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**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class
Tuesdays 11AM
Prayer Meeting
Tuesdays 10 AM
**Joyful Generation
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)**
1st Sunday 7:00 PM

September 6, 2015



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JULY

July 8: "My Joy & My Crown, an Introduction"
Ben Bailey, McMinnville, TN
July 15: "My Joy & My Crown in Grace & Peace" (Phil. 1:2)
Tom Holland, Brentwood, TN
July 22: "My Joy & My Crown in Prayer & Preaching" (Phil. 1:4, 15-18)
Jason Gann, McMinnville, TN
July 29: "My Joy & My Crown in Faith" (Phil. 1:25)
Brandon Parsley, McMinnville, TN

AUGUST

August 5: "My Joy & My Crown in Fellowship & Unity" (Phil. 1:5, 2:1, 2)
Bill Williams, Manchester, TN
August 12: "My Joy & My Crown in Christ's Return" (Phil. 2:16)
Tony Britt, Pikeville, TN
August 19: "My Joy & My Crown in Christian Service" (Phil. 2:17-22)
Paul Sain, Pulaski, TN
August 26: "My Joy & My Crown Being in the Lord" (Phil. 3:1-7)
Ralph Hart, Manchester, TN

SEPTEMBER

September 2: "My Joy & My Crown in Present & Future Things" (Phil. 3:13-14)
Ken Mears, Crossville, TN
September 9: "My Joy & My Crown in Right Thinking" (Phil. 4:8)
Tony Lawrence, McMinnville, TN
September 16: "My Joy & My Crown in Contentment" (Phil. 4:11-12)
Dale Barger, Wheeler Hill, TN
September 23: "My Joy & My Crown in Christ Given Strength" (Phil. 4:13)
David Lipe, Cookeville, TN

DIFFERENT REACTIONS TO JESUS

Charles Box

Jesus made many claims for Himself. He claimed, (1) to be the Son of God (John 17:1), (2) to be the promised Messiah (John 4:26), (3) to be the only way to God (John 14:6), (4) to be the source of our forgiveness (John 8:24), and (5) He claimed He would be killed and be raised from the dead. (Luke 9:22) Jesus performed marvelous miracles which proved His claims. Nicodemus was correct when he said, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (John 3:2) Jesus demonstrated His power over sickness, nature, and death. His greatest miracle was His own resurrection from the grave. (Romans 1:4) The reaction of the people to Jesus and His miracles differed greatly.

On one side of the sea: Matthew 8 closed with Jesus performing a great miracle and being asked to leave the land of the Gergesenes. Matthew records the events in these words, "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. 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? Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine. 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. 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. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region." (Matthew 8:28-34) The other gospel accounts only mention one of these men. (Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39) Mark and Luke obviously only discuss the one having many demons, the one called "Legion." The demons knew that Jesus was the Son of God. They also knew they would be cast out and that their everlasting destiny would be to be tormented. Jesus cast the demons into a heard of about 2,000 swine. There is not another case in the Bible where demons were cast from people and into animals. These two demon-possessed men had been delivered. "Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid." (Mark 5:15) Our thoughts are that the people of the region should have been very happy. They were not. They may have had more concern for the value of the pigs than for the value of the demon-possessed men. It is almost beyond belief but, the people gathered together and asked Jesus to leave their region. Jesus, the Son of God, was asked to leave. They, in essence, said, "Jesus, we do not want you here." How sad!

On the other side of the sea: Matthew 9 opened with Jesus and His disciples, crossing over to the other side of the sea by boat. On the other side of the sea He also performs a notable miracle. "So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you. And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, This Man blasphemes! But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven you, or to say, Arise and walk? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins -- then He said to the paralytic, Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men." (Matthew 9:1-8) The fact that Jesus would heal had been prophesied in Isaiah 35:5-6. "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame >

shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert." His miracles prove He was sent by God. This miracle is also recorded in Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 5:17-26. Mark and Luke explain how the man was brought to Jesus. The crowd was so great he was let down through the roof. The man was brought to Jesus for the healing of his body. The poor fellow was paralyzed. Jesus turned to an even greater problem. The man was lost in sin. The religious leaders understood that only God could forgive sins. Thus, by claiming to forgive sins, Jesus claimed to be God. The people said Jesus blasphemed. Jesus showed them that both healing and forgiveness are impossible with men, but possible with God. He asserted His authority over sin and disease. "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins -- then He said to the paralytic, Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men." (Matthew 9:6-8) At the healing of the paralyzed man, the people gave God glory for the miracle. Jesus was not trying to draw attention to Himself but to the power of God. Matthew 8 closed with a great miracle and Jesus being asked to leave. Matthew 9 opened, on the other side of the sea, with a great miracle and other people glorifying God for this miracle. "Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men." (Matthew 9:8)

On which side of the sea are you? On one side of the sea the people wanted nothing to do with Jesus. On the other side of the sea the people gave God glory because of Jesus and His work. Take a look at your life. On which side of the sea are you? Our prayer is that you are on the side of the sea where people desire to glorify God. The spiritual choices that we make here will determine the kind of life we will live and our eternal destination. When we are at a cross road in life, we must first decide which side of the sea we are on; the side that ask Jesus to leave or the side that wants to glorify Him. "Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God." (Romans 6:13)

Christ shines forth in the life of a true Christian. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) There is no greater privilege on earth than that of being a Christian. "And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16) On which side of the sea are you?

