

JESUS – The Great Physician **Matthew 9:10–12** –Bill Turner

Jesus Heals our Soul to be a Whole Person in a Broken World

- 1. When John the baptist was in Prison he sent messengers to Jesus**
To ask if He were the One... the True Messiah, the Son of God—WHY?
 - a. Remember John is in prison and he is about to pay the ultimate price
 - b. John will be be-headed — killed for the Faith—his head put on a platter
 - c. He just wants to know that His Mission was Accomplished,
that his life is not being destroyed in vain
 - d. He wants to be assured of the good news of Jesus before He died!
- 2. Jesus didn't rebuke John for asking—He comforted John w/ the Truth!**
(Luke 7:20–23)
 - a. Do you see how Jesus let them SEE the evidence with their own eyes!
 - b. Our Faith is not a Blind Faith—It is Based on Real Evidence
- 3. After John was Killed, the disciples buried him and told Jesus (Matt 14:13–14)**
 - a) He went to be alone, but was moved w/ compassion for the suffering people

I. THE GREAT PHYSICIAN WHO HEALS...

WE SEE HIS SUPER-NATURAL POWER OF HEALING

A. JESUS HEALED THE SICK

- 1. Like when Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:38–39)**
 - a) The Fever didn't leave in a couple of days or couple of hours...
 - b) She was healed immediately—then she got up and served them!
 - c) What an amazing miracle and what a precious heart she had!
- 2. His Supernatural Power to Heal caused His fame grow (Matt 4:23–25)**
- 3. In fact, Jesus didn't even need to be present to heal!**
 - a) He just said the word and the Nobleman's son was healed! (John 4:52–53)

B. JESUS HEALED THE DISEASED

- 1. Such as the Deadly Disease of Leprosy... a curse of the ancient world**
 - a) Leprosy was highly contagious and it was like a flesh eating disease
that never stopped until it had completely consumed a person's body w/ disease.
 - b) It was a slow motion death sentence that disfigured the face like a burn victim
 - c) Lepers were the untouchables, the rejected and the forgotten from society
- 2. To touch a leper was a death sentence...**

No one would ever touch a leper...Except Jesus! (Matthew 8:1–3)

C. JESUS ALSO HEALED THE BLIND

- 1. Such as the Man who was born blind! (John 9:1–7) What an amazing gift!**
 - a) But the Pharisees tried to get this man to recant his story that Jesus healed him!
(John 9:33–39)

D. JESUS HEALED THE SUFFERING

- 1. Like the Woman who had an issue of blood for 7 years...**
 - a) She had spent all her money on doctors but her condition only got worse...
 - b) So she was not only very sick but now very poor
 - c) She was also considered unclean because of her condition of blood
- 2. So In Desperation she decides to find Jesus who she's heard about...**
 - a) In order to just touch even just the hem of His garment **(Luke 8:43–48)**
- 3. Faith is so precious to God—and Jesus wanted this woman to step forward and confess her faith that brought her healing**

E. JESUS EVEN HEALED THE DEAD!

- 1. As when a little girl had died... (Luke 8:54–55)**
- 2. Death is the separation of body and spirit...**
- 3. Jesus brought her spirit back and she arose alive from the dead!**
- 4. But Then Jesus says, Give her something to eat! She'd been through a lot!**

F. JESUS HEALED THE DEMON POSSESSED

- 1. Jesus healed many of sickness, blindness, leprosy, but also... those who had suffered torment by demons (Mark 1:32–34)**
- 2. One man had been possessed by many demons...**
 - a) He lived among the tombs, the townspeople tried to chain him he was so dangerous
 - b) He was cutting himself and totally out of his mind
 - c) But Jesus healed him and then the townspeople feared Jesus!
- 3. Jesus Super-natural power was frightening to them (Mark 5:15–17)**

Jesus Healed The Sick, but He Came to Heal a Lost and Dying World... But How?

II. THE GREAT PHYSICIAN WHO HEALS SOULS

WE SEE HIS SUPER-NATURAL POWER OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

A. SIGHT TO THE BLIND:

- 1. He gives SIGHT; not of the eye, but of the mind;**
- 2. Satan has blinded people to the truth (2 Corinthians 4:3-6);
Jesus is the light (John 8:12) who shows us the way**

B. THE LAME & CRIPPLED TO WALK:

- 1. When the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch.**
- 2. But Jesus provides the way to WALK so we will not stumble (John 11:9-10)**

C. FREEDOM TO THE CAPTIVES:

- 1. Jesus FREES us from the bondage of sin (John 8:34-36)**
- 2. When we abide in His word we know the truth and the truth will set you free**

D. LIFE TO THE DEAD:

1. Eternal life is provided through Jesus (1 John 5:11–13)
2. When we are baptized into Christ, we are raised to new life (Rom 6:4)

E. CLEANSING FROM SIN:

1. Leprosy caused one to be labeled unclean and excluded from the people (Leviticus 13:45-46).
2. Jesus CLEANSSES us from sin (1 John 1:7) and brings us back into fellowship TOGETHER with God (1 Jn 1:9).

F. COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED & SUFFERING:

1. The Suffering of Separation from God, the Burden of Guilt, steals our Joy, and replaces it with bitterness and hopelessness
2. But God not only created the stars—He heals the soul! (Ps. 147:3–5; 41:4)
3. Jesus Takes the Burden of Sin and Guilt Away, and Restores the Joy of Salvation in our Heart (John 7:37–38)

III. THE LESSONS FOR US

A. WE HAVE A TERMINAL DISEASE CALLED SIN (Rom 6:23a)

1. Which is Why the World is Sick and Suffering...

- a) 520% increase in overdoses in GP
- b) Dramatic Rises in Addiction Rates, Overdoses, Divorces, Depression, Suicides
- c) IMAGE Russian Soldier before/After 4 years of intense combat against Nazi invasion

2. BIBLE SAYS WE CAN BE PHYSICALLY ALIVE BUT SPIRITUALLY DEAD—

IMAGE: Spiritual Death | Spiritual Life

- a) There are Three Forms of Death in Scripture:
 - 1) Physical Death 2) Spiritual Death 3) Judicial Death [eternal separation from God]
- b) Spiritual Death is called “spiritual” because it affects the soul/spirit of one who sinned
- c) The sinner is “**dead**” in his **trespasses and sins** (Eph 2:1,5)
- d) Spiritual Death is like Dead men walking (or women dead Women walking): such as the hedonistic woman who “**is dead even while she lives**” (1 Tim 5:6)
- e) The Prodigal son in his fallen stage of life was described as dead...
- f) When Paul entered the age of accountability he says, “**I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.**” (Rom 7:9)
- g) He wrote, **For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.** (Romans 8:6)

3. Spiritual Conversion is Passing from a State of Death into a State of Life

(1 John 3:14) This speaks to the change within us to a new person

B. WE HAVE A CURE FOR THE TERMINAL CURSE OF SIN (Rom 6:23b)

JESUS CAME TO HEAL US FROM THE TERMINAL CURSE OF SIN

1. Sin Brings a Double Curse:

- **1–Guilt of Sin:** Which incurs Legal Guilt, Condemnation & Penalty of Sin which is Death
- **2–Power of Sin:** Which try to Enslave us, Corrupt us and Make Our Minds Spiritually Sick and Unhealthy

2. Salvation Brings a Double Cure (Acts 2:38)

- **1–When we are Baptized into Christ for the Forgiveness of Sin Our Old Man is Buried and Our Sins are Washed Away The Legal Condemnation and Penalty is Removed**
- **2–When we rise up out of the watery grave of Baptism we are raised to newness of life (Rom 6:4) and we are made clean in sight of God AND we are Given the Gift of the Holy Spirit. The Power of Sin no longer enslaves us because: He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)**

3. JESUS NOT ONLY HEALS OUR SOUL FROM OUR GUILT OF THE PAST BUT HE MAKES US NEW AGAIN!

C. DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL?

1. This is the Question Jesus asked of a man paralyzed for 38 yrs (Jn 5:5–9)

- a) There was an alcoholic who described his addiction as:
“**A craving that makes every atom in my body cry out.**”
When it was suggested he enter treatment he said, “**I don’t want to be cured.**”
- b) I know someone who was going to loose everything (Job, marriage, house) if they didn’t stop drinking: But when a loved one talked to them they said:
‘**Why would I give up the only thing that makes me happy?**’
- c) It’s no different that asking a Narcissist to give up being selfish:
Why would they give up the only thing that gets them what they want?
Being a Narcissist Works for them—it gets them what they want!

2. Mathew was a Jewish tax collected who was hated by His countrymen

- a) Rome used locals to collect the taxes for the empire...But Jews them traitors
- b) Jesus meets Mathew & says: Follow Me—Mathew leaves everything to follow Jesus
- c) Matthew invites all his tax collector friends to his house w/ Jesus
- d) But the Pharisees saw this and were bothered by it... (Mark 2:14–17)

CONCLUSION:

1. Man with w/ a rare blood anti-body capable of curing Rhesus disease

1. A Severe form anemia affecting babies whose blood type is incompatible with their mother.
2. His blood has saved the lives of over 2 million newborn babies. Donating blood over 1,000x

2. Jesus is the great Physician who heals Souls By His Blood at the cross

3. Taking us to Heaven – the place of ultimate healing (Rev 21:4; 22:2)