



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

The Jesus Style



- Lepers, Romans, Mothers-in-law, Storms, and the Demonized – (Ch.8)
- Paralyzed sins forgiven; Calls Levi; “Go and learn...”
- New things belong in new things... cloth, wine...
- Fasting and Prayer take on a new focus... GOD!
 - Greater things are yet to come...

Jairus comes to Jesus



- Synagogue ruler – Mk and Luke mention his name
 - Daughter near death – desperation!
 - Falls down before Jesus
 - “come and lay your hand on her” –
- Jesus follows to do so...
 - And along the way...

Touching people...



- A suffering woman ~ 12 years of hemorrhaging...
 - This would have kept her from family, friends, Temple...
 - Shame, embarrassment, loneliness, isolation, ‘cursed’
 - Less than worthy to be touched...
- To touch Him... how many did she push passed?
 - The “fringe of his cloak”



What she really touched



- Prayer shawl, *tallit* – Numbers 15:38-41
- 613 laws, to be remembered – chords and knots...
- Matthew is very specific – fringe...
- 5 knots, 4 spaces... – a focal point...
- **BUT** she touched **JESUS**... someone touched me!!! Her faith...

Jesus stops!



- He looks at her! How long had it been...
 - Mark 5:22ff; Luke 8:44 ~ more to the story...
 - Daughter...
 - “your faith has saved you” lit. (22)
- And the news comes... the little girl is dead...
 - How would you react?

She is not dead...



- Funeral mourners have started... (23)
- Matthew keeps it simple..
 - Put the crowd out, took her by the hand...
 - Touching the dead and giving life...
 - He does this all the time!

Blind men



- Son of David, mercy! – Messianic title
 - Do you believe I can do this? Note the tense... asking us!
 - Touches their eyes... again personal!
 - According to your faith... “do you believe I can” - focus
- Tell no one?
 - News is spreading...

Dumb...



- This time a real issue comes... demonized dumb...
 - Bodies afflicted by the demons... body is the!
 - A puzzle for the one trying to help... Jewish thinking...
- “Nothing like this was ever seen in Israel.” (33)
 - The power and authority combined with compassion...
 - Pharisees can do nothing but blaspheme...