

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught the events surrounding Jesus' healing of the nobleman's son and when the clock tolled 7:45 we were in the middle of analyzing several of the many miracles of Jesus' found in our *Doctrine of Healing*.

2. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will begin new material on page four.

1. Let's return to the *Doctrine of Divine Healing*.

2. Divine Healing

2.1 The Bible teaches that human beings may look to God for direct healing. Divine healing is a subject over which differences of opinion have existed from early in the history of the Christian church.

2.2 In proclaiming "I am the Lord, your healer," God promised the Israelites that in consequence of their obedience He would put upon them none of the diseases of the Egyptians. Exo 15:26

2.3 David testified regarding the God-fearing man. Psa 41:3

2.4 The psalmists in Psalm 30 repeatedly thanked God for his healing:

2.5 Obedience to God's Word can result in healing and health. Pro 4:20-22

3. Some of the healings recorded in the Bible were with means as in the case of Hezekiah where the means used was a poultice of figs, wine was a means in the case of Timothy and music in the case of Saul. 2Ki 20:7; 1Ti 5:23

3.1 Certainly the Bible is not opposed to the use of means for healing since Christ Himself considered it normal for people to go to a doctor. Mat 9:12

4. Some believe that physical healing is as much a part of the salvation purchased by Christ on the cross as is the forgiveness of sin. Most evangelicals disagree, however, with such an exegesis and analysis.

4.1 In only one other place in the New Testament is there any suggestion of healing in the atonement.

4.2 Peter in 1Pe 2:24 connects “by whose stripes ye were healed” with Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross, but there is no explicit mention of physical sickness and most would agree 1Pe 2:24 is used metaphorically.

4.3 There are also those who contend healing was a first installment of the resurrection promised for our mortal bodies through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Rom 8:11

4.3.1 Most evangelicals believe the reference to “life to your mortal bodies” refers to temporal sanctification.

5. Causes of Sickness

5.1 Suffering in general is the consequence of the curse that came upon man after the Fall.

5.1.1 In this sense, all sickness stems from man’s first sin, though it does not follow that an individual’s personal sickness is due to his own personal sin. Prior to the fall man had a means of maintaining health and longevity by eating from the tree of life. A similar tree will also exist in the Millennium. Gen 2:9; 3:23

5.1.2 There is also a similar tree with all manner of fruits for the healing and enjoyment of the millennial citizens. Eze 47:12; Rev 22:1-2

5.2 There are many cases where sickness is caused by man’s ignorance and also by his own carelessness: as in the spread of venereal disease, or chronic illnesses resulting from alcoholism, AIDS etc. For example: King Uzziah’s sin. 2Ch 26:16-19

5.3 Christ commanded one of the ill men whom He healed at the pool of Bethesda.

“Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. (Joh 5:14)

5.4 Sickness may work as a chastisement for the development of character.

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourges every son whom he receiveth.

5.4.1 The believer is to count it all blessing when he enters into various trials and testings (which may include sickness), because if he bears them patiently, they produce the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Jam 5:12-13

5.4.2 Job was brought to recognize his pride and self-righteous attitude through his afflictions, and repented in dust and ashes.

5.4.3 Paul saw his thorn in the flesh as something used to buffet him. He also saw in it something God used to keep him humble. 2Co 12:10

2Co 12:10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

5.4.4 The fact that sickness may be used of God to develop character, faith and humility in His own children makes it impossible to conclude that it is always the immediate result of sin. Mat 9:2

6. The healings of Christ and of the early church:

6.1 Because sickness was not part of original creation but a later product of disobedience, Jesus healed many sick to document the coming Kingdom and to fulfill prophecy.

6.2 In one sense Christ's healings must be regarded as being in a special category. In them He demonstrated and proved that He was the Son of God.

7. The miracles of Jesus' healings listed in the Gospels (to include resuscitations) are many. A few examples:

Delivering a demoniac in the synagogue

Luk 4:31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people.

Luk 4:32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

Luk 4:33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice,

Luk 4:34 "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are -- the Holy One of God!"

Luk 4:35 "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

Luk 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!"

Healing Peter's mother-in-law

Luk 4:38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her.

Luk 4:39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

Healing a paralytic

Luk 5:18 Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.

Luk 5:19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Luk 5:20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Luk 5:21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Luk 5:22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?"

Luk 5:23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

Luk 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Luk 5:25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

Luk 5:26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Healing a man with a withered hand

Luk 6:6 On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled.

Luk 6:7 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath.

Luk 6:8 But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there

Luk 6:9 Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"

Luk 6:10 He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored.

Healing a centurion's servant

Luk 7:1 When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.

Luk 7:2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.

Luk 7:3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.

Luk 7:4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this,

Luk 7:5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

Luk 7:6 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.

Luk 7:7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Luk 7:8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Luk 7:9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."

Luk 7:10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Raising a widow's son

Luk 7:11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.

Luk 7:12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out -- the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

Luk 7:13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

Luk 7:14 Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

Luk 7:15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Healing a blind and dumb demoniac

Luk 11:14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.

Delivering the Gadarene demoniacs

Luke 8:26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.

Luke 8:27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

Luke 8:28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"

Luke 8:29 For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Luke 8:30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

Luke 8:31 And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Luke 8:32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission.

Luke 8:33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

Luke 8:34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside,

Luke 8:35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

Luke 8:36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.

Luke 8:37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

Luke 8:38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

Luke 8:39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Healing a woman with an issue of blood

Luk 8:43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.

Luk 8:44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

Luk 8:45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

Luk 8:46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

Luk 8:47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

Luk 8:48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Raising Jairus' daughter

Luk 8:41 Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house

Luk 8:42 because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him ...

Luk 8:49 While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more."

Luk 8:50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

Luk 8:51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother.

Luk 8:52 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her.

"Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

Luk 8:53 They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

Luk 8:54 But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!"

Luk 8:55 Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Luk 8:56 Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Healing two blind men

Mat 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Mat 9:28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.

Mat 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you";

Mat 9:30 and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."

Mat 9:31 But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

Delivering a dumb demoniac

Mat 9:32 While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus.

Mat 9:33 And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

Delivering a Syrophoenician's daughter

Mar 7:24 Jesus left that place (*perhaps he left from Capernaum*) and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

Mar 7:25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet.

Mar 7:26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

Mar 7:27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

Mar 7:28 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Mar 7:29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

Mar 7:30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Healing a deaf mute in Decapolis

Mar 7:31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

Mar 7:32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

Mar 7:33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

Mar 7:34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!").

Mar 7:35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Mar 7:36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

Mar 7:37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Delivering a demon-possessed boy

Luk 9:37 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.

Luk 9:38 A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

Luk 9:39 A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him.

Luk 9:40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not."

Luk 9:41 "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

Luk 9:42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

Healing a man born blind

Joh 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

Joh 9:2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Joh 9:3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life

Joh 9:4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

Joh 9:5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Joh 9:6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

Joh 9:7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

Healing a crippled woman on the Sabbath

Luk 13:10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,
Luk 13:11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

Luk 13:12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

Luk 13:13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Luk 13:14 Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

Luk 13:15 The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?"

Luk 13:16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

Luk 13:17 When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Healing a man with dropsy [a swelling caused by the retention of excessive liquid in the tissues]

Luk 14:1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

Luk 14:2 There in front of him was a man suffering from dropsy.

Luk 14:3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?"

Luk 14:4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away.

Luk 14:5 Then he asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?"

Luk 14:6 And they had nothing to say.

Cleansing ten lepers

Luk 17:11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

Luk 17:12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

Luk 17:13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us! "

Luk 17:14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

Luk 17:15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

Luk 17:16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him -- and he was a Samaritan.

Luk 17:17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Luk 17:18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Luk 17:19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Healing blind Bartimaeus

Luk 18:35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

Luk 18:36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

Luk 18:37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

Luk 18:38 He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Luk 18:39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Luk 18:40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him,

Luk 18:41 "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

Luk 18:42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

Luk 18:43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Restoring Malchus's ear

Luk 22:49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"

Luk 22:50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

Luk 22:51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

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