

## Jesus the Healer, pt.2, 10.2515

**Big Idea from pt.1: Healing must be a central part of the ministry expression of our faith in the world today.**

### Healing and the Ministry of Jesus

1. Healing was a clear demonstration that the Kingdom of God had come to earth – Mk.1.15,
2. Healing was a fulfillment of Isaiah 61 which Jesus quoted in Luke 4.18-21
3. Healings made people receptive to His message – Mark 1.35-39
4. Healing demonstrated Jesus ability to forgive sins – 2.1-12
5. Healing reveals the Father's heart for mankind – John 5.19-20

**Big Idea from pt.2: Healing is a function of our authority and power in Jesus.**

### Jesus' Methods of Healing

1. Healing was (and is) the outworking that the dominion of the King had come to earth.
  - a. We have to move away from the idea that Jesus healed solely just b/c he was powerful. He is powerful, but he healed because he brought his domain/authority from Heaven to earth. Satan's power in the form of sickness must bow to the domain/authority of the King Jesus. Sickness cannot remain in his presence. The reason there is no sickness in Heaven is b/c he has complete authority there and sickness has no power there.
  - b. When healing occurs it's a sign that "on earth as it is in Heaven." I believe even in our human efforts with doctors, medicines, surgeries, rehabilitation, alternative therapies, counseling etc. are dimensions of the dominion of the King come to earth. They are various levels of truth and all truth is God's truth and the Bible says that truth will set you free; if applied correctly wisdom, knowledge and revelation bring freedom to people in every area of life
2. Healing was an overflow of his heart of compassion for people in need – 1.41, 6.34, 8.2; Matt.9.35-36.
  - a. This must be our heart! I want to see the power, but what should motivate me is compassion for people who are broken who need a powerful touch from God. I don't want to see people oppressed or sick; locked into financial hardship b/c of a stinking sickness; etc.
  - b. It can't be an amusement to us. We just want to seek cool stuff. This might be the attitude of the young believer, but we must grow past it. In fact, if it's just the power we

want to see, we'll eventually grow numb to it and something else will grab our attention. We become like the doctor who is interested in getting rid of the disease and not so much interested in the person with the disease.

- c. When our love for others intensifies we don't want the people suffering. Our heart aches for them and the desire for healing is an extension of our love.
  - i. "Raised from the Dead" video and the pastor returning to his home village.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApaJ-9CMIUY>
3. **He touched people** – I believe this was a physical extension of his compassion and a release point for his power.
  - a. Peter's m.i.l. – 1.31; man with leprosy – 1.41; Jarius' daughter – 5.41; in home town – 6.5.
  - b. The power to heal is often transferred through personal touch. It's not always the case, but sometimes it is. This is why we encourage people to come forward and receive prayer or bring their sick friends to receive prayer. This often affirms to the person the presence of God and often God does more than just the body, but comforts, encourages, removes burdens and convicts or gives direction.
    - i. Hymn "He Touched."
  - c. The disciples anointed people with oil – 6.13; and James 5 says to anoint with oil and pray for the sick. The transference of God's power often flows through the laying on of hands.
4. **He did some very unusual things – 7.32-35, 8.23-26**
  - a. Jesus did only what the Father told him to do. He was sensitive to the direction of the HS; he took risks. Spitting on someone is never a good thing. It's a sign of disdain and rejection, but Jesus didn't hesitate. The healing took place after an act of unusual faith.
  - b. Sometimes the HS tells us to take some unusual initiative and reach out to a person or do something that makes us uncomfortable. DO IT!! Quit playing it safe. You find God on the edge. People who play it safe with their faith seldom personally see the power of God. They only hear about it from others and then often they question it.
    - i. Don't let the unusual behavior of some turn you away from the truth of their teaching or the positive impact of their life.
  - c. Personal motto: Let me **show** someone through my lifestyle the love and power of God; **share** with someone through my words the love and power of God; **serve** someone who needs to experience the love and power of God.
5. **Faith or the lack of it affected his ministry – 5.27-29; 5.35-40; 6.3-6; 10.49-52**
  - a. He didn't want the unbelief of others to affect the environment in the room. I believe the people's idle conversation, curiosity, unbelief or grief would have affected the outcome of his prayer. I believe that's one reason he led the blind man and mute man outside their villages. He didn't need unbelief or offense (by spitting on the people) or idle speculation or religious judgments to influence the outcome. He needed people who were faith filled (Peter, James & John) and who were desperate but expectant (Jarius and wife).

- i. Our faith or lack of it does affect the spiritual climate of an environment. When we have a cynical, negative and questioning attitude... or when our lives are filled with compromise, busyness and preoccupation or when we have unforgiveness and broken relationships it effects the spiritual temperature in this room. Likewise, when I have an open, expectant, positive, faithfilled, hopeful and humble attitude, it positively effects the climate in this room. This is true in our home, work place and community. When there is alignment with the heart of God, even when you're broken, it invites the presence of God.
  - ii. This is why it's important each Sunday and each day that you get your heart right with God and let go of the call of the world and center on him and your brothers and sisters around you. We're all carrying baggage with us and that baggage effects us and those around us.
    - 1. Illustration of a backpack filled with stuff. We all walk in with backpacks filled with stuff...experiences, attitudes, beliefs, etc some good and some bad. What's inside of me is coming out whether I say a word or not. It affects you and what God wants to do among us.
      - a. Luke 6.19 & Acts 5 & 19 – all talk about power emanating from Jesus, Peter & Paul.
      - b. This baggage affects how you see things and experience others and encounter the Lord. (Distribute the good things to those around me and pour out the bad things at the altar.)We're dragging stuff in here each week and it's important that we acknowledge it to God and, when appropriate, to each other.
- b. The unbelief of Jesus' hometown limited what he could do. Their baggage - preconceived notions of the Messiah and their past history with Jesus - dictated what Jesus could do. It undercut the ministry of Jesus and they were left with a lot less than what was possible. Likewise, my past experiences and misguided assumptions about Jesus limits the movement of God's activity.. When I let common sense, my history or the fear of others dictate my decisions I often miss the best that God has. Their unbelief did not altar his authority (he was the Son of God, Messiah, etc), but it limited the flow of his power (what he could do).
- i. I believe in the medical community and I'm absolutely supportive of their work. It is an extension of God's Kingdom. They are bringing disease under the dominion of the authority that has been given to mankind. Yet, I believe we have put more faith in their ability to heal through natural or man made means than God's ability to heal supernaturally. In our minds and prayers, they have taken the place of authority over sickness rather than being one of many stewards of that authority.
  - ii. I don't think we pray with the same fervency when we believe that medicine or medical procedure will be the answer to our prayers. James 5 talks about the

earnest prayers of a righteous person has great power. You're aren't too earnest when you think, "They can go to a doctor; they'll be okay."

- c. On the other hand, the woman with the 12 year illness and blind Bartimaues, were completely expectant and hopeful. They knew Jesus would do something. They persisted through crowds who were trying to keep them away from God's best for their lives. They weren't dissuaded by any obstacle. Their "bag" was filled with persistence, hope and faith and it is what led to their healing.
  - d. Sometimes faith played a role in a person's healing and other times it did not. But as it pertains to me, I need to walk around believing he can do the impossible. Question: Would Jesus ask me to go into Jarius' daughter's room?
6. He commanded healing – 1.41, 2.11, 3.5, 5.41, 7.34, 10.52.
- a. What did you notice about how he healed? They were commands.
  - b. How often do you pray like that?
  - c. Jesus had authority & power.