

The Cost of Discipleship¹

- I. Introduction of Two Major Themes
 - A. Fulfilling Prophecy [Isaiah 53:4,5]
 - B. The Cost of Discipleship
 - C. The Sequence of Scripture in Three Sections
 - 1. Fulfill Prophecy [vv. 16-22]
 - 2. The Jesus Boat [vv. 23-27]
 - 3. Gergesenes (Jer-jee-senz) [vv. 28-34]
- II. Matthew 8:16-22
 - A. Healing of Sickness and Demonology
 - B. Count the Cost of Discipleship
 - C. The Lamb of God [Isaiah 53:4, 5]
 - 1. He is Our Salvation
 - 2. Prophecy Fulfilled; He Bares Afflictions
 - 3. Verse 18—Why?
 - a. A Man With Qualifications
 - b. A Man Must Bury His Father
 - c. The Holy Spirit Prepares the Heart to Possess Faith
- III. The Jesus Boat
 - A. Read verses 23-27
 - B. A Fierce Storm
 - C. A White Knuckle Ride
 - D. An Ancient Fishing Boat Found in 1986
 - 1. 27 feet long, 7.5 feet wide, 4.5 foot gunnels
 - 2. On display today at the Yigal Alon Museum
 - E. Jesus Takes Control of His Own Creation
 - 1. The wind was muzzled
 - 2. The seas was made glasslike
 - 3. His Creation knows His voice
 - 4. Matthew Henry Commentary: "...calms the storm within or without."

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Matthew 8:28-34 Module 22

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- IV. The Power of the Devil is Limited
 - A. Read verses 28-34
 - B. Cannot Hurt a Pig Without Permission
 - C. Jesus the Great Deliver [Acts 10:38]
 - D. Jesus the Intercessor [Hebrews 7:25]
 - E. The Worldly Gergesenes
- V. What It Costs to Be a True Christian (J. C. Ryle *Holiness*)
 - A. Bought With A Price [1 Corinthians 6:20] [1 Timothy 2:6]
 - B. It Costs Our Self Righteousness
 - C. It Cost Our Sins
 - D. It Costs Our Love of Ease
 - E. It Costs the Favor of the World
- VI. Counting the Cost Important for the Soul
- VII. Helps to Count the Cost Rightly
 - A. The Profit and Loss
 - B. The Praise and Blame
 - C. Life Now and the Life to Come
 - D. Troubles Today or Beyond the Grave
 - E. Conclusion

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