



The Same Healer Today

Jesus traveled through all the cities and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And wherever he went, he healed people of every sort of disease and illness.

Matthew 9:35 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: The New Testament is filled with stories of Jesus' healing ministry. As He taught about the Good News of the Kingdom, He often authenticated His message through the power of healing. This passage records that Jesus healed wherever He went; there was no impossible situation for Him. We can casually read these stories and miss the depth and breadth of Jesus' healing ministry. Jesus' power to heal was the earthly demonstration of His deity. Often Jesus would forgive sin and then heal as visible proof that He was indeed God.

We may read the accounts of miraculous healings and then relegate them to a different time and place. We dismiss the reality of Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Jesus has not changed, but we have changed in our belief in Him as the same Healer today. Our challenge is to embrace Jesus with the same trust and abandonment of those who sought Him back then. They were desperate and willing to sacrifice everything just to be near Him. They saw in Him the character and power of God. Jesus is as much our Healer today as He was back then!

Day 1: Worship the Lord Jesus as the same Healer today.

Day 2: Ask Jesus to show you where you have not believed He is the same today as He was then—and will be forever.

Day 3: Repent of your limited view of who Jesus really is.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you a new understanding and a new faith in the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Day 5: Ask the Lord to show you what it means for you to live in the present reality of Jesus as truly God.

Day 6: Pray for your church to have a greater vision of the healing power of Jesus—with trust and abandonment.

Day 7: Pray that the truth that Jesus healed wherever He went will become the reality of His presence in your city.

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Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Jesus stunned the world with His healing power. Granted, people were amazed by His teaching and intrigued by His claims to be the Son of God. They watched with curiosity when He challenged the religious system of the day. But they were absolutely awestruck and changed forever by His compassionate healing touch.

Many times in the Gospels, it is recorded that Jesus healed every person, every disease, and every demonic stronghold that was presented to Him. Matthew relates that as Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching and preaching about the Good News of the Kingdom, He authenticated His claims through the power of healing:

...And he healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease. News about him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that the sick were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were epileptics, or were paralyzed—he healed them all. Large crowds followed him wherever he went... (Matthew 4:23-25, NLT).

The Gospels do not record times when Jesus looked upon the sick and told them that they should live with their illnesses. His heart of compassion always overtook Him, and the result was that multitudes of people were set free and restored in an instant.

The only time it seems that Jesus was hindered in His healing was in his hometown of Nazareth. Those who knew Him were offended by Him, and as a result He healed only a few of the sick. Their unbelief restricted the unleashing of mighty miracles (Mark 6:1-6).

It is obvious in reading through Scripture that Jesus' heart was for all people to be healed. Jesus' authority and power to heal went unchallenged by even the most dramatic and seemingly hopeless situations. If a leper needed to have his skin and body completely restored—no problem. The fact that Lazarus had been dead for several days was not an issue for Jesus when it came time to call him forth from the dead. Even those tormented by demons, with supernatural strength to break chains and terrify people, found instant freedom through Jesus' healing touch.

As you pray through Jesus Christ as Our Healer, invite the Lord to instill in you a renewed faith that fully embraces His power to heal and restore. Perhaps we need a refreshing of our belief!

Transformation: Jesus in Our Midst

As we pray about transformation, we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

A transformed community is:

- A neighborhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

Community transformation is indicated when:

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God. (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9).
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31).
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state (Leviticus 26:4-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31).
- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty. (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13).
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20).
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community
- (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18).
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4).
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15).
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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