



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# Responding to Jesus

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## Miracles + Calls to Discipleship in Matthew 8–9

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## Isaiah 35:5–6

- <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.



## 2. A fascination with Jesus (9:33)

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- **Matthew 7:28:** And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished...
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### 3. The rejection of Jesus (9:34)

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- **Matthew 9:3:** ... some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”
- **Matthew 9:11:** ...they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
- **Matthew 9:34:** But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”



## Mark 3:22

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”



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## Matthew 11:20–22

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.”



## Matthew 11:23–24

<sup>23</sup> “And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

<sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”



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5. We can come to Jesus in any condition, and we must follow Jesus with no conditions.



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