

Keeping up with Jesus

Matt. 8-9 (Christ is Coming! [Part 1] Series)

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Would *you* follow Jesus given what we've seen so far?

- 1) "Blessed are you when others revile you and _____ you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account." (5:11)
- 2) "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (5:17) Then Jesus _____ them.
- 3) "Beware of practicing your righteousness _____ _____ in order to be seen by them... your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (6:1a, 4b)
- 4) "Not everyone who says to me, '_____, _____' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (7:21a)

1) Beware the wide road, full of people. It leads to _____.

Get off the _____! Follow with me... at least for now. See where we end up.

- "Great crowds" followed down from the mountain (7:28-8:1)
- [Outside Capernaum] Leper healed, told to keep quiet (Jesus confirms the law) (v. 2-4)
- [at the edge of Capernaum] Centurion's paralyzed servant healed from a distance (Jesus pauses to teach about faith) (5-13)
- [at Peter's house in Capernaum] Peter's mother-in-law healed, many others were released from spiritual bondage (demonic), sick were healed (fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy) (14-17)

- [as Jesus leaves Capernaum] Jesus tells potential followers of the high cost of following Him (18-23)
- [on the Sea of Galilee] Jesus calms the sea (lesson on faith) (24-27)
- [in the region of Gadarenes] Demons cast from men in Gaderenes (city sends Jesus away) (28-34)
- [back to Capernaum] Jesus forgives sin of/ heals man w/ palsy, demonstrates His authority to forgive sins (9:1-8)
 - Jesus calls Matthew, eats with “sinners,” explains Scripture (9:9-13)
 - John’s disciples ask about fasting (9:14-17)
 - Jairus requests resurrection of his daughter, Jesus follows (9:18-19)
 - Woman is healed on the way to Jairus’ house (9:20-22)
 - Jairus’ daughter raised from dead, Jesus fame spreads even more! (9:23-26)
 - Jesus heads back “the house,” is intercepted by 2 blind men (9:27)
 - Blind men follow Jesus home, Jesus heals, instructs silence [they ignore], fame spreads throughout the land (9:28-31)
 - Mute demon possessed man brought to Jesus, healed, multitudes impressed (9:32-34)
- Jesus resumed going out to towns in Galilee (9:35) [compare with 4:23]
 - Jesus organizes shepherds to lead (9:36-10:1)

Application questions:

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Are you ready to be busy and live at full throttle?

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- 2) "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." (5:17) Then Jesus **expanded** them.
- 3) "Beware of practicing your righteousness **before other people** in order to be seen by them... your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (6:1a, 4b)
- 4) "Not everyone who says to me, '**Lord, Lord,**' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (7:21a)
 - 1) Beware the wide road, full of people. It leads to **DESTRUCTION.**

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