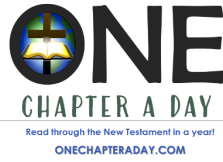


## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*Read Matthew 7 – Judging, The Gate, Not Everyone, Building a Firm Foundation*



## MY NOTES

### My Insights / My Questions

1. Judge not, lest you be judged. What is the difference between judgment (of condemnation) and discernment?
2. Jesus cautions us to enter by the narrow gate. How does this affect the words we say, the thoughts we have, and the deeds we do?
3. Most Americans say that they are “Christian.” What does Jesus say will happen on Judgment Day? How does this affect us as believers?
4. A firm foundation is designed to support weight and survive stress. How does faithful devotion to Jesus’ sayings build a firm foundation in you?

*• Pray for a kind, gentle and wise spirit.*

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

*Read Matthew 8 -Power over Damage Caused by Sin, Creation, Sickness and Demons*

1. Jesus demonstrates his authority over the effects of sin by healing people and by casting out demons. Do you believe in demons or believe that this is a way that the ancient people had to explain certain unusual behaviors?
2. Jesus seemed to want to avoid large crowds. He also challenged people’s commitment when they say that they want to follow Him. Why?
3. Jesus is acknowledged to be the Son of God (Matthew 8:29) by what? Do they ask permission of Jesus? How do you feel about this encounter?

*• Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand the depth of both Jesus’ power and Love in your life.*

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

*Read Matthew 9 - Forgiveness of Sin, the Call of a Sinner, Power over Death*

1. What was the most important thing that Jesus did for the paralytic? Do we get our priorities mixed up sometimes in our own lives?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.”?
3. Jairus’s daughter was dead, yet he believed that Jesus had power even over death. Even though He was on His way to resurrect Jairus’s daughter, he was not too busy to stop to minister to a woman along the way. Does “busy” interfere in your obedience to Jesus’ will?

*• Pray that today God would give you His priorities and that He will give you the strength to follow them.*

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