

Miracles
Healing
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Matthew 4:23-24 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Three questions about healing...

1. If Jesus still heals, why do I get sick?

Psalm 103:2-5 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Isaiah 33:24 The people of Israel will no longer say, "We are sick and helpless," for the Lord will forgive their sins.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

Matthew 8:16-17 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to

fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.

Psalm 107:20 He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Exodus 15:26 ...I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.

2. How do I receive healing?

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Luke 5:23 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'?

3. What if I am not healed?

Philippians 1:20 As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

Key Thought: Faith is not based on what God does, but on who God is.

Walk Away: Jesus is our Healer.

James 5:13-15 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.