

Authority of Jesus in physical healing
Luke 4:33-44

1. Jesus physically healed people for two reasons:

A. To reveal His Lordship

B. For compassion

2. Jesus' healing ability is very unlike today's faith "healers".

Luke 6:17-19

Luke 7:11-17

~ with a word/touch

~ instantly

~ completely

~ out in the open

~ He raised the dead

Acts 3:1-10 Page #1090

3. Jesus gave the Apostles the power of physical healing

2 Timothy 4:20 Page #1193

4. From the early church onward, very little physical healing

5. Jesus will not physically heal us when the healing would interfere with His greater work.

Questions for this week:

I. For Starters:

1. What is the sickest you have ever been and what did you learn from the experience?
2. Jesus was constantly ministering to hurt, sick, unhealthy people. What effect does this type of ministry bring on a person? What would you suggest to someone in this kind of ministry?

Overview of Scripture

1. Read Luke 4:31-39.
2. According to verse 38, what led to Jesus healing this woman?
3. What was she experiencing and does this seem serious to you? (38)
4. What action did Jesus take to heal her and why is this important? (39)
5. What all took place in the later part of the day? (40-41)
6. What were the demons acknowledging this day? (41)
7. What did Jesus forbid and why? (41) - See 1 Peter 2:9

III. Growing deeper

1. Review Sunday's message with someone.
2. Read the Scriptures below. Why did Jesus do the miracles he did?

Many other *signs* Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written *so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*
John 20:30-31 (NASB)

Seeing the people, *He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.*

Matthew 9:36 (NASB)

3. What distinguished a true "apostle" from a false one?

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.
2 Cor. 12:12 (NASB)

4. Read Matthew 8:14-17. What fact does Matthew add to the healing of Peter's Mother-in-law and what might Matthew want us to know?
5. Have you ever seen a miraculous healing and if so, what influence did it have on you? If you have not seen a healing miracle, does it shake your faith at all? Why or why not?