

Key Verse

Matt. 9:38

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Pray ye therefore
the Lord of the
harvest, that he will
send forth labourers
into his harvest.

Lesson

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Learning
from
Jesus
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Matt. 4:13–25; 9:35–38

Mark 3:1–9, 31

Luke 6:12–19

Kingdom OF God

Jesus taught in the synagogues and preached the gospel (good news) of the kingdom. The Jews expected their Messiah to be an earthly king who would overthrow the Roman government and rule over Israel.

But when Jesus preached the kingdom of God, everyone knew it was not an earthly kingdom to overthrow the Roman government. The kingdom of God is wherever God reigns, which can be in the heart of an individual or in a nation.

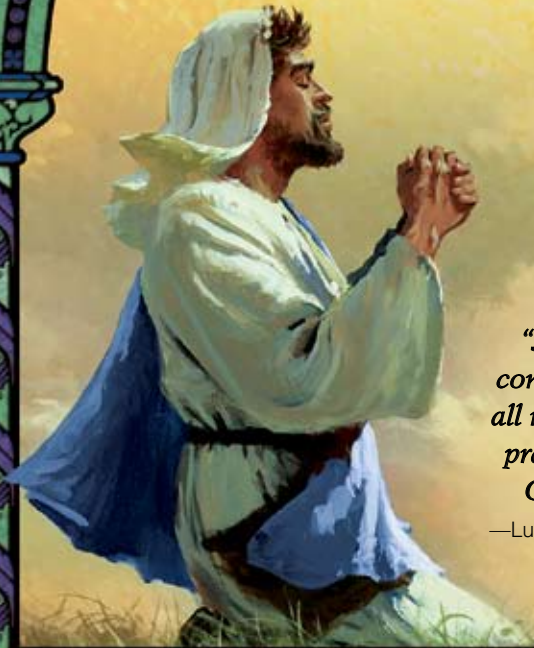
**Jesus wants to be King
in every person's life.**

Scripture to read before next study

Matt. 8:2, 3; Mark 1:40–45;
Mark 5:22–43; Luke 7:11–17; 17:11–17

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Multitudes Are HEALED



*"Jesus
continued
all night in
prayer to
God."*

—Luke 6:11, 12

Why did Jesus pray?
(see p. 3)

The Savior's prayer to the Father does
not present a conflict with His deity.

"FISHERS of men"



Around the sea of Galilee, fishermen worked in casting and mending their nets.

Jesus said to Peter, Andrew, James, and John, *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"*—Matt. 4:19, 21. And they did.

All who "follow Jesus" He makes to be fishers of men. The requirement is—follow Him (live for Him) which means that some things others do, those who follow Jesus cannot do. God wants His people to live differently than worldly, ungodly people.

If we live like people who do not know or love God, it proves we are not following Jesus.

When a person follows Jesus, others often become **thirsty** for God and trust Christ as Savior.

Then, the person becomes a *"fisher of men."*

Why did Jesus pray?

Some ask, "If Jesus is God, why did He, in His earthly ministry, pray to the Father?" The answer is simple. As people, we carry on conversations within ourselves. King David asked himself a question and then answered it. *"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance"*—Psa. 42:5.

Therefore, it was not unusual for Jesus, the Son of God, to talk with God the Father in prayer. *"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness"* Gen. 1:26, shows there has always been communication within the Godhead. Jesus communicated with the Father through prayer, even as all of God's children communicate with the Father through prayer.

Multitudes ARE HEALED

The OT records a few miracles of healing, but not to the extent, nor variety of illnesses and afflictions that Jesus healed. In OT times, God made His mighty power known in a series of miracles. The first series was through Moses and Joshua, and later a series of miracles through Elijah and Elisha.

But Jesus did far more miracles than all those combined. Great crowds brought their sick and afflicted, and Jesus healed them all, which proved His divine power.

No person has ever claimed to heal all the people who came for healing. Peter, John, Paul, and others healed a few people, but not like Jesus, who healed all that came to Him.

Jesus' Fame SPREADS

Capernaum, *"his own city"* Matt. 9:1, became Jesus' headquarters for His ministry in Galilee. Many spiritually hungry people came to hear Him, and He healed multitudes of people.

His fame spread into the Gentile areas of Syria, Tyre, and Sidon in the north.

