

## WEEK 31 :- MATTHEW 9 & 10

1. Narrate the story of the two blind men that were healed in a house in Matthew 9.

### Answer

**Matthew 9:27–31:** As Jesus was walking, two blind men followed Him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" They believed He could heal them.

When Jesus entered a house, the blind men came to Him. Jesus asked, "**Do you believe I can do this?**" They said, "**Yes, Lord.**"

Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "**Let it be done according to your faith,**" and their eyes were opened, they could see!

Jesus told them not to tell anyone, but they were so excited that they spread the news everywhere.

2. Narrate the story of a dumb man healed in Matthew 9.

### Answer

Matthew 9:32–34: As Jesus was leaving, some people brought to Him a man who was mute and possessed by a demon.

Jesus drove out the demon, and immediately, the man began to speak. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of demons."

3. Did Jesus have biological siblings? That is, did Mary give birth to more children after his birth?

### Answer

According to Mark 6:3, some people were mentioned as his brothers, James, Josès, Juda (or Judas, not Iscariot) and Simon. And it was also stated that he had sisters.

The Catholics believe that the words "brothers" and "sisters" do not mean children of Mary, but rather cousins. This was built on the ideology that the word "brothers" can mean close kin. This interpretation was built upon their belief that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus, and she lived as a virgin all through her life.

However, we believe the ever-virgin theory of Mary is wrong. For the Bible says in Matthew 1:25 that Joseph "knew her not **TILL**" she had brought forth her firstborn son". The word "till" means, after the birth of Jesus, Joseph later had sexual relationship with Mary, his wife.

Or, of what meaning was their marriage, which lasted for more than 12 years, if they had no sexual intimacy as husband and wife?

So, we believe that Jesus most likely had biological siblings, same Father, same Mother, after his birth.

4. Mark 6:1 says “Jesus came into **his own country (same as city)**”. State two possible meaning of the term “his own country or city”, and name the exact city Jesus came into in that passage.

**Answer**

The term “his own country or city” can mean the city where Jesus was born. It can also mean the city where he was raised or brought up.

Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem of Judea, but he was raised and brought up in Nazareth of Galilee.

In the passage of Mark 6, he came into Nazareth of Galilee where he was brought up, not Bethlehem of Judea where he was born.

5. Narrate the story of what happened when Jesus came into the city where he was brought up in **Mark 6**.

**Answer**

**Mark 6:1-6:** Jesus went to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. On the Sabbath, He began teaching in the synagogue. Many who heard Him were amazed, but they also questioned Him, saying,

"Where did He get this wisdom? Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary? Don't we know His brothers and sisters?"

Because they knew His family and background, they refused to believe in Him. Their hearts were filled with doubt.

Jesus said, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own house.”

Because of their lack of faith, Jesus could not do many miracles there—only healed a few sick people.

He was amazed at their unbelief, and then He continued teaching in the surrounding villages.

**Lesson:** Sometimes, people miss the greatness of someone they're familiar with. Lack of faith can limit what God wants to do.

**6. Mark 6:6b “And he went round about villages, teaching”.**

We believers are sent to preach the gospel. Picking from Mark 6:6, are we meant to wait for people to come to us, or we are meant to go out and preach to people?

**Answer**

Picking from Mark 6:6, our Lord Jesus went around, to meet people, and preach the gospel to them. In fact, there was another time when he sent his disciples out to preach also.

However, there are instances where people came to him to hear him teach. Therefore, in preaching the gospel, we must be open to both. We must preach to those who come to us, and also go out to preach to those that would likely not come to us.

Preachers are goers, and no place is too far to go. As long as the Lord has sent us, we must go to wherever we are sent.

**7. Matthew 10:1 “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease”**

That scripture says “Jesus called his twelve disciples”. Was it that Jesus had only twelve disciples, and mention 6 out of the twelve disciples?

**Answer**

No, Jesus had several disciples. However, whenever the term “twelve” is used to describe his disciples, it refers to the “twelve” which he chose to be his apostles.

These are the names of the twelve apostles:

1. Simon (called Peter)
2. Andrew (his brother)
3. James son of Zebedee
4. John (his brother)
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew (the tax collector)
9. James son of Alphaeus
10. Thaddaeus
11. Simon the Zealot
12. Judas Iscariot, who later betrayed Him.

8. When Jesus sent out his twelve disciples

- a. what did he give to them? (2mrks)
- b. and state 4 out of the instructions he gave them. (2mrks each)

**Answer**

- a. he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. (Matthew 10:1)
- b. The Instructions (State any four) (Matthew 10:5-)
  - i. They should not go to the way of the Gentiles nor enter into the city of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
  - ii. As they go, they should preach, saying, "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand"
  - iii. They should heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils
  - iv. Since they received the power of God freely, they should also give it freely (not charging people).
  - v. They should not take money and extra clothes along (no gold, silver or brass in their purses)
  - vi. They should abide in any house where they are received
  - vii. They should salute those in the house they enter, if they are well received, their peace will come upon the house. And if they are not well received, their peace will return to them.

**(GOLDEN QUESTION. 90 secs)**

9. The gospel is good news. However, in Matthew 10, Jesus spoke about the resistance believers and preachers of the gospel will experience. Talk about any two of the three resistances below :-

- Political Resistance
- Family Resistance
- Community Resistance

**Answer**

### **Political Resistance**

- Men who preach the gospel will be arrested by political leaders, and maltreated (scourged) because of their message. (Mat 10:17. Real life example of this was Acts 5:40, where the apostles were beaten for preaching Jesus)

- The gospel will bring its preachers before governors and kings. The preachers must not be worried about how or what they shall say, because in the same hour, the Spirit of their Father (the Holy Ghost) will give them what to say. (Mat 10:18-20. This was what happened when Peter was brought before the leaders, the Bible says he was filled with the Holy Ghost, and he spoke to the rulers and elders. Acts 4:8)

## Family Resistance

- People in the family of those who believe and preach the gospel will rise up against them. In fact, siblings will kill one another for the sake of the gospel, just as Cain killed Abel. Children will rise up against their Parents, and cause them to be put to death for believing the gospel. (Mat 10:21)

## Community Resistance

- In the city and communities where believers and preachers of the gospel are, they will be hated by those who do not like the gospel message. (Mat 10:22)
- Just as people in the time of Jesus called him a bad name, saying he had the spirit of Beelzebub. Believers and preachers of the gospel must be prepared for the same mockery. (Mat 10:24-25)

10. State two out of the counsels of the Lord to us, in dealing with resistance that come with the gospel.

## Answer

- **Fear not, even in the face of death.** We must not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Mat 10:26-31)
- **We must hold unto our confession of Christ.** Despite the persecution and hatred that will come from men to we believers and preachers of the gospel, we must not deny Christ. And despite the fact that Jesus said death may come, we are meant to take our stand, and not deny Christ, even in the face of death, just like the three Hebrews did not deny God in the face of fiery furnace, and also Stephen in the fact of death. (Mat 10:32-33)
- **Love Jesus above all (even those we love).** Believers and preachers of the gospel must be ready to love Jesus more than their father, mother, son, daughter, and even their own life. (Mat 10:37-39).