

**THE BOOK OF MATTHEW:
THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM**

Fringe Faith
Matthew 14:34-36



The arrival to Gennesaret (34)

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Sending for the sick (35)

And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick

Imploring of the crowds (36)

and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment.

Many made well (36b)

And as many as touched it were made well.

Observation

- The connection between this and the previous passage
- Peter demonstrated *doubting* faith
- These people demonstrated *misdirected* faith
- Jesus accepted, rescued, and brought healing to both
- It is neither the *certitude* nor the *exactitude* of our faith that matters most, but the grace of Jesus

Application/Participation

- Embracing the reality of Jesus' disposition
- Our desire to reflect that disposition
- These truths applied to *ourselves*
- These truths applied to *one another*
- These truths applied in *evangelism*
- A reminder of the *present* healing power of Jesus