

Modern Applications of Jesus' Healings

- A leper (Matthew 8:1 – 4, Mark 1:40 – 45, Luke 5:12 - 16)
- A centurion's slave (Luke 7:1 – 7, Matthew 8:10 – 13)
- Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14 – 15)
- The son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11 – 17)

Prophecies of Isaiah

- Isaiah 35:5, 61:1 (Matthew 11:5, Luke 7:22)
Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like the deer, and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy... The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to prisoners.

Prophecies of Isaiah

- Isaiah 53:4 (Matthew 8:16 – 17) Surely our griefs He Himself bore and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- Do we consider Jesus 'afflicted' or 'blessed.'

Why Did Jesus Heal People?

- To accomplish prophecy (Matthew 8:17)
- Compassion (Mark 1:41)
- To demonstrate authority (Luke 5:24)

Is there more in Jesus' healings than history?

A Leper

(Matthew 8:1 – 4, Mark 1:40 – 45,
Luke 5:12 - 16)

- Leviticus 13 and 14 – Rules for lepers
- Jesus inconvenienced Himself by touching him, making Himself unclean.
- Jesus did not mention that the Law forbade a leper to approach clean people.
- Jesus told him to follow the Law to cancel his leper status; miracles did not set aside the law.

A Centurion's Slave

(Luke 7:1 – 10, Matthew 8:10 – 13)

- The centurion understood authority.
- The centurion did not consider Jesus 'afflicted.'
- The centurion assumed that Jesus would object to entering a Gentile household.
- The centurion was humble and unselfish.
- Jesus commented on his great faith.

Peter's Mother-in-Law

(Matthew 8:14 – 15, Mark 1:29 – 34,
Luke 4:38 - 41)

- No hint is given that Jesus went there for the purpose of healing.
- If company was coming after synagogue, surely someone had prepared food.
- She immediately served.

The Son of the Widow of Nain

(Luke 7:11 – 17)

- Jesus made Himself unclean by touching the coffin.
- Raising the dead is different than accelerated wellness.
- The crowd glorified God.

Does Jesus Heal Today?

- Physically
- Spiritually

What Purposes Do Jesus' Healings Have for Us?

- Evidence of Jesus' claims
- Opportunity to exercise faith
- Opportunity to glorify God