

Sunday, September 13

Matthew 9 & 16

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“Who do you say that I am?”

Questions God Asks

To read before class: Matthew 9 & 16

How do Matthew 9 and 16 fit into the larger story of Jesus and the Gospel of Matthew? Big-picture-wise, what's going on?

In these two chapters, we find Jesus asking enormously important questions:

❖ “Do you believe that I am able do this?” (9:28)

❖ “But who do you say that I am?” (16:15)

Why? Why would an all-knowing God ask questions like that?

❖ What do these chapters, and these scenes in particular, tell us about Jesus?

❖ What do these chapters, and these scenes in particular, tell us about the people who were there?

❖ Most close to home, what impression should these passages make on us?