



The Messiah's Authoritative Quickening

Matthew 9:14-31

Jesus has divine authority to restore joyful life; therefore, we must trust Him for restoration.

Four necessities of a restorative trust in Jesus.

1. _____ His _____ (v14-17).

2. _____ His _____ (v18-31).

3. _____ His _____ (v18-31).

4. _____ His _____ (v18-31).

The following readings and questions are designed to help you reflect on the truths found in this week's sermon in order that you might retain them in your life. You might find the most benefit by reading this week's passage along with the daily passage.

READ**REFLECT****RETAIN****MONDAY:**

Matthew 9:14-31

Does your life look more like the Pharisees and John's disciples (full of mourning) or more like Jesus's disciples (full of joy)? What contributes to your joy and lack of joy? How can seeing Jesus as the life-giver change your heart?

TUESDAY:

John 10:1-10

How does Jesus provide abundant life in these verses? What evidence of abundant life in Christ do you see in your life? What evidence is there that you don't see your life in Christ as abundant? What needs to change?

WEDNESDAY:

Romans 5:12-21

How do the gift of life and the punishment of death compare in these verses? How are they different? How does your life reflect that God has given abundant grace and life in Christ? How could you reflect these gifts better?

THURSDAY:

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

List out the different things the author compares in these verses. How do v13-14 put these comparisons in perspective? How do you keep trusting God for restoration in difficult days? What changes could improve that trust?

FRIDAY:

Matthew 9:14-31

Which of the healings in this narrative do you most appreciate? Why? In what ways does your faith match that of the characters here? In what ways is your faith lacking? How do this narrative encourage you to grow your faith?

SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

Matthew 9:32-11:1

Read the passage for November 24 in preparation for Sunday.