

THE MESSIAH HEALS

THE MESSIAH'S MISSION [MATTHEW, PART 4] · MATTHEW 8:1-17 · MAY 9, 2021 · LISA SINCLAIR, DMIN

SERMON OUTLINE:

And He healed all who were ill in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "He Himself took our infirmities, and carried away our diseases." (Matthew 8:16b-17)

Introduction: Half-truths distort our understanding of God's character

3 stories of healing:

1. Jesus and the leper
2. Jesus and the centurion
3. Jesus and Peter's mother-in-law (and everybody else)

Application:

1. Keep asking: He's moved with compassion
2. Keep praying for others: He is not limited
3. Keep trusting: He sees and knows you
4. Keep waiting: He promises final healing

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. This week we start the series on the mission of Jesus our Messiah. Begin your study in prayer by asking God to speak to you through His Word and then read Matthew 8:1-17 aloud.
2. What has your experience been of Jesus as healer?
3. In our text, there are three different Greek words used related to healing: *katharizō* (2, 3), *therapeuō* (7), and *iaomai* (8, 13). What are the subtle differences and why do you think that they were used as they are here? Use an online Bible program to help you.
4. Who do you most identify with in this passage: the leper, the centurion, or Peter's mother-in-law? Why?
5. What is the relationship between faith and healing? (See Matthew 8:10, 13:58, and 15:21-28) Between healing and gratitude? (Read Luke 17:11-19)
6. Why do you think that we do not see many miraculous healings today? How does this passage challenge any distorted beliefs about God's character?
7. How does this passage demonstrate that Messiah offers healing to all the nations? (See Ezekiel 47:12 and Revelation 22:2)

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. "Practice makes perfect." Pray for healing in your group for each other, for our city, and for our world.
2. Take this opportunity to memorize Isaiah 53.