

This morning/afternoon we'd like to see the book of Matthew 8:1-17 under the title of "Healing."

Q1. In verse 2, "And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean," what does the phrase of "if You are willing" mean?

Q2. In verse 11, "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven," what does it mean?

Q3. In the verses, 3 (healing of leprosy), 13 (healing of palsy), 15 (healing of fever), & 16(casting out the evil spirits), what do you see about Jesus?

(Background) Jesus came down from Mount (Matthew 5:1-12 "the Sermon on the Mount") into Capernaum. Jesus' 3 major ministries – Matthew 9:35 "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

¹ When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. ² And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

³ Then Jesus put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion

2=Q1 a leper (leprosy – incurable disease as loss of sense aggravating physical body deformed & disfigured); if You are willing (only God/Jesus can heal it and so His willing is an issue, showing His authority over physical disease extending to physical realm.; leprosy – a type of sin, only Lord can heal it)

3= Jesus touched him (showing His compassion, caring, and love- Jesus is always interested in a needy person); immediately (progressively healing)

4= tell no one (not His time yet on the cross); show yourself to the priest (the ritual for cleansing ¹Lev 14:1-9)

¹ Lev 14:1-9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest. ³ And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine *him*; and indeed, *if* the leprosy is healed in the leper, ⁴ then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living *and* clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. ⁵ And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. ⁶ As for the living bird, he shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water. ⁷ And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose in the open field. ⁸ He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days. ⁹ But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard

came to Him, pleading with Him,⁶ saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

⁷ And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

⁸ The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”

¹⁰ When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! ¹¹ And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”

5=a centurion (a Roman soldier who rules 100 men); Lord (humble & faithful centurion ² *Luke 23:47; Acts 10:1-5; Acts 21:32; Acts 23:23-24*)

8= not worthy that You should come under my roof (humble); only speak a word (faith)

11=Q2 from east and west (every corner of the earth)... in the kingdom of heaven (the kingdom of God is open to everybody, i.e., not only Israelites but Gentiles ³ *Heb 9:27; Acts 24:15; Isaiah 55:1; 66:12, 19; John 3:16*)

and his eyebrows—all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes and wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

² *Luke 23:47* So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!”; *Acts 10:1-5* There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” ⁴ And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter; *Acts 21:32* He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul; *Acts 23:23-24* And he called for two centurions, saying, “Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night, ²⁴ and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring *him* safely to Felix the governor.”

³ *Heb 9:27* And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment; *Acts 24:15* I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of *the* just and *the* unjust; *Isaiah 55:1* “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.; *Isaiah 66:12, 19* ¹² For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On *her* sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on *her* knees. ¹⁹ I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: *to* Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, *to* the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.; *John 3:16* For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, *so* let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

¹⁴ Now when Jesus had come into Peter’s house, He saw his wife’s mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ So He touchd her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities
And bore our sicknesses.”

12= the sons of the kingdom (Israelites who don’t accept Jesus)

14= a fever (~Malaria, a swampy area in Jordan river entering the sea of Galilee, with a lot of mosquitoes)

15= the fever left her. And she arose and served them (in response to our salvation, we would naturally minister to Him and His sheep anyhow if we have a thankful heart to Jesus.)

16= He cast out the spirits with a word (authority over evil spirits, i.e. spiritual realm =>Q3 Matthew shows Jesus is King, as fulfilled by Isaiah’s prophecy)

17= fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah (infirmities and sicknesses as consequences of original sin ⁴ *Isaiah 53:4-5*; *1 Peter 2:24*)

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⁴ *Isaiah 53:4-5* Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ; *1 Peter 2:24* who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.