

Informal Bible Study
Discussion Guide for the Gospel of Matthew
Chapter 9

Section by section

Verses 18-38

Section by Section Questions

Verses 18-31

1. This same set of events is described in **Mark 5:21-43** and **Luke 8:41-55**. Let's read these passages now, and note any additional things we learn from Mark and Luke.

2. What keeps coming up as the thing that Jesus is looking for in the people He helps?

Verses 32-38

1. What **gospel** or good news was Jesus proclaiming in all the cities and villages in Galilee?

The gospel means good news about the LORD Jesus Christ.

The gospel is God's message concerning His Son.

The message takes on different aspects at different times and to different people. However, it is always good news concerning Christ.

In Matthew, Christ is presented as the King of Israel. The emphasis is on His royalty, rather than His redemption work, although that is not ignored.

The different aspects of the gospel are to be distinguished but not confused.

All have to do with the presentation of the Christ, God's Son, as God's only remedy for this sin-sick world's great need.

2. In Israel, the demon-possessed had only been healed after they had spoken the name of the demon. What about this makes what Jesus did so remarkable? Is it any wonder that the crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

3. What horrible thing did the Pharisees say about Jesus after He cast out the demon that had been in a mute, demon-possessed man?

Did Jesus respond to the Pharisees about what they had said?

How did Jesus handle this blasphemous attack?

4. What was Christ's motivation for beseeching the Lord of the harvest to send more workers?