

## Who Matters to Jesus?

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*"... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Genesis 12:1-3

*One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."*

Luke 8:22-25

*God overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance.*

Acts 13:19

*He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.*

Luke 8:24

*When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"*

*...Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"*

*"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.*

Luke 8:28,30

**The first trip to the other side:  
the people respond to Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*...but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you."*

Luke 8:38

*Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.*

Matthew 14:22

*Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them... And they praised the God of Israel.*

Matthew 15:30-31

**The second trip to the other side:  
the people respond to Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_.**

**WHY?**

**One man told his story.**

*Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."*

Matthew 15:32

*They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.*

Mark 6:42-43

*...The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.*

Mark 8:1-10

*Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always..."*

Matthew 28:18-20

*Don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*

Matthew 10:19-20(NLT)