

- I) **V29-31 INTRO: Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue they entered**
- II) **When Adam fell, the once perfect was immediately changed  
God's intention was that man would enjoy His presence and live forever  
This was changed when Adam disobeyed and took of the forbidden fruit**
- III) **When sin entered the world, God's perfect creation was now vulnerable to death  
Ro 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way *death came to all people*, because all sinned**
- IV) **Adam was what has been called the Federal Head of humanity  
He passed on to all human beings his fallen nature, which we all possess  
This is the reason why there is so much evil on planet earth**
- V) **It isn't simply the environment that produces sin and sinners  
Adam was in the perfect environment, and he still sinned**
- VI) **As we see in Revelation, when Jesus rules in the Millennium people will still die  
At the end of Jesus' 1,000 year reign on earth, Satan will be released from his prison**
- VII) **He will deceive the nations, gather an army, and launch a final assault on believers  
Rev 20:9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them  
These are the last living unbelievers, and they are dealt with immediately**
- VIII) **With sin came sickness which obviously leads to death  
Sickness and suffering serve as reminders that we live in a broken world  
Ro 8:22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.**
- IX) **The short length of our lives reminds us that we will one day die  
Ps 39:5 You, indeed, have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing before You. Truly each man at his best exists as but a breath.  
Selah**

- X) This should serve as a motivation for us to be prepared for its inevitability  
 Ps 90:10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- XI) This brings us the reason Jesus came to planet earth  
 He came to save people from the worst thing possible: God's wrath  
 Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God
- I) Jesus came preaching and He came teaching  
 He also came to bring deliverance from the enemy, and healing of the sick
- II) This was a preview of when He would rule and reign on planet earth  
 Under His rule, Satan will be forever bound and sickness will no longer exist  
 This has been shown in His deliverance of the demonized man  
 It is now revealed as He heals Peter's mother in law
- III) V29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue they entered the house of  
 On the same day that Jesus delivered the demonized man Jesus went to Simon's house
- IV) The synagogue service had ended, most likely around noon  
 His first four men that He had called would have attended the services with Him  
 They heard His powerful teaching, and saw His power to deliver
- V) They now leave, and go to the home of Simon Peter and Andrew  
 Undoubtedly they are speaking about what they just saw happen in synagogue
- VI) Notice that they entered the house of Simon and Andrew  
 The house was located near to the synagogue, and was very large  
 It was large enough to house Peter, his wife, Andrew and his family, and Peter's mother in law
- VII) Today there is a church standing on the site that is traditionally the house of Simon  
 It would have been a housing complex with a gateway to the street
- VIII) One writer said: It would have had an inner court with a millstone for grinding,

hand presses for oil, a stairway to upper level rooms for family to live in, and access to the roof

IX) Peter and his brother and friends were very successful businessmen and lived well

They operated a business, had more than one boat and had employees  
This gave them the finances to own a good sized home in Capernaum

X) Jesus went to Simon's house, undoubtedly for a meal  
It may be that Simon had another motivation for having Jesus come to his home

XI) V30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever and they told Him about her at once

XII) Lu 4:38 tells us that she had a very high fever (due to an infection)  
Lu 4:38 says and they made request of Him concerning her  
Since she was in his home, Peter hoped Jesus would bring healing to her

I) She was very sick and unable to get out of bed  
This was difficult for her, because it would have been ungracious to not greet guests

She was unable to come to Him, and that would have grieved her

II) V31 So *He came* and took her by the hand and lifted her up and immediately the fever left

She could not come to Him, but *He came to her* (Like He did for the Samaritan woman)

III) V31 He took her by the hand and lifted her up and immediately the fever left her

IV) Luke gives us more details

Lu 4:39 So He stood over her and *rebuked* (admonished; forbid) the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them

V) Shortly before, Jesus had rebuked an unclean spirit and delivered the demonized man

Now He speaks to the fever and the illness departed

VI) Later we see Jesus rebuke the wind and the sea that threatened to swamp the boat

Mk 4:39 He arose and *rebuked* the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be

still!" and the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

VII) Obviously, whenever Jesus rebuked something the effects were immediate  
He healed her completely, immediately and without asking for a financial contribution

VIII) Before we move on, I will close this section with two thoughts

IX) **FIRST:** Simon was a married man: Jesus healed *his mother-in-law*  
His marriage continued around 25 years past the ministry of Jesus  
1 Co. 9:5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and *Cephas?* (Written AD 56, 25 years later)

X) This means that it is not necessary for a minister to be unmarried  
Celibacy can be a spiritual decision that is made, to serve God completely

Mt 19:12 some men are celibate from birth, while some are celibate because they have been made that way by others. Still others are celibate because *they have made themselves that way for the sake of the kingdom from heaven.* Let anyone accept this who can.

XI) **SECOND:** After being touched by Jesus, she immediately served Him  
She used her restored health to be of use and service to Him and others  
We have been saved to serve Jesus, as well as those who are in need  
Gal 6:10 Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers

I) QUOTE: Unless a man's faith saves him *out of* selfishness and *into* service, it will certainly *never save him* out of hell and into heaven.

II) V32-34 Now at evening when the sun had set *they brought to Him* all who were sick

III) People began taking notice of the young rabbi from Nazareth  
His teaching, preaching and healing ministry had begun attracting attention

IV) After delivering the demonized man His fame began to grow around Galilee (V28)  
Now He had healed Peter's mother-in-law, and people began to hear of Him

V) The Sabbath day has ended, and now the people began to flow out of their

houses

It was permissible for them to do so: this continues till this day  
When the Sabbath day officially ends, the people come out in droves

VI) It is probable that they waited until the Sabbath had ended before they sought Him out

WHY: Because they were afraid of their religious leaders (Mk 3:1-4)  
Their leaders believed that healing on the Sabbath was physical labor

VII) Later in His ministry, *on the Sabbath* Jesus healed a man who had been born blind

Jesus healed him instantly, but the authorities were outraged about it  
They said Jesus could not be from God because He did not keep the Sabbath (Jn 9:16)

VIII) They sought out his parents and questioned them about it

They were sure that the man had not been blind, so they asked for proof that he was

Jn 9:20-23 We know he is our son, the parents answered, and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. *He is of age*; he will speak for himself. His parents said this because *they were afraid* of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, *He is of age*; ask him.

IX) Because of, they were careful not to give the impression they were sabbath breakers

X) V33 And the *whole city* was gathered together at the door

Scholars estimate that the population at that time was around 1,500

XI) When it says the whole city it is speaking of a good amount gathered at Peter's door

The people were in need, and anxious for Jesus to bring healing to them

XII) They gathered the sick and those in need and brought them to Simon's house  
They desire Jesus to touch them and to set them free

I) This is what friends and family do

They bring those in need to Jesus: friends and family are brought to Him

II) There are so many ways to do this today

Email, text messages, shares on social media, phone calls  
The most effective is always going to be personal invitations

III) Jesus took personal interest in each of them and ministered to them  
Lu 4:40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and *He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.*

This is because He is compassionate, approachable, loving, and welcoming

IV) V34 He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons

His ministry to the sick and the demonized revealed His power and authority

This demonstrated His power over sin's effects (illness) as well as the devil (spiritual)

V) These works anticipated the Cross, which bruised Satan's head and broke sin's power

Though we still suffer and ultimately die, death does not have final victory

Heb 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death --that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

1 Co 15:54 When this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

VI) V34 Mark tells us that He healed many who were sick with various diseases

Not a single disease was beyond His power to heal

Jer 32:27 I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?

Ps 103:3 (Bless the Lord O my soul) Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases

VII) Sometimes we have not because we ask not

VIII) V34 He did not *allow* the demons to speak because they knew Him

ONCE AGAIN: He does not need demons to proclaim Who He is

He does not want people associating His ministry with the witness of Satan (Ac 16)

IX) V35 Now in the morning having risen *a long while before daylight* He went out and

Even though His previous day was filled with events, He rises early to pray

X) He could have ministered healings to hundreds of people, and would be exhausted

I) Still: He rose up before the sun rose and prayed

His authority was demonstrated by His works, but His supply of power was in prayer

II) Because He did the will of His Father, He was in constant communion with Him His message and His miracles were through His Father

Jn 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

III) He said what the Father wanted said, and did what the Father desired done

Because of this: Communion with His Father was of utmost importance

IV) Prayer was the habit of His life and we see many instances of Him praying

He prayed when He was baptized (Lu 3:21), He prayed when He chose the 12 (Lu 6:12-13), He prayed when He fed the 5,000 (Mt 14:19), prayed before His transfiguration (Lu 9:29), prayed at Lazarus' tomb Jn 9:41-42), He prayed in the Garden (Mt 26:39), and He even prayed on the Cross (Lu 23:34)

V) His life and ministry were so filled with prayer that it left a lasting impression on His men

It is the only thing they ever asked Him to teach them

Lu 11:1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "*Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.*"

VI) He even gave us a model of prayer: What we call the Our Father (Mt 6:9-13)

VII) By His praying, He became a pattern to us (1 Th 5:17 pray without ceasing)

VIII) V36-39 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him

Simon awoke and found that Jesus was gone

They were still at his house, and perhaps some in the city had come early to see Jesus

**IX) Simon looked for Jesus, and discovered that He is not there and went looking for Him**

**He wasn't alone: no doubt Andrew, James, and John were with him  
Lu 4:42 Now when it was day He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them**

**X) V37 When they found Him they said to Him Everyone is looking for You  
Those from the city accompanying Peter, and the men, were largely unbelievers**

**XI) They were not looking for Messiah, they were looking for free medical care  
They are like those of the 5,000 that later Jesus miraculously fed**

**I) In that miracle, Jesus made it clear that He saw right through them  
Jn 6:26 Jesus answered them and said Most assuredly I say to you, you seek Me not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled**

**II) Their interest was not in His message, but in His miracles  
They were not hungry for salvation but were hungry for health**

**III) In the end, the city largely rejected Him in spite of His ministry to them  
Jesus ultimately cursed Capernaum for their unbelief  
Mt 11:23-24 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."**

**IV) V37 Peter said Everyone is looking for You  
Capitalize on Your popularity! These are exciting times!**

**V) V38-39 But He said to them Let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also**

**AFTER PRAYER: He knew what He was to do**

**VI) We close by considering what Jesus said  
He has cast out demons, and He has healed all manner of sickness  
He did not say I have come to cast out demons and heal**

**VII) He said: I need to preach because this is my message  
People can be delivered from demons and healed from illnesses and**

**still perish**

**I have come to preach the Kingdom of God to man and I am not confined to one city**

**VIII) Jesus came to call sinners to repentance and to seek and to save the lost  
They could be perfectly healthy and free of demons and still go to hell  
Mt 5:29b it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish,  
than for your whole body to be cast into hell**

**IX) It is in the receiving of forgiveness of our sins that makes it possible to go to heaven**

**This knowledge of salvation comes only through the gospel**