

Matthew 9:1-8

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SERMON NOTES

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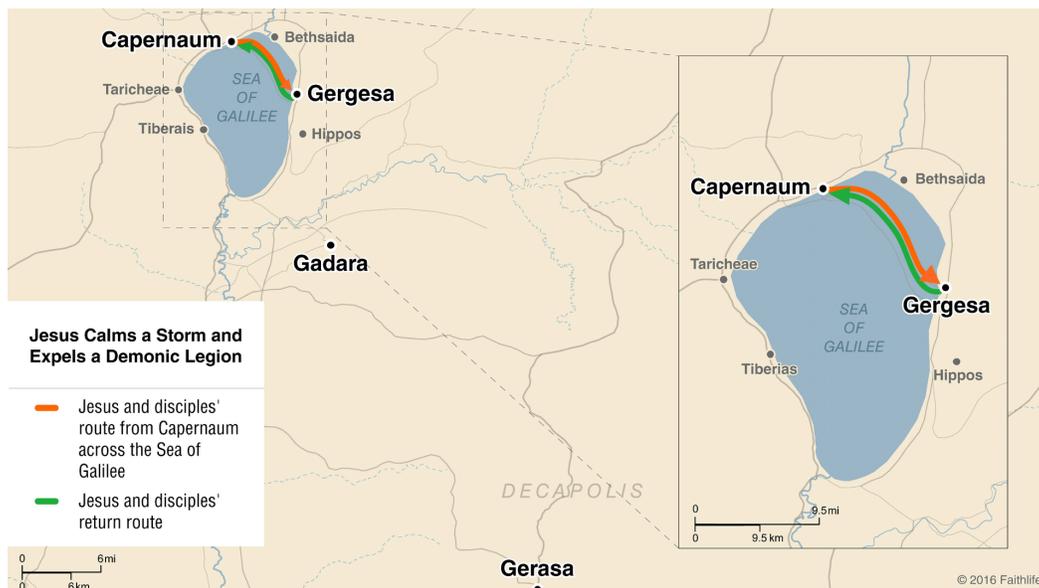
Who is this?

- The Person of Christ (ch. 1-4)
- The Principles of Christ (ch. 5-7)
- The Power of Christ (ch. 8-9)

- Reveal His compassion
- Display His authority
- Affirm His identity
- Inspire faith, wonder and worship

“The miracles of Jesus are signs of the right order of things. Jesus was not so much turning things upside down as turning them rightside up or, at least, giving His followers glimpses of the rightside up. The miracles of healing, deliverance, provision, and resurrection all reveal that God, through Jesus, is making all things new, that He is restoring what once was unbroken.”

- Matt Chandler, *The Explicit Gospel*



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Who is this?

1. Unbelieving religious leaders
2. Uncommitted crowds
3. Unwavering faith of the paralyzed man and his friends

“If the kingdom of heaven is at hand...then all our other kingdoms are called radically into question, including my own private kingdom, and yours.”

- Fleming Rutledge, *Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ*

“I may know all the doctrines in the Bible, but unless I know Christ, there is not one of them that can save me.”

- Charles Spurgeon

“Love means doing all we can, at whatever cost to ourselves, to help people be enthralled with the glory of God. When they are, they are satisfied and God is glorified. Therefore loving people and glorifying God are one.”

- John Piper

“There was a sculptor once, so they say, who sculpted a statue of our Lord. And people came from great distances to see it – Christ in all His strength and tenderness. They would walk all round the statue, trying to grasp its splendor, looking at it now from this angle, now from that. Yet still its grandeur eluded them, until they consulted the sculptor himself. He would invariably reply ‘There’s only one angle from which this statue can be truly seen. You must kneel.’”

- John Stott, *The Incomparable Christ*