"All of Jesus for All the World!" 'Christ our Healer' Matthew 9:1-8, John 9:1-12, 35-4, James 5:13-20; Isaiah 53

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"Begin to rejoice in the Lord, and your bones will flourish like an herb, and your cheeks will glow with the bloom of health and freshness. Worry, fear, distrust, care-all are poisonous! Joy is balm and healing, and if you will but rejoice, God will give power." — A. B. Simpson

HEALING is the restoration of body, mind, or spirit to a state of wholeness and well-being. This restoration may be physical, as in the recovery from an illness or injury, or spiritual, as in the forgiveness of sins and justification before God. Ultimately, healing is embodied by Jesus, as he healed the sicknesses of many in his earthly ministry and secured ultimate healing for all in his death on the cross and subsequent resurrection.

1.) Healing was a key part of Jesus' ministry!

- A. His first message in Luke 4:18-19 was out of Isaiah 61 and dealt with the healing that He would bring!
- B. Jesus used miracles to show that He was able to forgive sins. Matthew 9:1-8
- C. Jesus's healing of the blind man was used to go and tell others about Christ John 9:1-12.
- D. Jesus' healing of the blind man was personal John 9:35-41
- E. Jesus' miracles were done out of a heart of compassion. Mark 1:41
- F. Jesus' healing was used to show himself as the Messiah. Luke 5:12; Matthew 8:29

2. Divine Healing is only available because of the Atonement: Isaiah 53

- A. Jesus endured pain and disgrace so that we could be healed. V3
- B. Jesus took our pain and suffering upon the cross V4
- C. He was pierced for our sins and crushed for our iniquities. V5a
- D. By His stripes we are healed V5b
 - a. We have peace only because of the pain He endured.
- E. He was oppressed and judged for what we deserved and yet did not sin throughout it all. V 6-9
- F. It was the Lord's will to free and heal us to punish Him and for Christ to suffer in our place. V10
 - a. He was a perfect offering for our healing.
- G. Through His suffering our judgment was satisfied. V11
- H. Jesus was interceding on our behalf. V12

3. The Prayer of Faith! James 5:13-20

- A. In Matthew 4:23 we see that Jesus saw the house of God as a place for performing miracles and healings.
- B. The act of praying to God during times of trouble is worship V13.
 - a. God is to be the first source that we run to.
 - b. We are to praise Him in the good times and the bad.
- C. We are scripturally called to call on the Elders to pray for us when we are sick. V14
- D. The prayers offered in faith are done in our faith in the atoning work of Jesus V15
- E. We are to confess our sins to the Lord and one another V16
- F. We have the same living God in us that Elijah did. V17-18
- G. We are to pray for those that are far from the Lord V19-20

Closing Questions!

- 1.) What areas do you need to get right with Jesus?
- 2.) In what areas do you need spiritual, emotional, or physical healing?