

THE Story

Lesson 7 Chapter 23 Jesus' Ministry Begins (Pt 3) p.329-334

1. From the middle of page 329 to the middle of page 331, we read about various miracles that Jesus performed. After the first miracle, the people were amazed because He taught "with authority." Why do you think that was so?
2. What insights do we learn from the story of Peter's mother-in-law?
3. Why did Jesus "go to a solitary place, where he prayed? If he was the Son of God, why did he need to pray?

What does this imply about our need to "go to a solitary place and pray?"

4. Why do you think Jesus would not let the demons speak of him? (also check the bottom of page 332 where a similar command is given)

Why do you think Jesus told the man he healed from leprosy "don't tell this to anyone"?

5. The story of the paralyzed man was made possible by his 4 friends. What's one of the greatest things your friends have ever done for you?

What is significant about the statement, "When Jesus saw THEIR faith,,,,,"?

6. On the bottom of page 331 we read about Jesus' call of a tax collector by the name of Levi.

What does his name suggest about his heritage?

Why do you think tax collectors were linked with sinners?

In the gospels of Mark and Luke his name is recorded as "Levi"...in Matthew's gospel his name is recorded as "Matthew"..."gift of God." What does Matthew's openness about a tax collector becoming a disciple suggest to us?

7. On page 333 we are introduced to the twelve disciples. Why might the order of their names be significant?

8. We are then introduced to the role of 3 women in Jesus' ministry....Mary Magdalene, Joanna (God given) (Luke 24:10) and Susanna (Lily) and many others. What do we learn about them and their relationship to the group?

9. On page 334 we read about John's struggles while in prison. How does Jesus' response to him demonstrate the truth that "our compassion for others is an accurate gauge of our devotion to God"?

How did Jesus demonstrate

a thick skin by what he did not say?

a soft heart by what he did say?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace