

JESUS GREATEST HITS PT5

Growth Group Notes Week 2

PASTOR BOB RICE: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Main Text: Matthew 8:18-34

¹⁸ And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

¹⁹ Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

²⁰ 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."

²¹ Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

²² But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

²³ Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

²⁴ And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

²⁵ Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

²⁶ But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

²⁷ So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

²⁸ When He had come to the other side, 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.

²⁹ 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?"

³⁰ Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding.

³¹ So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

³² And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

³³ Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*.

³⁴ And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region.

Notes:

1. Introduction -

- a) Jesus' assignment was to attempt to bring the rebellious nation of Israel to faith in him as The Messiah by his words and miraculous works.
- b) The Sermon on the Mount was his first major discourse to the nation.
- c) The Sermon on the Mount begins in chapter 5 with the Beatitudes and Similitudes.
- d) The Sermon on the Mount concludes in chapter 7 having a profound effect on its listeners.

Matt. 7:28-29

²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,

²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

- e) Jesus' assignment was to attempt to bring the rebellious nation of Israel to faith in him as the Messiah.
- f) The multitude believed that Jesus was "one having authority."

- g) This constituted progress for Jesus, going from an unknown to “as one having authority”.
- h) They still needed to move in their understanding of Jesus from Jesus being, “As one having authority” to one having all authority. From being Lord-like to sovereign Lord of the universe.
- i) So as he left the mountain in chapter 8, he gave 7 proofs of his Lordship that can be placed into 4 categories or realms of Lordship.
 - He is Lord Over Disease
 - He is Lord Over Man
 - He is Lord Over Nature
 - He is Lord Over the Supernatural
- j) **Lord** – The Authority. One who demands full obedience.

2. VV 1-17 He is Lord over disease (the results of the fall).

- VV. 1-4 Cleanses a Leper
- VV. 5-13 Heals a Centurion’s Servant
- VV. 14-15 Heals Peter’s Mother-in-Law
- VV. 16-17 Heals Many Others

3. VV 18-22 He is Lord Over Man.

a. VV. 18-20 The Scribe learn that the Lord demands priority over our material pursuits.

b. VV. 21-22 One of His Disciples learn that the Lord demands priority over our families.

4. VV 23-27 He is Lord Over Nature

c. Jesus calms the raging storm that threatened their lives.

5. VV 28-34 He is Lord Over The Supernatural

d. Jesus cast demons out of 2 men in Gergesenes.

JESUS GREATEST HITS PT4
Growth Group Questions Week 2
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Questions:

1. From Sunday's Sermon, was there a particular point, comment, or scripture that caught your attention or challenged you?

2. What was Jesus' assignment in Israel?

3. What was the response of the crowd after Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount?

4. How was the response of the crowd right but incomplete?

5. Why did Jesus perform miracles after the Sermon on the Mount?

6. List all of the miracles that Jesus performed in Mathew chapter 8.

7. What were the 4 categories of Lordship that were the basis of Jesus miracles in Mathew 8?

8. Discuss how each category gave evidence of Jesus' lordship .

9. In light of this study of chapter 8, what is your opinion of Jesus?

Walk It Out

1. Read Matt. 8 everyday this week.
2. Pray and ask the Lord for ways that you can apply the Lordship of Christ to your life.
3. Put into action what God reveals.