

“Faith Healing”

A Leper And A Paralytic Blessed In Body And Soul

Luke 5:12-26

Church tradition holds that Luke was a doctor from Antioch. And it is remarkable how Luke returns again and again to the theme that fascinates him: Jesus’ power over _____ disease and injury. Luke serves the Christian community in distinguishing between ailments of the mind (such as demon possession) and of the body (such as leprosy). Yet Luke consistently points to the faith – the attitude of dependence upon Christ alone – displayed by each one who was healed. Learn to see _____ in these stories, for as Luke records these medical miracles he also draws us into a Biblical understanding of Jesus’ identity, of the heart of the Gospel, and of the sin that clings so closely to our souls.

I. Jesus _____ the _____ (v 12-16).

- 1) Josephus: lepers treated “as if they were, in effect, _____ men.” (Lev. 13:45-46).
- 2) Leprosy _____ our spiritual condition before our _____ by the Gospel.
- 3) This man was _____. He came to Jesus in the _____ begging for healing.
- 4) Jesus _____ him, healed him, and directed for his _____.

II. Jesus _____ one _____ in a bed ... and in his _____ (v 17-21).

- 1) Matthew records this miracle occurs in his _____; Mark: at _____.
- 2) Notice the presence of a large number of _____.
- 3) This man’s friends expended _____ to get him to Jesus.
- 4) Jesus heals the man’s _____, then reasons from _____ to _____.

III. Jesus _____ supernatural healing power _____ and _____ (v 22-26).

- 1) The issue is not whether Jesus is _____ to heal, but rather his _____.
- 2) These Pharisees rightly understood that only God can _____
(Psalm 130:3) against a sinner or _____ him from that debt (Matt. 18:27).
- 3) Ascribe all _____ to Jesus! He performed this miracle so we might be confident that all our _____ is taken away and our sins _____ for (Is. 6:7).
- 4) Have you come running to Jesus for _____ from sin?
- 5) Are you laboring to bring your _____ to Jesus that he might be _____?