

MATTHEW

February 20, 2022

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Why does Jesus give orders to depart to the other side of the sea (v. 18)?
2. The scribe seems willing to follow Jesus (v. 19). Does Jesus take him seriously or seem to brush him off (v. 20)?

What seems to be an obstacle to the scribe following Jesus?

3. What is behind the request of the second man (v. 21)?

What is behind Jesus' curious response (v. 22)?

What does it mean to call Jesus "Lord"?

4. What did the disciples do (v. 23)?

What happens as a result (v. 24)? (How serious is it?) Does this illustrate important truth(s)?

What is Jesus doing during of all of this? What do you make of it?

5. Meditate on the plea of the disciples (v. 25). What do they seem to be saying?

6. What do you make of Jesus' response (v. 26)?

What is going on with the disciples?

7. What is the double miracle (v. 26b)?

8. Why amazement on the part of the disciples now (v. 27)? Compare this with Psalm 89:9.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will follow the *Teacher* this week by . . .

I will follow the *Lord* this week by . . .