**Healing**

**Let’s Go**

**Mark 1:29-34**

**2-14-21**

*Matthew 8:17 – “This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.’”*

1. **Jesus Restores the Diseased**

*Mark 1:29-31 – “And immediately He left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.”*

1. **Jesus Rescues the Demonized**

*Mark 1:32-34 – “That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him.”*

**Three Truths Concerning Healing:**

1. **All healing is ultimately from God.**

*James 1:17 – “Every good and perfect gift is from above…from the Father of lights…He does not change…”*

1. Spiritually

*1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) – “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.”*

1. Physically

*Luke 4:40 – “…all those who had any who were sick brought them to Him; and laying His hands on them, He healed them.”*

1. Mentally

*Luke 24:45 – “…He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”*

1. Emotionally

*Psalm 34:18 – “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

1. **God may say ‘no’ for the greater advancing of His kingdom.**

*2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT) – “…God said, ‘My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.’ So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”*

1. **Our ultimate healing is in heaven.**

*Revelation 21:4 – “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

**Going Deeper This Week**

1. Read Mark 1:29-34. What do you see here that causes you to worship Him?
2. When we see “faith healers” using special water, or rituals, what do we know about them compared to Jesus?
3. Since physical healing is temporary, why do you think we value it more at times than eternal healing and rescue from our sins and self-absorption?
4. Why is it important that Jesus distinguished between physical sickness and those that were demon possessed?
5. Compare the attitudes of the crowds when they were being fed and healed versus hearing Jesus’ teaching about following Him? (See John 6:58-66 and Mark 8:34-38) Why must we remember that this is a common response of humanity toward the church?
6. Pray for others by name to be healed spiritually, physically, emotionally and relationally. Pray for someone to start truly following Him.