

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

MATTHEW – PART FIVE THE MIRACLES

Lesson 5

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Matthew's Purpose

Encourage Jewish Believers that Jesus
was Messiah

Types Of Miracles

1. Healings
2. Exorcisms
3. Supernatural Acts
4. Resurrections

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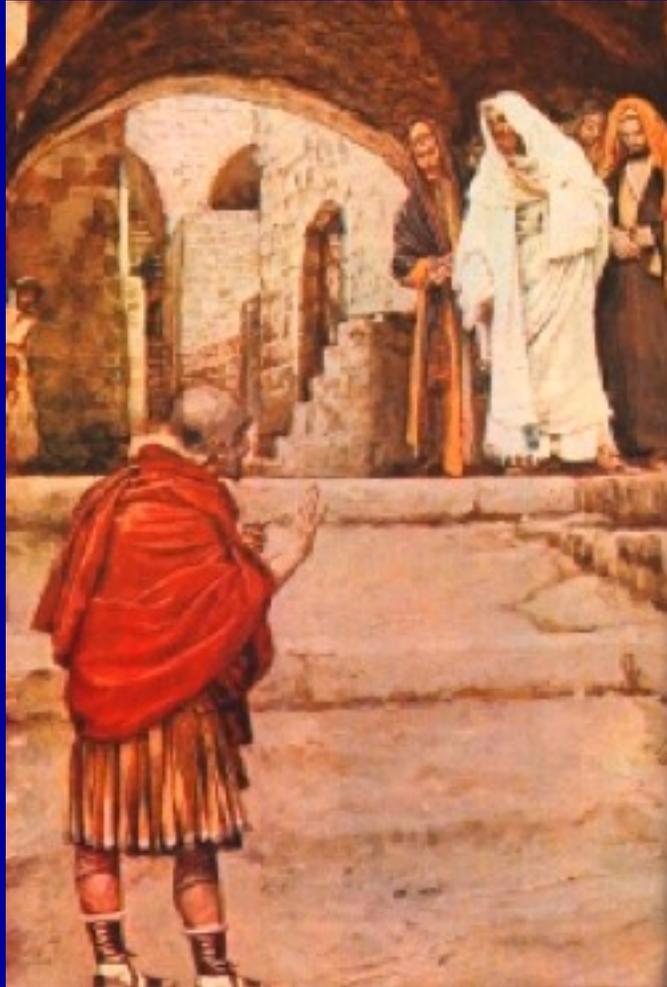
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Matthew Speaks of Healing in a
Context that Easily Applies to **all** of
Us with the Sickness / Disease of Sin

Matthew 8:1-4

- Leper Approaches Jesus and Kneels
- Leper says “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”
- Jesus answers “I am willing.”
- Applies to Us
- Side note “See to it you don’t tell anyone.”

Centurion's Servant (8:5-13)



- Centurion = Roman Officer
- Jesus Will Go

Officer: “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes....”

- Authority, not Presence

"Lord, I Do Not Deserve..." James Tissot, 1886-96.

Peter's Mother-in-Law (8:14-17)

- Fever
- Many Others
- Isaiah 53:4 “He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”



- Faith but not Courage
- Hidden Reach of a wounded Soul

Christ and the Woman with the Issue of Blood, Paolo Veronese, 1565-70

Two Gabby Blind Men (9:27-34)

- Two Follow Calling For Healing
- Jesus Into a House
- Persistence
- Jesus, “Do you believe I am able to do this?”
- Men, “Yes.”
- Jesus, “See that no one knows about this.”
- Men ... Gabby

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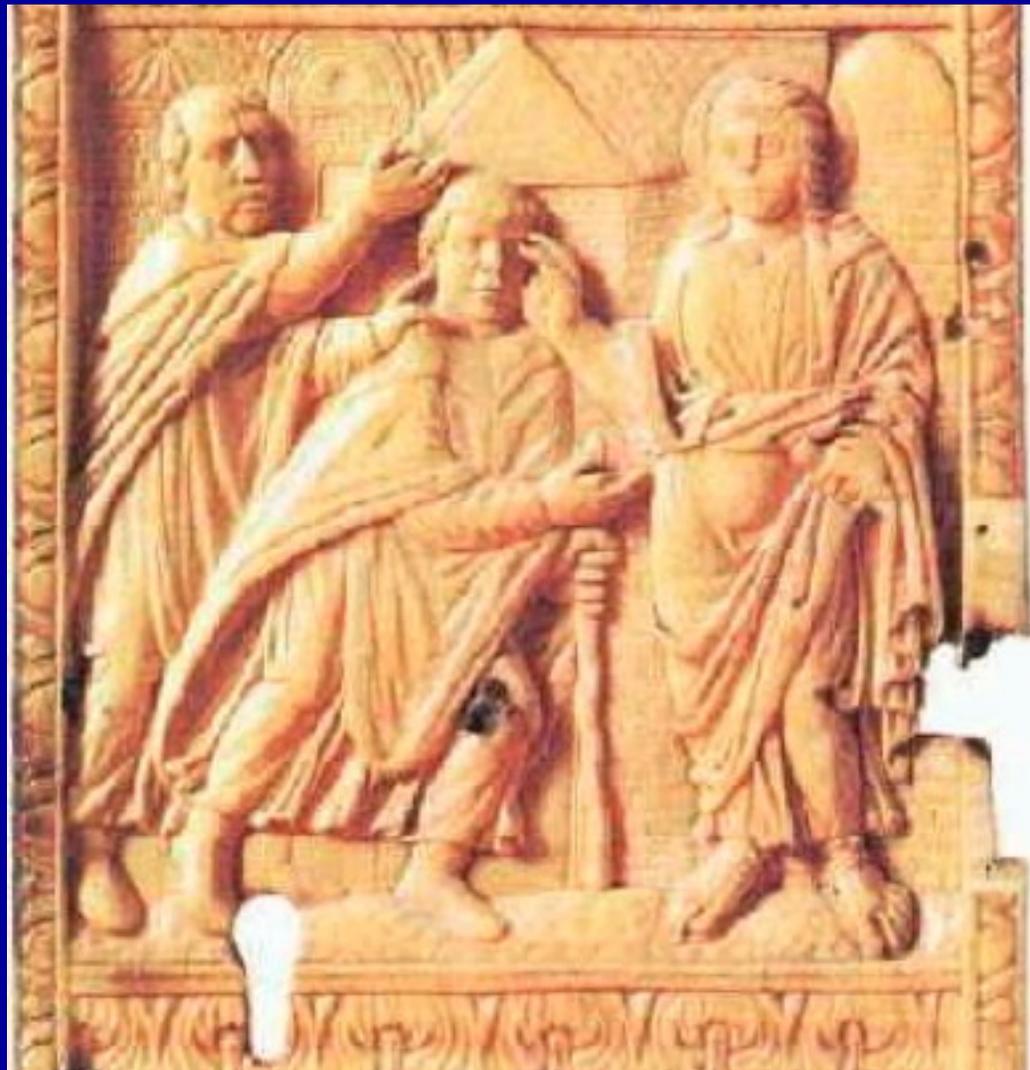
“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy....On it you shall not do any work....”

Exodus 20:8-11

The Heart of God and the Law (12:9-14)

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- Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”
- Jesus, “You would pull a sheep out of a pit if it fell in on a Sabbath.”
- Jesus Better Understands God’s Law than the Specialists!
- Plotting by Pharisees

- Blind Men See Jesus
- Attempted Hush
- Louder “Son of David have mercy on us”
- Jesus, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- Moved with Compassion
- Don’t listen to discouragers, Seek Jesus



- **Ivory carving:** 400's A.D. Curing the blind

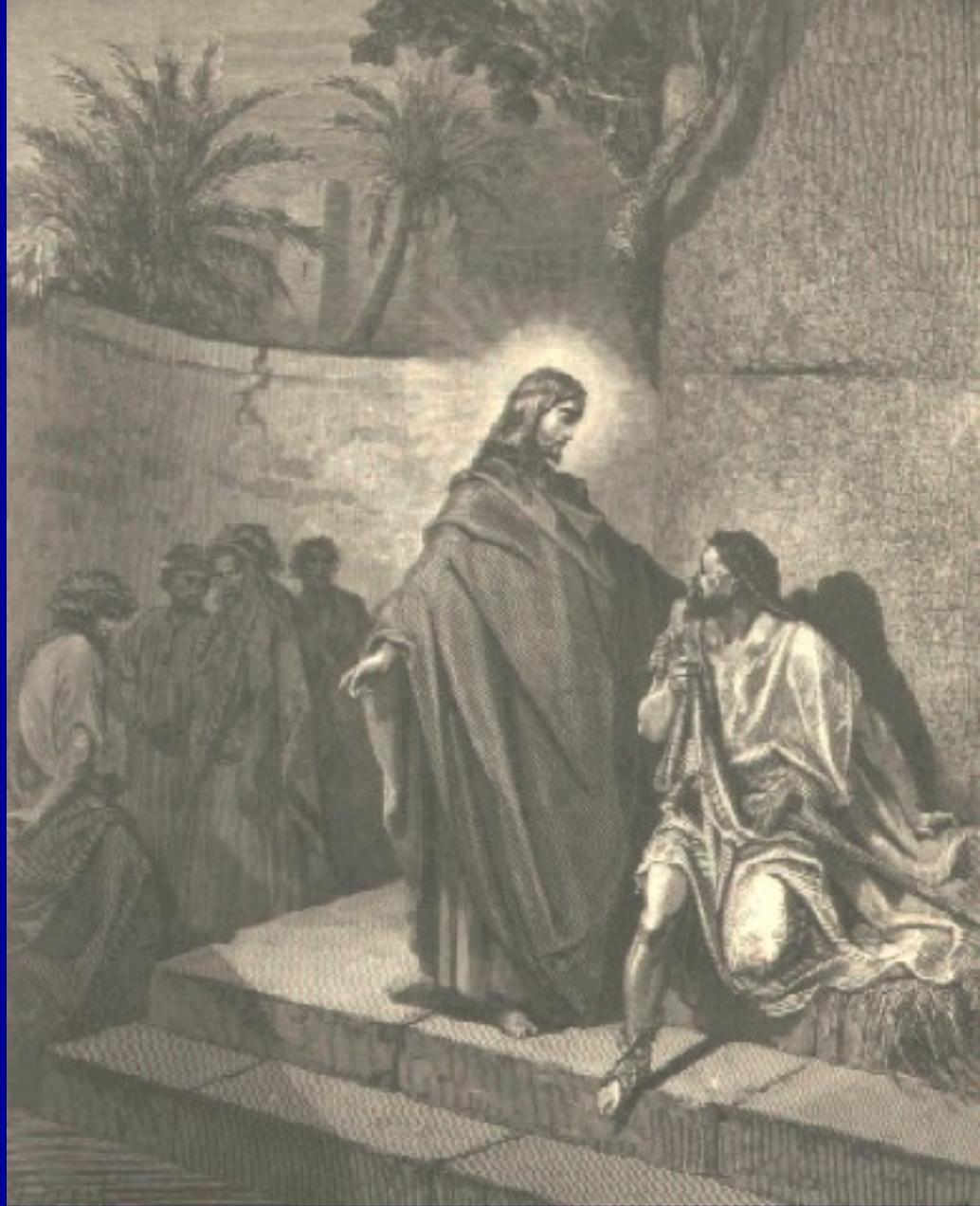
Exorcisms

Two Men - Gadarenes (8:28-34)

- Demons Know Jesus “The Son of God”
- Sent into a Herd of Un-kosher Pigs
- Town Begs Jesus to Leave
- Don’t dislike Jesus for how he Cleanses,
His Work is For the Best

Mute Man (9:27-34)

- Exorcism - Man Speaks
- Demonic Accusations by Pharisees
- Even the Best Deeds Can be Painted Bad by Those Who Do Not Know the Lord



Gustave Dore 1865

- Canaanite Woman
- Jesus “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel”
- Woman Kneels and Begs
- Jesus “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.”
- Woman “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”



Jean Colombe 1480's

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Emisere
misericordiā
tuam dñe
et misericordie tue que a se

culo sunt ne unquam domi
nentur inimici nri libera
nos deus israel ex omnibz
angustis nris. **psalmus**



Jesus Heals

Boy With Demonic Seizures (17:14-23)

- Apostles Cannot Heal
- Jesus Does
- Private Questioning “Why?”
- “Faith!”
- As Holy and Faithful as Mankind Can be,
There are Some Matters That Need the
Faith and Touch of Jesus

SUPERNATURAL ACTS

Worried God's Asleep?
Have Faith, He is
Master of Waves and
Winds. Your Storm is
in Good Hands



Rembrandt. *Christ in the Storm on the Lake of Galilee*. 1633

5,000 and 4,000 (14 & 15)

- Compassion
- Jesus > Moses (Wilderness Feedings)
- Give Thanks, Then Eat

Mount of Transfiguration

- Jesus, Moses, and Elijah
- Not What, but WHO

Raphael, 1518-1520



Fruitless Fig Tree (21:18-22)

- “May you never bear fruit again!”
- With Faith, We Can Do Far More!

Resurrections

- Matthew 9:18-26 - Daughter of a Ruler
- Dead or Asleep?
- Death Not Extinction, Just Waiting for Resurrection
- Jesus' Own Resurrection

Points For Home

1. Jesus Is A Miracle Worker
2. Come to Him With Your Needs
3. Intercede With Him For Others
4. No Job Is Too Big
5. He Overcomes Everything