

The Real Jesus

Jesus the Healer

I. Introduction

- A. We believe that Jesus Christ heals!
- B. John 5:1-15 (NLT) ¹Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. ²Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. ³Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. ⁵One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” ⁷“I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” ⁸Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” ⁹Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, ¹⁰so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” ¹¹But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹²“Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. ¹³The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. ¹⁴But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.
- C. John 5:2-3 (NLT) ²Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. ³Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

II. Jesus the Healer

- A. The real Jesus sees the man and does something for him!
1. John 5:6 (NLT) When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”
 2. Luke 10:33-34 (NLT) ³³“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.”
 3. Matthew 25:41-45 (NLT) ⁴¹“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴²For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. ⁴³I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’ ⁴⁴“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’ ⁴⁵And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’”
 4. Do you look at people long enough to notice when they’re in pain?
- B. The real Jesus works according to God’s timing.
1. John 5:5 (NLT) One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.
 2. We can never make the real Jesus do what we want Him to do!
 3. Psalm 115:3 (NAS) But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.
 4. Even if you haven’t been healed up to this point, that doesn’t mean that God’s not going to heal you today!
- C. The real Jesus is not limited by the size of the problem or the worthiness of the recipient!
1. Luke 18:1 (NLT) One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.
 2. Don’t stop praying for your loved ones to come to know Jesus!

3. John 5:15 (NLT) *Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.*
4. No one "deserves" to be healed because of how "worthy" they are!
- D. The real Jesus heals the whole person.
 1. John 5:6 (NLT) *When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?"*
 2. "Secondary benefits to remaining ill."
 3. Jesus wants to heal us emotionally!
 4. John 5:8 (NLT) *Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"*
 5. The real Jesus heals us volitionally.
 6. The real Jesus heals us spiritually.
 7. John 5:14 (NLT) *But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you."*
- E. The real Jesus will use anyone to heal!
 1. Matthew 28:19-20 (NAS) ¹⁹*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*
 2. Our next Ministry Training class starts October 27th at 9:15AM.

III. Conclusion