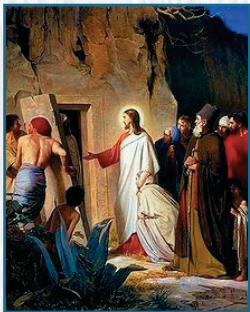


Jesus Healed the Sick

If someone asked you what you knew about Jesus, what would you tell them?! That He was a good person? That He died for our sins? That He said and taught many good things? All of these are true! He was a very good person, kind and gentle. He did thankfully die for our sins. And He did teach us some very important things.

However, did you also know that He healed very many people while He was here on the earth? In fact, He healed so many people that eventually He could not go into the cities because of the crowds. And He not only healed them of their diseases, He raised some from the dead!



Raising Lazarus, Oil on Copper Plate, 1875, Carl Heinrich Bloch (Hope Gallery, Salt Lake City)

God does not Change

So if Jesus did this while He was here upon the earth, doesn't it make sense that He could also heal people today? One of the Bible verses that you will want to learn is Hebrews 13:8. Here it says that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!" This means that if Jesus healed people when He was here on the earth, He still heals people today.

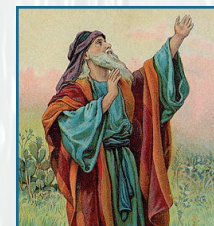


Why does He heal us? Because He loves us! Jesus has compassion upon us. He has compassion upon us when we are weak. He has compassion upon us when we sin. And yes, He has compassion on us when we are sick.

The fact that God heals us is one of the fundamental truths on the Bible. See what the following passage says in Isaiah 53: 3-5.

"He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (ASV)

This particular passage was written by the Prophet Isaiah, about 700 years before Christ was born. One can clearly see that it is talking about Jesus and the fact that He would die for our sins. But notice it also says that He would carry our griefs and sorrows.



Prophet Isaiah; illustration from a Bible card published by the Providence Lithograph Company (c. 1904)

In the original Hebrew, this talks about both our physical and emotional problems. Isaiah ends this part by adding, "With His stripes we are healed." So here, the Word of God clearly says that Jesus died not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses as well.



This passage was in the Old Testament. Now please read Matthew 8:1-17. This is very interesting! Here, Jesus has contact with three different people who were sick or knew someone who was sick: a leper, a soldier, and Peter's mother-in-law. What happened? Jesus healed them all! Then, verse 16 says that many who were sick came to Him, and again, He healed all of them. Now read again verse 17. Here it says that this was a fulfillment of what Isaiah the prophet wrote about Jesus healing people 700 years earlier!

So Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would heal us from our sicknesses, and then Jesus came and proved it! There are many other places in the Bible that talk about healing. Here are just three more:

Psalms 103:2 & 3: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

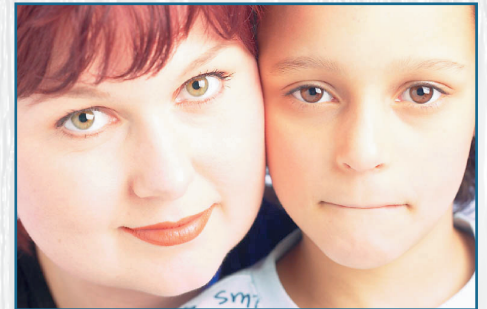
James 5:15: "the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick." (ASV)

Acts 10:38: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth "with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil." (ASV)

Are you sick? God wants to heal you! Ask Him to, and then expect Him to! You might want to talk more about this subject with your friend who gave you this teaching!

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