
- Jesus has the power to forgive sins. Only God can blot out our sins (Isaiah 43:25)
- Jesus, being God, knew the thoughts and hearts of the scribes (Matthew 9:4 & Mark 2:6-8)
- Jesus forgave this man's sins first (forgiveness of sins is of eternal value)
- Jesus healed this man's body last (spiritual healing is most important)
- Multitudes of people marveled at this event and glorified God (Matthew 9:8)

Jesus Has Power To Forgive Our Sins and To Heal Us Matthew 9:1-8

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. blasphemes- to hurt the reputation of or smite with reports or words, speak evil of, slander, to speak with disrespectful irreverence concerning God Himself or what stands in some particular relation to Him
2. forgive- remove sins from someone. Only God is said to be able to forgive sins (Mark 2:10).
3. paralytic- one who is paralyzed
4. Son of Man- the Messiah as descended from the line of David (Jesus)

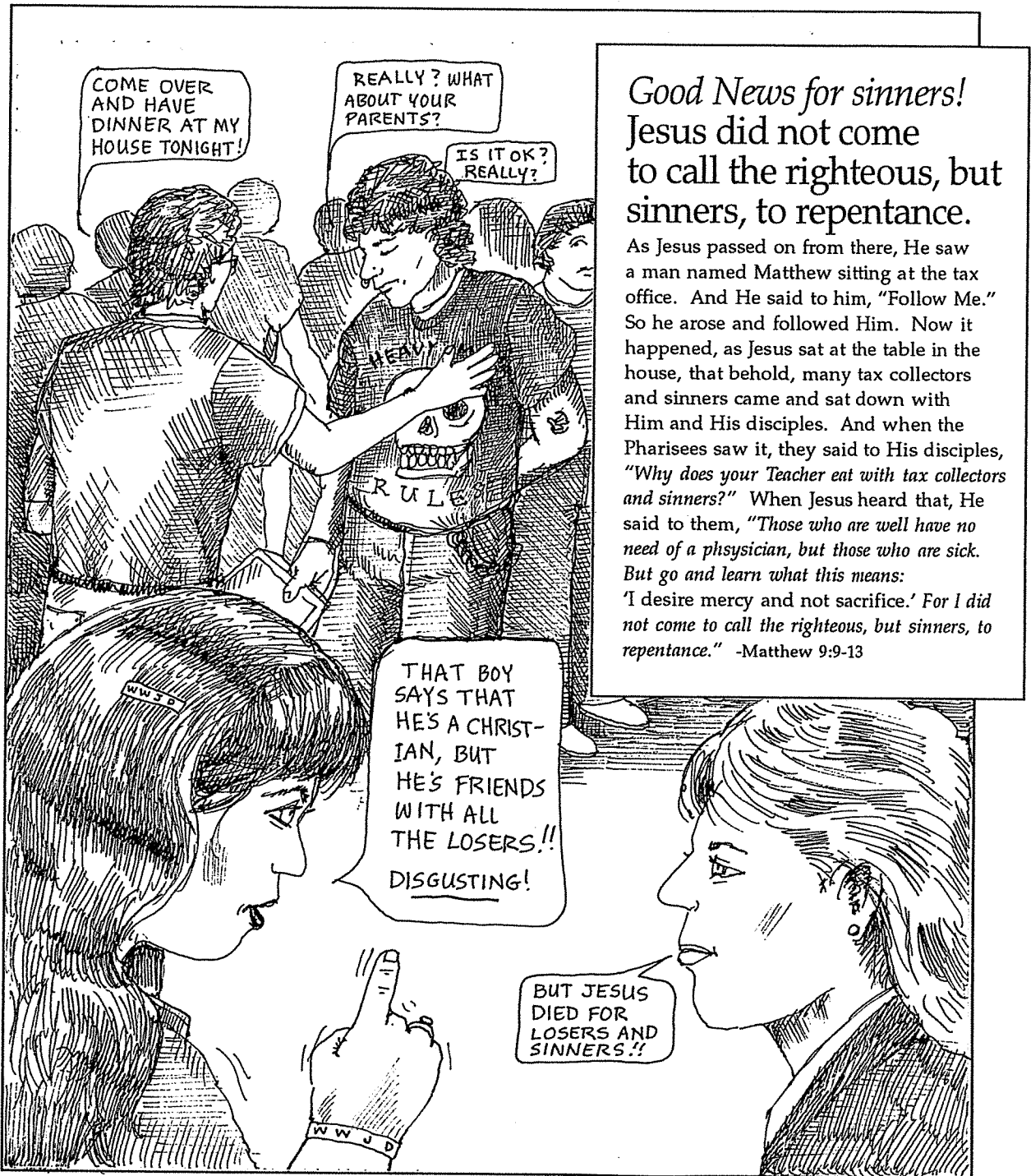
Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 9:1-8. Whose faith did Jesus see?
2. a. In what two ways did Jesus heal the paralytic?
b. In what order did He heal them?
c. Do you think that there is a reason for this order? What is more important?
3. In Matthew 9:3, why did the scribes say within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"? (Mark 2:7)
4. In Matthew 9:4, how would Jesus know their thoughts?
5. Read the question Jesus asks in Matthew 9:5.
 - a. What does it take for Jesus to heal? (Matt. 8:8)
 - b. What did it take for Jesus to forgive us our sins? (Isaiah 53:4-6; John 3:16; I Cor. 15:3-4; I Pet. 2:24)
6. When someone becomes a Christian or is healed, who should be glorified? Who should get the credit? (Matt. 9:8)

Today's Memory Verse

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise." Jeremiah 17:14 (NKJV)

Apply Within For Kids - Matthew 9:9-13



Do you see yourself as a sinner? Good News! Jesus came for you!
Here are some important points to remember:

- Jesus called Matthew (a tax collector & sinner) personally. (Jesus also calls us personally)
- Matthew obeyed Jesus, left his position, and followed Jesus. (Following Jesus costs!)
- Tax collectors worked for the Roman government and were hated by Jewish people.
- Jesus didn't come for the people who already saw themselves as being well, or righteous. (No one is righteous apart from Jesus Christ. We never want to be self-righteous!)
- Jesus came for the sick and unrighteous. (They already know they need His righteousness and a Savior)
- We need to carry mercy to those around us. Jesus sat with sinners and He loved them. He called them too! We should not be partakers of their sins, but we should love them like Jesus does. If we're too holy to be seen around non-believers, then we need to check our hearts. Jesus loves sinners and calls them to Himself. Go and be a light in the darkness! Let them see Jesus in you. *Be like Jesus, not the Pharisees.*

Good News For Sinners!
Jesus Did Not Come to Call the Righteous
But the Sinners, to Repentance
Matthew 9:9-13

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. mercy- compassion
2. Pharisees- (separated ones) - a religious and political party of the Jews in Palestine in New Testament times. The Pharisees were known for insisting that the Law of God be observed as the scribes interpreted it.
3. repentance- to turn from sin and to turn to God. This would be a 180 degree turn, an "about face."
4. righteous- right; just; holy. The word righteous comes from the root word "straightness." God's character is the definition and source of all righteousness (Deut. 32:4; Rom. 9:14).
5. sacrifice- the ritual through which the Hebrew people offered the blood or the flesh of an animal to God as a "substitute payment" for their sin
6. sinners- any person who sins. Because every person sins, we must consider everyone sinners (Rom. 3:23). Sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God; that which separates us from God.

Discussion Questions

1. a. Read Matthew 9:9. What did Matthew leave behind to follow Jesus?

b. As Jesus said to Matthew, what does He say to you?
2. Read Matthew 9:10-13. Why do you think that the tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and not the Pharisees? (Matt. 23:13)
3. In Matthew 9:12, Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."
 - a. In this case, who are "sick"?
 - b. Do you think that the Pharisees saw themselves as "sick" and "in need of a physician"?
 - c. Do you think that they were "sick"? Why or why not? (I John 1:8)
4. Read Matthew 9:13. Who are sinners, "sick" and "in need of a physician"? (Rom. 3:23)

Today's Memory Verse

"All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6

Apply Within For Kids - Matthew 9:14-17

JESUS - OUR BRIDEGROOM.

THE NEW WINE- GRACE & SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

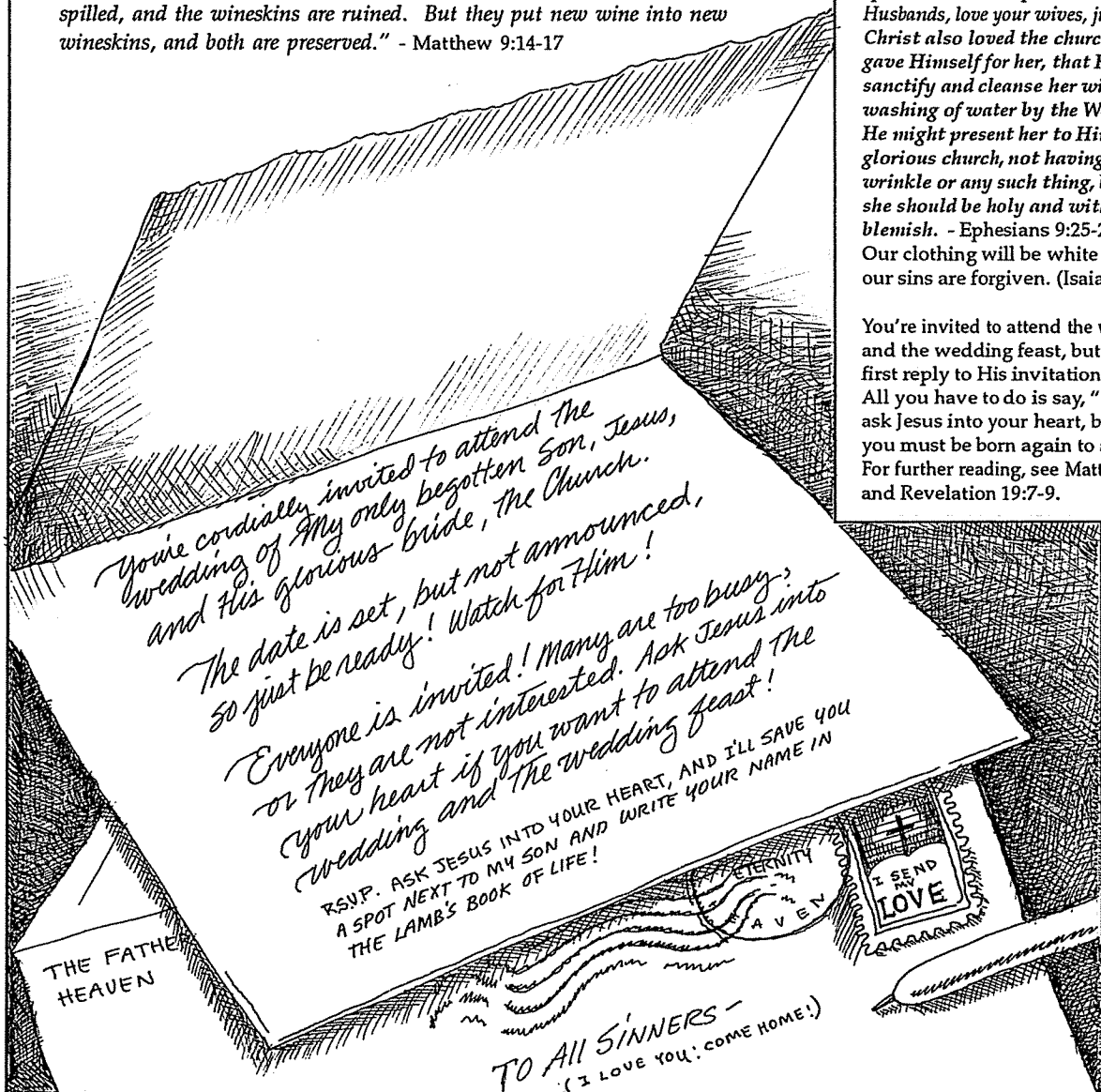
Then the disciples of John (the Baptist) came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."

"No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." - Matthew 9:14-17

Who is this Bridegroom? Jesus Christ. Who is His bride? Us - the church, called the Body of Christ. The disciples didn't fast while Jesus, the Bridegroom, was with them because we only fast while we are apart from Him. We need to be watching for Him and ready for His return because He could come at any time. When He comes, we will not fast, but we will attend the wedding feast. How can you be ready?

A bride needs to be clean, without spot or blemish. Ephesians 5:25 says; *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.* - Ephesians 9:25-27 Our clothing will be white because our sins are forgiven. (Isaiah 1:18)

You're invited to attend the wedding and the wedding feast, but you must first reply to His invitation! All you have to do is say, "Yes" and ask Jesus into your heart, because you must be born again to attend! For further reading, see Matt. 22: 1-14 and Revelation 19:7-9.



Old wineskins become brittle with age. New wine that's still fermenting will break the old brittle wineskins because fermentation creates pressure like the fizz in a can of pop. The Pharisees (like old, brittle wineskins) were set in their ways (traditions) and were not flexible enough to accept the new wine - *grace and salvation through Jesus Christ*. We must stay flexible to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and not get so brittle in our traditions lest we break!

Jesus - Our Bridegroom

Matthew 9:14-17

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. fast- voluntarily abstaining from food; not eat
2. mourned- grieved
3. Pharisees- (separated ones) - a religious and political party of the Jews in Palestine in New Testament times. The Pharisees were known for insisting that the Law of God be observed as the scribes interpreted it.

Discussion Questions

1. a. Read Matthew 9:14-15. Who is the Bridegroom?

b. Who is the bride?
2. When people fast, they seek God's face. Why didn't the disciples fast? (Matt. 9:14-15)
3. Read Matthew 25:1-13. How can we be ready for Jesus to come? (Luke 21:27-28; John 1:12; John 6:28-29; Heb. 11:6)
4. Read Matthew 9:16-17. God needs a new wineskin because He is doing a brand new thing. What is this brand new thing?

Today's Memory Verse

"But as many received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:12 (NKJV)

Jesus raises the dead, and heals the sick.

While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler (*Jairus, the ruler of a synagogue*) came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." - Matthew 9:18

- The ruler humbled himself and came to Jesus.
- The ruler worshiped Jesus.
- The ruler knew Jesus could heal her even though his daughter was already dead!

So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. - Matthew 9:19-22

- She knew He could heal her.
- She followed Him and pushed through the crowd.
- It wasn't the garment that healed her, but Jesus.
- Jairus got to see Jesus heal someone along the way to his own house, and his own need. Keep your eyes on what Jesus is doing in other's lives.

When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all the land. - Matthew 9:23-26

- They mocked and made fun of Jesus.
- After the crowd was put outside, He healed her. Jesus had not only the power to heal her, but to raise her from the dead! Jesus has power over sicknesses, storms, demons and death!
- In John 11:25-26, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

If you need Jesus to help you, cry out to Him. Know that He loves you! Believe His promises in the Bible, and push through the crowds and hinderances in this world to touch Him. Disregard the scoffers, and wait on the Lord.



Do you need more faith?
"So then faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the Word of God."
- Romans 10:17

Get into the Word of God!
Ask, Seek, and Knock!

Jesus Raises the Dead And Heals the Sick

Matthew 9:18-26

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. flow of blood- see Leviticus 15:25-33
2. resurrection- after being physically dead, raised to life again
3. wailing- this was usually done by hired mourners

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 9:18-26. How did God use Jairus' (the ruler of the synagogue- see Mark 5:22) daughter's death for His glory? (see front of handout)
2. Do you think Jesus was pleased with Jairus? Why or Why not? (Heb. 11:6)
3. The woman who was ill for 12 years, delayed Jesus in Jarius' time of need. Have you ever been in a hurry for God to do something and He made you wait? Explain. (Rom. 8:28)
4. The woman who was ill for 12 years, had a disease which kept her ritually unclean (Lev. 15:25-33). This excluded her from her family, friends and any social contact for 12 years. It also exhausted her livelihood (Luke 8:43). What did this miserable affliction cause her to do? (Deut. 4:29; I Chron. 16:11; Psalms 119:67; Matt. 7:8)
5. There were those who ridiculed Jesus (Matt. 9:24) and did not believe He could raise the girl from the dead. But what is the truth? What does Jesus say? (John 11:25-26)

Today's Memory Verse

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.'" John 11:25 (NKJV)

Jesus - The Lord; Full of Compassion.

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. -Matt. 9:27-31

- The blind men cried out for mercy.
- The blind men believed that Jesus was able.
- The blind men said, "Yes, Lord."

Jesus can restore sight to us physically and spiritually. We're all spiritually blind until we are born again. Jesus gives us the ability to "see" and understand spiritual things. When we get saved, He opens our spiritual eyes and we're so excited that we tell everyone! It's just like being physically blind- going from total darkness to seeing all the colors in God's creation! Are you born again? Can you see?

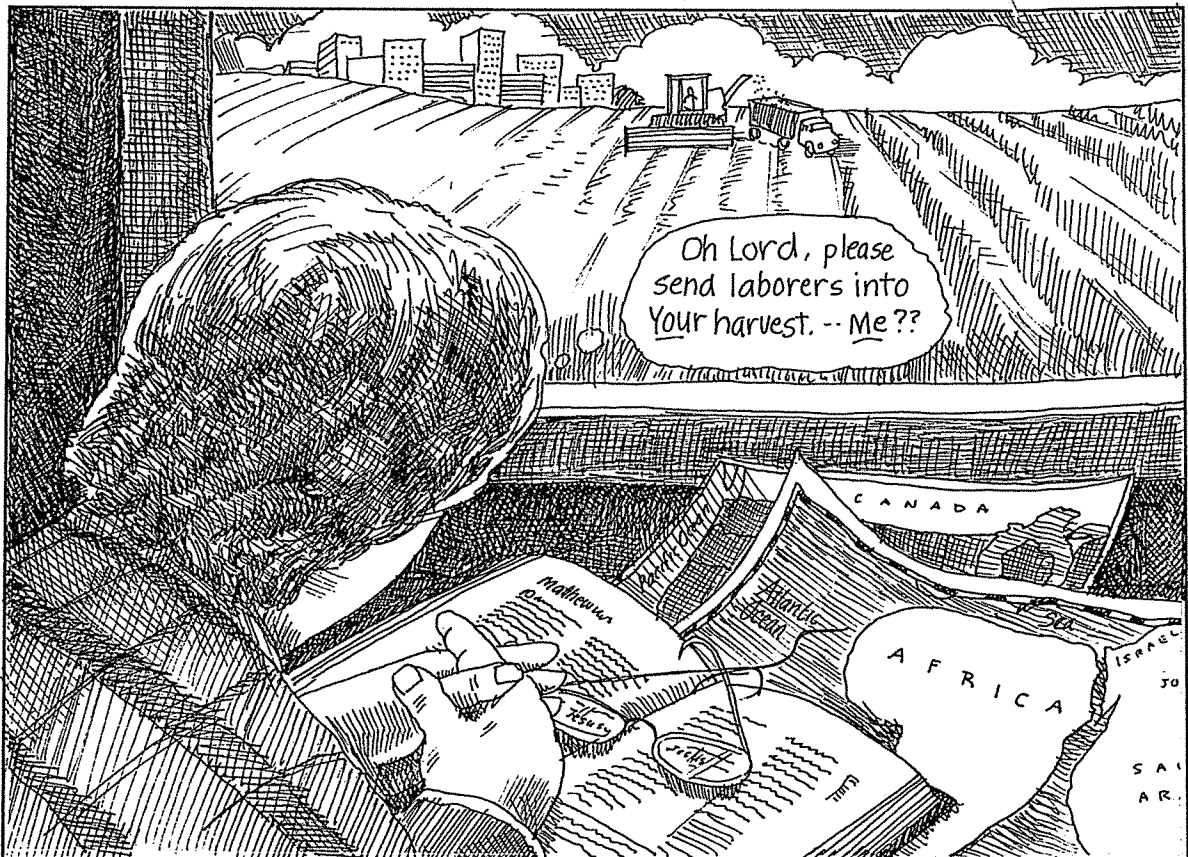
As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." -Matthew 9:32-34

- When God does great things, there are always those who marvel and those who attack the Lord's work.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." - Matthew 9:35-38

- Jesus was merciful, kind and moved with compassion.
- Later, Jesus sends those who prayed for His harvest.

Maybe you will pray for laborers in His harvest? Maybe He will send you? Ask for a heart to pray and then go if He leads!



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Matthew 9:27-38**

Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

1. marveled- to be struck with admiration or astonishment
2. mute- unable to speak
3. Pharisees- (separated ones) - a religious and political party of the Jews in Palestine in New Testament times. The Pharisees were known for insisting that the Law of God be observed as the scribes interpreted it.
4. Son of David- the Messiah (Jesus)
5. Synagogues- a local place where Jews could gather together for the reading and explanation of the Jewish sacred Scriptures and for prayer

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 9:27-31. How are we like the blind men?
2. These men came to Jesus with an obvious need. We often find that we have other needs. What does the Word (Bible) tell us to do with them? (Matt. 11:28-29)
3. a. Can you think of a time when Jesus healed you either spiritually (being born again) or physically?
b. How did you respond?
c. What does the scripture tell us to do about proclaiming the Good News? (Matt. 10:27; Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)
4. Read Matthew 9:32-34. This was not the only time Jesus was accused by the Pharisees of casting out demons by the ruler of the demons. How did Jesus rebuke them? (Matt. 12:22-30)
5. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Who is our example for laboring in the ministry? Explain.
6. What is the harvest that Jesus is referring to in Matthew 9:37?
7. How will God provide laborers for His Harvest? (Matt. 9:38)

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"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'" Mark 16:15 (NKJV)