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Bible Reader: Mike Mathis

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Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 33:54)

Scripture Reading

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John 3:3-5,

- **Scripture Reading:** The session begins with a reading from John 3:3-5, where Jesus discusses being born again with Nicodemus. Jesus explains that one must be born of water and the spirit to enter the kingdom of God.

Summary

Preacher: Mike Mathis

(1:01 - 4:20) Introduction and Context

- **Continuation from Morning Lesson:** The lesson continues from a morning session discussing Jesus as God's greatest servant. Key points include:
 - Jesus left heaven with humanity's interests in mind.
 - Jesus modeled servant leadership for his disciples, suggesting that greatness comes through serving others.
 - Jesus addressed various human needs, showing compassion for the sick, hungry, grieving, homeless, and those facing death.

(4:22 - 9:08) Jesus's Healings

- **Centurion's Servant:**
 - Jesus heals the servant of a centurion in Capernaum. The centurion demonstrates great faith by believing Jesus could heal from a distance, which astonishes Jesus given the centurion's recognition of authority.

- Jesus remarks on the centurion's faith, contrasting it with some in Israel, and promises healing based on faith, which occurs immediately.

- **Peter's Mother-in-law and Others:**

- Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law from a fever upon entering Peter's house, after which she serves them.
- Later that evening, after the Sabbath, many who were sick or demon-possessed are brought to Jesus, and he heals them all, showcasing his power over physical and spiritual ailments.

(9:09 - 13:20) Confirmation of Timing and Additional Healings

- **Synagogue Teaching and Exorcism:**

- Jesus teaches with authority in the Capernaum synagogue on the Sabbath, leading to the exorcism of an unclean spirit from a man. This event further spreads his fame.
- Details from Mark's Gospel clarify that the healings occur post-Sabbath sunset, emphasizing that these events happened after the Sabbath, which was not explicitly stated in Matthew's account.

(13:22 - 15:23) Feeding the Multitude

- **Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes:**

- As evening approached, Jesus concerns himself with feeding the multitude. With only five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus miraculously feeds about 5,000 men plus women and children, with twelve baskets of fragments left over, illustrating divine abundance.

(15:25 - 25:42) Raising the Dead

- **Jairus' Daughter:**

- Jairus, a synagogue leader, asks Jesus to heal his recently deceased daughter. Despite interruptions, Jesus goes to the girl, declares she's only sleeping, and brings her back to life, demonstrating his power over death.

- **Widow of Nain's Son:**

- During a funeral procession, Jesus encounters a widow and her only son who has died. Moved with compassion, Jesus raises the young man back to life, presenting him to his mother.

- **Lazarus of Bethany:**

- Jesus delays his visit to Lazarus, who dies, to teach about resurrection. He arrives after four days, reassures Martha of the resurrection, and commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb, showcasing his power over life and death.

(25:43 - 29:22) Spiritual Teaching

- **Nicodemus and Spiritual Birth:**

- The narrative returns to Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains the concept of spiritual rebirth. Nicodemus struggles with the literal interpretation of being

born again, leading Jesus to clarify the necessity of being born of water and the Spirit for spiritual entry into God's kingdom.

(29:24 - 31:51) Jesus's Conversation with Nicodemus and the Samaritan Woman

- **Continued Discussion with Nicodemus:**

- Jesus questions Nicodemus's lack of understanding regarding spiritual rebirth, highlighting the difference between earthly and heavenly knowledge.
- He refers to his own impending crucifixion by comparing it to Moses lifting up the serpent, indicating that salvation would come through his death.

- **Samaritan Woman at the Well:**

- Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman, asking for a drink, which leads to a discussion about living water, symbolizing spiritual fulfillment and eternal life from the Holy Spirit.

(31:52 - 33:54) Conclusion: Jesus's Teaching on Service and Abundant Life

- **Teaching on Service:**

- Jesus teaches the importance of service in Matthew 25:31-46, explaining that serving the least among us is akin to serving him, leading to eternal life.
- He emphasizes that being a servant requires effort, contrary to human nature which often seeks to be served.

- **Abundant Life:**

- Jesus's purpose to give life more abundantly is explained, not as material wealth but as a life filled with service and goodness.
- A book titled "Living Abundantly" is mentioned, though with some reservations about its teachings, to illustrate the concept of living life to the fullest through serving others.

- **Call to Action and Closing:**

- The speaker encourages the audience not to wait to be asked to serve but to emulate Jesus's example of tireless good works.
- An invitation is given for those who have not yet obeyed the gospel to do so through belief, repentance, and baptism for the remission of sins, followed by a call to remain faithful.
- The sermon closes with an encouragement to consider others' interests, followed by an invitation to stand for the invocation psalm.