

“The King Heals”

Matt. 8:1-17

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Jesus heals and restores to demonstrate that He is the Messiah; and to display God’s plan to bring restoration to our lives. We tend to focus on the physical, but the Lord prioritizes the spiritual and the emotional. How are you in need of healing today? Discover how Jesus can restore you.

Discussion Qs

- 1. What are some of the issues requiring healing and restoration?**
- 2. How can chronic issues cause discouragement, distress and hopelessness?**
- 3. How can a restored life testify to the greatness and goodness of God?**
- 4. What issues has Jesus brought healing in your life?**

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A. Jesus Cleanses a Leper [1-4]: Hope for the hopeless

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• What are some of the issues requiring healing and restoration?

• 2. Jesus can restore: the leper is a picture of all sinners [2]

• Leprosy: No cure, progressive, desensitizes, unable to gather with others to worship, contagious, Law required to cry –out “unclean” when in public.

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• 3. Jesus restores those who come and worship Him [2-3]

- came to Jesus, worshiped [2], acknowledges Jesus as Lord – the Christ – faith in who Jesus is
- **4. Jesus' restoration is personal [3]**
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- **5. Jesus' restoration speaks volumes [4]**
- Jesus says tell no one – why? Perhaps not yet time for Jesus to proclaim ID as Messiah. Mark tells us that he told everyone anyways. A restored life is noticeable. Cf. We are to tell and are often silent.
- a. Show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony: elaborate 7-step ceremony [Lev. 14:1-32] that would point to Messiah
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B. Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant [5-13]: The importance of intercession

- **1. Jesus restores in response to the intercession of another [5-7]**
- a. Capernaum was at the north shore of the Galilee [5].
- b. Centurion [5] commands 100 soldiers (sergeant), and are notoriously valiant in battle. Pleading [5] desperate. Atypical for a proud Roman to plead with a Jew.
- i. He loved Jews and respected their God and helped pay to build a synagogue [Luke]
- ii. Centurion's servant was paralyzed, dreadfully tormented: helpless torment
- c. Jesus said, I will come and heal him: Cf. Jews would not enter a Gentile home
- **“The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” - James 5:16**
- **2. Jesus responds to humility and faith [8-10]**
- a. Centurion humbly declares that he is unworthy of Jesus entry to his home [8]
- i. Understands that Jesus' authority is not ltd by space, time, or physical presence [9]
- b. Jesus marveled at the depth of the Centurions' faith [10]
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- **In coming to God for healing, we should have a child-like expectation that God can heal us and a humble submission to His wisdom that He will do what is best for our good and His glory.**
- My depression and anxiety
- **“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**
- **3. Jesus warns of the need for His restoration [11-13]**
- a. Gentiles will receive Christ's restoration and enter kingdom of heaven [11], but many Jews will be judged (torment of hell) because they refuse Christ [12]
- b. Jesus promised physical restoration and the servant was restored as promised [13]

- c. The servant never came to Jesus, but the Centurion interceded on his behalf
- i. The importance of intercessory prayer [prayer requests]
- Sometimes people most familiar with God don't trust Him for big things
- **“Taken aback, Jesus said, ‘I’ve yet to come across this kind of simple trust in Israel, the very people who are supposed to know all about God and how He works.’” - Matthew 8:10 (The Message)**

C. Peter’s Mother-in-Law Healed [14-15]: Restored to serve

- **1. Jesus seeks to restore [14-15]**
- Peter’s mother-in-law was home sick with fever. Jesus touches her and the fever leaves.
- a. Jesus rebuked the fever [Lu. 4:39]
- **2. Jesus’ restoration sets us free to serve Him and others [15]**
- she arose and served them: hospitality, served them food [Sabbath meal Mk. 1:21-34]
- Story of homeless man

D. A community restored [16-17]

- **1. Jesus offers restoration: spiritual, physical, and emotional [16]**
- a. After Sabbath those who suffered demonic attack, and all who were sick and came to Him and He healed them
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- **“By His stripes we are healed” - Isaiah 53:5**
- **“In the eternal presence of God there will be complete restoration” - Revelation 22:2**
- **3. Jesus’ restoration of many individuals brings restoration to a community**

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