

January 17th – The Great Physician

*“Great multitudes followed Him and He healed them all.”
(Matt. 12:15)*

After the baptism of Jesus and the initiation of His public ministry, it didn't take long for people to see that there was something special about Jesus. No one taught like He taught. No one touched who He was willing to touch. No one challenged the religious establishment like He did. There was one thing that really captivated the crowds – His healing power. Folks from all across Israel, and even beyond Israel, came to see Jesus and He had the power to heal them all.

Let's briefly remember just a few of Christ's healing miracles. Of course, we know we opened blind eyes, deaf ears, and mute mouths. Those who came to Him with withered hands walked away with hands wide open. Those who couldn't walk for decades were able to take up their beds and walk away. Those who were ostracized because of leprosy were healed and granted re-entrance back into their homes. Even those who were dead were raised back to life!!

Jesus had a holistic ministry – teaching people the Word, preaching the kingdom of God, and healing every disease among the people. I'm quite sure that not every healing miracle of Jesus is recorded in Scripture, but those that are cause us to stand in awe of God. What is the greatest disease Jesus ever healed? That's easy – sin sickness. With His own blood, Jesus paid the price for our sins and purged our wicked souls. The Great Physician is the only one who heals both our bodies and our souls!