

## Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — March 13, 2022

### 03/22: Tuesday Evening:

*The Chosen Women's Bible Study.* A journey group Bible Study based on Season One of “The Chosen” TV series is planned to start on March 22 at **6:15 PM**. Feel free to come at 6:00 PM to fellowship a while. Books are available through The Chosen website, and on Amazon, but the church is also ordering some books if you are more comfortable with that route. We will watch each episode together, and spend the next week or so discussing each lesson. Plans are to break once a month to join the rest of the women of the church for *Girls' Night Out!* Contact Kim Judd ([321 212-9839](tel:3212129839)), or Laurie Wilson, ([321 961-3658](tel:3219613658)), with any thoughts or questions.

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Old Testament Reading: [Daniel 7:13-14](#).

New Testament Reading: [Mark 5:1-5](#).

#### What we learned last week: ([Matthew 8:1-17](#))

- The leper — One of unthinkable touch
- The centurion — One of word
- Peter’s mother-in-law — One of familiarity
- The multitudes — Jesus’ mission continues.

#### What will we learn? ([Matthew 8:18-34](#))

- The one ready to serve now.
- The one ready to serve later.
- The disciples themselves still have much to learn.
- The knowledge of the demons.

When Jesus saw the crowd, he gave orders to cross over to the other side of the lake (Sea of Galilee)? Some reasons He ordered this suggested by others, might be that:

- The crowd was locally growing so large and drawing undue attention to Him. This undue notoriety pre-maturely would force His ultimate timing and goal in Jerusalem.
- The gospel needed to be brought to the Gentiles (pig herders) across the lake.
- He knew that ahead was demonstrations of His authority over the tempest and the demonic kingdom.

What do you think? ([Matthew 8:18](#))

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Jesus often refers to Himself as the “Son of Man.” Do you think the ‘teacher-disciple’ might have understood who He was and how crucial his discipleship would be? (See “son of man” throughout the mission of [Ezekiel](#); [Daniel 7:13](#); also see [Psalm 80](#), especially [verse 17](#))

The other disciple wanted to respect his father by burying him (a long process). Jesus’ mission was primary and urgent. Did Jesus saying, “... and let the dead bury their own dead” imply that those left behind vice those that choose to follow Him would find themselves among the living, perhaps forever? ([Matthew 8:21-22](#))

The seasoned fishermen and sailors amongst the disciples were terrified by the ferocity and chaotic nature of the storm (possibly satanically instigated: [Job 1:12, 18-19](#)). What was Jesus’ state of mind and authority over the natural (and supernatural) world? ([Matthew 8:23-27](#))

Did the demons know who Jesus was? Did the demons know their ultimate fate? Did Jesus have dominion over them? ([Matthew 8:29](#); [Matthew 8:32](#))

Why would the demons request to be sent into an animal rather than elsewhere? ([Matthew 8:30-31](#); [Matthew 12:43-48](#))

A dictionary meaning for Gadarene is ‘involving or engaged in a headlong or potentially disastrous rush to do something’ ([Oxford](#)). Note that this is what the demon-possessed swine did. Might this be the paths taken by the lives of the Greek people in Gadarenes? Might this be how the two men became possessed by the demons. ([Matthew 8:32-34](#))

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### Internet Resources:

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