

**Jesus Heals**  
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Mark 2:1-12  
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Synopsis:

Today we are going to talk about Jesus and healing. When we do so we will learn and experience at the same time. We will learn that the purpose of healing is to experience the presence of God in Jesus.

I.

**Do You Think Jesus Really Healed People?**

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

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 comes to proclaim, to defeat demons

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

ANSWER: Jesus healed people

How about us? Jeff:

- lived in a closed system
- trained skeptic
- Enlightenment mentality

\*We don't have to live here

Jesus can heal because he did heal

There is more to life than our closed system

## II.

### **Why Did Jesus Heal?**

Mark 2:10 "So that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth"

How would you investigate this?

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 =
  - 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

-all mixed up together

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

-all the realm of Satan

\*Jesus calls us to touch and believe

### III.

#### **Can Jesus Heal People Today?**

Mark 2:12 "And he stood up, and immediately took the mat"

How do you investigate this?

Closed versus Open System

-Closed = not looking for healing, not open to it

e.g. Jeff trained this way

can't see because won't see

-Open = looking for healing, wonder, open to it

e.g. George Sheffer in Africa

-people are open to spirits and Spirit

e.g. Jay Goodin story about daughter's church

-elders prayed for man with cancer

-healed!

READ Mark 2:3-4

-These people were looking for healing

-Living in an open system

\*What kind of system are you living in?

\*Yes, Jesus can heal

-I haven't personally seen it, but believe it

-Other have seen and experienced this

### IV.

#### **Why Doesn't Jesus Heal All People?**

Mark 2:12 "We have never seen anything like this!"

How do you investigate this?

Short answer = I don't know  
Academic answer = sign of future Kingdom  
Helpful answer =

Healing is rare, then and now

- Jesus didn't heal all people, only some
- Jesus doesn't heal all people, only some
- Wish Jesus would heal others (Cate, family, me)  
Why not?  
e.g. I wanted Jesus to heal my Mama

Remember the theme verse of Mark?

READ Mark 1:14-15, What is Jesus all about?  
Good news = saving message  
Time is now  
Kingdom of God near  
Touch and believe in Jesus

\*If Good News is to touch and believe in Jesus,  
What's the purpose of healing?

Best Gift you ever received?

- one of mine, Elizabeth Hendon box at NPC
- personal and drew me closer to her

\*Healing is a gift, rare, and draws us close to God in Jesus

\*Pray for healing in order to draw close to Jesus

e.g. My Mama knew Jesus

Did Jesus heal?	YES
Why did Jesus heal?	Draw to himself, touch and believe
Can Jesus heal today?	YES
Why doesn't Jesus heal all?	Draws to himself, touch and believe

Invite up front for prayer of healing

Invite up front to draw near to Jesus