

Fall: Week 3 "Jesus Makes House Calls"

Getting to know each other:

1) In Sunday's message we heard about 2 demon-possessed men who were "not too far gone for Jesus to deliver and save." Can you think of someone you thought was "too far gone", and yet somehow, some way, Jesus saved them? Please explain their situation.

2) If you were given 3 all-expenses-paid vacations to 3 different places...the 1st was for 3 days, the 2nd for 1 week, and the 3rd for 1 month...where would you go for each one and why?

Getting into the Word:

3) Matthew is determined to prove that Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us." The Deity of Jesus Christ is one of the most important doctrines of the Christian faith. Why is it so important to believe that Jesus is God come in human flesh? How does this distinguish the Jesus of the Bible from all "the other Jesus' that different religions teach? What does this have to do with our salvation?

See: Matt.1:23...John 1:1-3 & 14...John 5:16-18...John 8:23-24...John 8:52-59...John 10:27-33...John 14:6...Titus 2:11-14...Isa.43:10-12...Isa.44:6-8...and any other verses that come to mind.

4) Jesus was constantly being accused and questioned by the arrogant and self-righteous religious leaders. On the other hand, Jesus never turned away those who were truly humble. Humility means to have an accurate view of yourself. This allows us to combat pride so we are better able to follow and serve Jesus. What can we learn about the process of developing humility from the following Scriptures? Luke 14:7-11...1Pet. 5:5-6...James 4:6-10...John 15:13-15...Gal.5:13-16.

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Jesus (from Matt.9:13)