

Possession, Perception and Peace

Matthew 8:28-9:8

- I. Prayer
- II. Exorcised
 - A. Among the Deeply Unclean
 - 1. Before the time
 - 2. Jesus doesn't answer their questions
 - 3. Swine Self-Destruction / No escape from the authority of Jesus
 - B. Go Away Jesus
- III. Walking Forgiveness
 - A. So Jesus goes...
 - B. Jesus sees and says
 - 1. Their faith
 - 2. The evil in their hearts
 - C. Sin as the *heart* of human need
 - D. People who write things behaving badly, or, can God blaspheme himself?

- 1. Two Questions from Jesus
 - a. Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your head?
 - b. Which is easier: *to say*, "Your sins are forgiven" or *to say* "Get up and walk"?

E. The Crowds

IV. Thoughts / Questions

- A. Wrestling with our Perceptions, and trust that Jesus sees true
- B. "Spiritual" Possession and cleansing – how so?

V. Prayer