

**Jesus Heals and Forgives**  
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2Chron 6:18-21 and Mark 2:1-12  
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Synopsis:

Jesus doesn't heal to make people feel better,  
although I'm sure Jesus wants us to feel better.

Jesus doesn't heal to relieve suffering,  
although I'm sure Jesus wants to relieve suffering.

Jesus heals to draw us to himself as God present on earth.

I.

**Did Jesus Heal?**

Mark 2:11 "I say to you, stand up"

How would you investigate this?

Nature of Mark as Eyewitness

-Mark as the preaching of Peter

-READ Papias

-writes before 100 AD (John's death), near 70AD

-cites John the disciple (knows him)

-cites eyewitness history

-likes John's Gospel, Matt, Luke over Mark

-says Mark wrote down Peter's preaching

\*both

narrative

= what Jesus said and did

proclamation = what it means for us

\*This is as close as you can get to real events

\*What you read is both narrative and proclamation

Flow of Mark's Gospel up to Ch 2 = JESUS HEALS

READ each unit

1:21-22

= Jesus teaches with authority

\*something happens when Jesus teaches

1:23-28

= Jesus heals with authority

\*Jesus is the Holy One of God

1:29-31

= Jesus heals

\*Here see eyewitness (Mother-in-law)

\*Jesus is Holy One of God

1:32-34 = Jesus heals and demons cry out  
\*Jesus has power over demons

1:35-38 = Jesus withdraws and declares purpose  
\*Jesus proclaims/defeat demons

1:39-45 = Jesus heals leper  
\*Jesus' touch heals the sick

ANSWER: Jesus healed people; Jesus heals today

## II.

### **Why Jesus Heals**

Mark 2:10 The Son of Man has authority on earth

Healing: 6x leads up to our story

Crisis story

READ 2:1-12

-Question: Mark 2:7 "Who forgives sin but God?"

-Answer: Mark 2:10-11 "Son of Man has authority"

\*Son of Man has authority here on earth

-Jesus = Son of Man (favorite term)

-God's authority

-kingdom language = Remember 1:14-15?

kingdom = God's future restoration

near = here in Jesus

now = fulfilled (before end comes)

\*Jesus is God present now, to forgive sin, to heal brokenness

-sin, sickness, psychological stuff (can't separate) = broken

-all the realm of Satan

-Kingdom present in Jesus

ANSWER: Jesus heals to bring us to himself

## III.

### **Jesus Heals Today**

Mark 2:11 Take up your mat and go to your home

What questions do you have about healing today?

Here's some we discussed Wednesday night:

1. Evil spirits/demons? Do they exist and how would we know?  
-Something broken in world: disease, genes, psych, spirits

2. Is healing dependent upon responding to Jesus?
  - yes and no, E.g. leper (yes) vs paralytic through roof (no)
3. Does Jesus heal only those who deserve it?
  - more those who ask, rains falls on wicked and righteous
4. Why doesn't Jesus heal everyone?
  - purpose is a *sign* of Kingdom but not fully here (John)
5. Why won't Jesus heal when we have a good case to present?
  - don't know; this isn't a contractual agreement
6. Have we closed off healing by limiting it to reason? Yes
7. Is there another purpose in healing than just physical healing?
  - main purpose is to bring us to Jesus
  - glory of God

Invite people up for prayer of healing

Invite people up to meet Jesus