



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 4, 2025

Trust Jesus

Matthew 9:18-34

I. He FULFILLS His purpose as Messiah

A. Look at the Saving

B. Look at the Condensing

C. Look at the Naming

II. He FACES Scorn and Slander

A. Defeating DEATH despite the scorn

B. Defeating DEMONS despite the slander

III. He FAITHFULLY responds to FAITH

A. He responds to LITTLE faith

B. He responds when HE is the OBJECT of faith

IV. He FOCUSES upon His Mission

A. He won't be Sidetracked

B. He won't Deviate from the Father's Will

Life Group Study Questions

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1. Share a time when someone you looked up to or followed disappointed and shattered your trust. Has this made you more untrusting?
2. What are some of the things Matthew utilizes in this passage to point toward trusting Jesus? How does he connect them to evidence later in Matthew 11:2?
3. Jesus' claim to be Messiah is justified by His ability to do what only Messiah can do. What other people do you trust for this very same reason?
4. Jesus endures scorn and slander in the face of doing amazing good for others. How does his willingness to do so make Him more trustworthy?
5. It is hard to do your job when you are being lied about. What lies are told about Jesus and how does He respond?
6. Faith in Christ, whether large or small, is what matters. How should this news be freeing to us in the Christian life? What are some of the misconceptions that hinder us about faith?
7. Jesus never deviates from the task of Messiah. What is his motivation and why should it cause us to trust Him?

8. Jesus lives to do the will of the Father, and the Father's will is your salvation to the uttermost. How does it impact you when you realize that Jesus will never lose His focus on saving you?

9. Pray for those who are struggling to trust in Jesus.