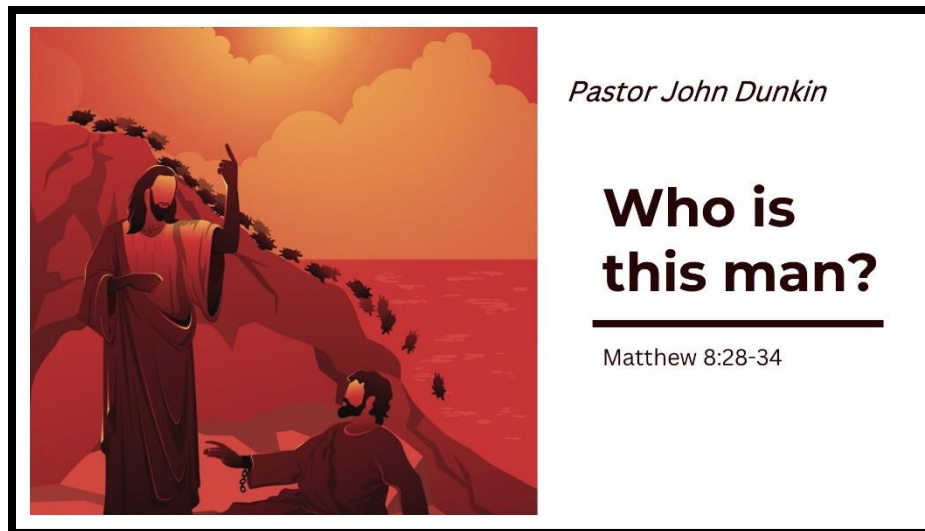




Elgin Evangelical Free Church - March 23, 2025

Who Is This Man? Matthew 8:28-34

I. The Clarity of His Name - 8:28-29

A. The Demonic Forces

B. The Divine Authority

II. The Evidence of His Power - 8:30-32

A. Casts Out with a Word

B. Dramatically Delivers

III. The Reality of His Impact - 8:33-34

A. He draws an initial crowd

B. His power & authority cause fear

C. His heart is for those who reject Him.

Life Group Study Questions

Who Is This Man?

Matthew 8:28-34

1. Have you ever charged into a situation only to be suddenly aware that someone in authority was present? How did that go?
2. The two demon possessed men are described as living amongst the tombs. How does this paint a realistic picture of Satan's agenda for people?
3. How does Matthew make it clear that these demons knew they were in the presence of God?
4. Why do the demons say, "Are you here to torment us before the time?" What are they referring to?
5. The demons beg to be allowed to inhabit the pigs. How hard is it for Jesus to accomplish this transaction? What does this tell us about His authority?
6. This passage has many unanswered questions. Name a few of them. Why is it dangerous to try to answer them when God doesn't?
7. The people of the city ALL come out to see Jesus, but they also ALL reject Him. How does this moment educate us about our own response to Jesus? How does His righteousness and power become a threat to us?
8. How do we see the compassion of Christ displayed to those who have rejected Him? What does He tell the demoniac to do in Mark 5:19-20?

9. Pray for the response of your group to the power and authority of Christ this week.