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Desire

‘teshuqah’ – stretching out after; desire, longing, craving

‘shook’ – to run after or over, that is, overflow

Genesis 3 : 16

‘baqash’ – to search out (by any method; specifically in worship or prayer) {by implication to strive after}; to seek

Exodus 10 : 10 – 11

‘taavah’ - a longing; by implication a delight

Proverbs 11 : 23

‘epithumia’ – a longing (especially for what is forbidden)

‘epithumeo’ – to set the heart upon, that is, long for (rightfully or otherwise)

Luke 22 : 15

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Matthew 20 : 29 – 34 (Mark 10 : 46ff; Luke 18 : 35ff)

“Have mercy on us...”

Why, what need did they have?

They were blind – Jesus can heal the blind.

Luke 4 : 18; 7 : 21

“What do you want Me to do for you?”

How can I help you?

“...that our eyes may be opened.”

Were they done with Jesus?

No – “...immediately...they followed Him.”

But Why?

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Mark 5 : 1 – 8, 17 – 20 (Luke 8 : 26ff)

“What have I to do with You...”

Why, what reason is there to say this?

Jesus can cast out demons. Even demons believe in Him.

James 2 : 19; Matthew 4 : 24

“Come out of the man...”

What scene is seen next?

“...sitting...clothed and in his right mind...”

Was he done with Jesus?

No – “...begged Him...be with Him.”

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And they all “...followed Him...”

Matthew 4 : 25; 8 : 1; 12 : 15; 14 : 13; 19 : 2;

Mark 2 : 15; 3 : 7; 5 : 24; 6 : 1; Luke 7 : 9; 9 : 11;

John 6 : 2

Many desired Him, but not all for the right reason

John 6 : 22 – 28

No one could find Jesus, so they went looking for Him.

When they found Him, what did they ask?

“...when did You come here?”

Where did you go, we want more?

But Jesus, knew what they wanted.

“...you seek Me...because you ate...and were filled.”

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Why did you desire Jesus in the first place?

For the forgiveness of sins?

Matthew 26 : 28; Mark 16 : 16

“...My blood...remission...will be saved...”

For the living water?

John 4 : 7 – 14, 39 – 42

“...I shall give...everlasting life.”

“...we know that this is...the Christ...”

For the bread of life?

John 6 : 28 – 40

“What shall we do...give us this bread always...”

“...I have come...may have everlasting life...”

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Did you find what you were looking for? If so, what did you do?

Luke 17 : 11 – 19

“...have mercy on us...”

Why, what reason is there to say this?

Jesus can heal leprosy.

Luke 7 : 22

“Go show yourself to the priest.”

What scene is seen next?

“...as they went they were cleansed.”

Where were the nine?

“Were not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

Why did the one return?

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But why? Why stay with Jesus? Why return to Him?

Hebrews 5 : 9; 12 : 2

Jesus is not only our author, but our finisher of our faith.

Hebrews 2 : 10

Jesus is the captain of our salvation.

John 4 & John 6

If you have the living water and the bread of life, why go back for anything different?

I John 1 : 7 – 9

We are not perfect, we need Him and His blood to cleanse us from all sin.