

Harmony of the Gospels
Part 17
“Jesus , Come and Heal Me...”

A young woman who has Diabetes, was explaining to her 4 year old daughter Taylor, and 3 year old son Alex, what do to if their was a medical emergency For their Mommy.

Wanting to make it simple for their young minds to understand, she just told them to call 911 and tell the operator that **“My Mommy has Diabetes...”**

Later when she quizzed them to see if they had understood her instructions, Taylor responded: *“I call 911 and say that my Mommy has beady Eyes...”*

When you need healing in your life, do you know who to go to?

- ☞ **Of course you say**, I go to a doctor, he gives me medications and I get better, hopefully.
- ☞ **Ok, where do you go** when your soul needs healing?
- ☞ *“Well I go to the mall...”*

No, Seriously, What would it be like for us, **if we never healed** from any of the cuts, scrapes, bruises, or injuries that we suffered, whether inside of us or out?

What if we would just carry with us throughout our entire life, everything that had happened to us?

How terrible that would be..., and yet the majority of us here this morning have some injuries either inside or out, things done to us, or injuries we have caused to others, **that are still imbedded in our soul.**

Did you know that it is those moments of sickness, suffering, struggle and difficulty **that the Lord is nearer to us than when we are healthy and strong?**

There is only one way that Jesus can enter the hardness of our hearts: When it is broken in two...

Many times, the Lord will allow a sickness of our body or our life, so that He can heal our soul...

- ☞ **If this morning you need a healing** in some part of your life, Jesus can restore you so completely that your life will never be the same.
- ☞ **You remember that in our last study** in the “*Harmony of the Gospels*,” Jesus came to heal the Body, Soul, and Spirit of the woman at the well in Samaria.
- ☞ **This week Jesus will heal an officer of the king’s son** and show to us that whatever it is that you suffer from in your body, your soul or your mind, Jesus has the power to help you.

Healing The Nobleman’s Son

[John 4:46-54](#)

46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain **nobleman** whose son was sick at Capernaum.

- ☞ **The word “nobleman” in the greek is “basiliskos” (bas-il-ee-kos’)**—an officer of the king—in this case, most likely king herod.
- ☞ **King Herod’s court** was in Capernaum, about 20 miles from where we are now in Cana. This is where this officer is likely from.
- ☞ **This man has traveled over 20 miles** on foot, or by horse **just to ask Jesus for help**, how far are you willing to go to meet Jesus and have your life changed?
- ☞ **In Luke chapter 8 verse 3**—“**chuza**” is mentioned as one of Herod’s stewards, this “Nobleman” could be “*Chuza*”.

[Luke 8:3](#)

and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance

- ☞ **Notice**—this nobleman is most likely not a believer, he has heard the good news about Jesus and **he is coming to him because he has a desperate need**, his son was sick and near death.

[John 4](#)

47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and **implored** Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

- ☞ **Here in verse 47**, John tells us that Jesus had been in “**Judea**”, the southern part of Israel, and now He has come into “**Galilee**” the northern part of Israel.
- ☞ **Galilee and Judea** are like our counties that are within a state.
- ☞ **Notice here in verse 47**—the nobleman “**implored**” Jesus to come and heal his son:

“**Implore**” is the Greek word “**Erotao**” (er-o-tah-o’)—literally to “**Beg**” someone for help.

- ☞ **Think about this**—this is an official in Herod’s court, but he is begging Jesus to help him!

- ☞ **This man was desperate—desperate needs—require desperate measures,** are you desperate to have Jesus help you this morning? Then you can expect that He will help you.
- ☞ **But if you have not yet gotten to the place** where you are desperate, He cannot help you...

Deuteronomy 4:29

But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul

Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

This bumper sticker really tells it like it is: Are you following Jesus as closely as you are following my bumper?



John 4

48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless **you people** see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

- ☞ **Here in verse 48** Jesus take this opportunity to get to the real heart of the issue. **He is addressing this to all of the people:** He say's "You people", And Jesus uses the plural form of the Greek word "Eido" (i-do), which means to "*perceive with the senses.*"
- ☞ **It is the hearts of the people that Jesus wants to reach** they will not believe in him without signs and wonders.
- ☞ **This morning, The Lord** doesn't just want to give you a sermon to make you "*Feel Better*", **He wants to change your heart...**

Notice: Jesus is not condemning the man for being in Herod's service, or for not being a Jew, when we come to Jesus for help, **He never seeks to condemn us, but to help us.**

- ☞ **Jesus doesn't pay attention** to the kind of job you have or don't have, He doesn't care what nationality or Race man calls you by, He just wants to help you!
- ☞ **Jesus is speaking to the crowd who were there,** about their inability to believe anything unless they see "**Signs**".

In John 20:29, Jesus refers Thomas who cannot believe unless he sees with his own eyes. Jesus refers back to this moment we are looking at right now where someone who is not of the household of Abraham, the nobleman, he believes even when he could not see.

John 20:29

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

[John 4](#)

49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, **come down** before my child dies!"

50 Jesus said to him, "**Go your way**; your son lives." NOTICE: **So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him**, and he went his way.

- ☞ **This is what salvation is all about** it is what saved Abraham, it is what saves us; just believing what Jesus said.
- ☞ **The question here is** why didn't Jesus go with the nobleman?
- ☞ **If Jesus went with him**, he might have believed that Jesus could only heal if he came to his son personally.
- ☞ **This man may have never known** how mighty Jesus is. Distance does not limit him from any work, in fact there is nothing that can limit what Jesus can do.

[Jeremiah 32:27](#)

27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

- ☞ **Notice also that Jesus meets the need of the man but not in the way that he expected.**
- ☞ **The nobleman believed that Jesus had to come with him** for his son to be healed, but very often The Lord will work in your life in a way that you do not expect.
- ☞ **We should be careful to not expect or insist** how the Lord must work in our situation.
- ☞ **We should let the Lord do it his way** and trust him through it knowing he has a plan better than ours.
- ☞ **When we call upon the Lord**, He always answers, He always meets our needs. We should be open to let him meet our need in the way he desires.

[John 4](#)

51 And as he was now going down, **his servants met him** and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

52 Then he inquired of them **the hour** when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the **seventh hour** the fever left him."

- ☞ **The servants are so excited** that they can't wait to tell the nobleman, they travel all the way back towards Cana, they meet him on the way.

It appears that the nobleman may have established some type of a proof for himself that Jesus words to him were true—i.e. "If my son is healed on this hour that Jesus told me—He must be the messiah".

- ☞ **Jesus knows exactly how to meet your need** in such a way that it will be the most meaningful for you
- ☞ **Notice it is already the next day** when he meets his servants.
- ☞ **The 7th hour** is 1 p.m.

- ⊞ **So sometimes it takes a little bit of time** before we actually see the answer to our prayer or our need...wait on the Lord.

John 4

53 So **the father knew** that it was at **the same hour** in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

- ⊞ **Here the answer to the nobleman's question comes**—Jesus must have known that this would be a proof to the nobleman that would save him—this was Jesus purpose in sending him back home with the miracle already done.
- ⊞ **Who else but god could know who the nobleman's son was**—where he was and how to heal him being so far away?
- ⊞ **Notice it says that as a result of this miracle**, the nobleman believed in Jesus, "*and his entire household*".
- ⊞ **The tradition in this culture** is that the belief of the head of the household represents what the rest of the house will believe.

We see evidence of this tradition in the book of acts

- ⊞ **Cornelius—a roman centurion** is the first gentile that was saved in the n/t.
- ⊞ **As a result of his own salvation**—he goes and tell his entire household and they are saved.

Acts 10:1-2

1 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.

Lydia Hears The Gospel And Goes To Tell Her Household

Acts 16:15:

15 And when **Lydia and her household** were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

- ⊞ **As Christian men and women as the head of our households**, whatever you believe your family will follow.
- ⊞ **If you read the word**, pray and spend time together with your family and with the Lord in devotions, they will follow your lead.
- ⊞ **If you spend your time with the TV** or the world or whatever it is that occupies your time, they will follow that lead.

John 4

54 This again is **the second sign** Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

What was the purpose behind the miracles that Jesus did and why were they documented for us in the scriptures.

- ☞ **In the Old Testament**, there are more than 300 prophecies about what the Savior will say and do when He comes, the one that fulfills all of these predictions, is the one we are to trust.
- ☞ **Jesus perfectly fulfilled all 300 of the O/T prophecies**, and no other person in all of History has done this except Jesus.

Now we are moving to the next event in Jesus' life, he departs from Cana to go to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue on the Sabbath:

Jesus is going to fulfill some of those 300 prophecies right now...

Luke 4:16-30

16 So He came to Nazareth, **where He had been brought up**. And **as His custom was**, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

- ☞ **Where he had been brought up**: Jesus lived in Nazareth until he was 30 years old. After he entered his public ministry He lived with Peter in his home at Capernaum.
- ☞ **As his custom was**: one of the principles we learn from Jesus' life as an example for us to follow, is that **Jesus loved to be in church**.

Hebrews 10:25

...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Luke 4

17 And **He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah**. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

- ☞ **They handed Jesus the book**, actually it was a "Scroll" of the prophet Isaiah that they gave to Jesus.
- ☞ **It was a tradition** when a guest teacher would come into the synagogue, that he would be allowed to teach the study for that day.
- ☞ **Now what is truly incredible here** is notice which book they just happen to be in:

"And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah..."

- ☞ **Have you ever come to church** and the message that day spoke right to your heart and you wondered how that pastor knew what you were going through?
- ☞ **Well let me assure you**, he didn't know what you are going through, **we are just not that smart or that spiritual**.
- ☞ **But Jesus knows what you are going through**, and He knew it before you were born, and He knew the day that you would be here, and He planned for you to hear this particular part of His Word, so that you could be blessed.

- ☞ **Sometimes we think the message is just for us**, actually the Holy Spirit is the author of every study, he knows what it is that we need to hear and directs it to us.

Luke 4

17 And **He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah**. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;**

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Now don't miss this, the study in the Prophet Isaiah, had already been pre chosen before Jesus get here.

But it is not an accident , The Lord had pre planned this to be read on this day.

- ☞ **Did you notice anything interesting** about what Jesus just read?
- ☞ **Jesus was reading from the text in Isaiah 61**, but he stopped before the text is finished!

Isaiah 61:1-10

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, (**Jesus stopped Here**)...and the day of vengeance of our God;

- ☞ **Where did Jesus stop at?** "*To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord*". Why did he stop here?
- ☞ What comes after that? "*And the day of vengeance of our god*"

Why did Jesus stop before reading that part? Why did he leave out "The day of vengeance.." and then say "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing"

- ☞ **Because Jesus is going to come two times**, the first time to proclaim the "*Acceptable year of the Lord*", and the second time it will be to proclaim "*The day of vengeance of God*".

Luke 4

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

- ⌘ **“And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.”** Why? They were waiting for Jesus to finish the rest of the verse, but Jesus stopped because only the first part was being fulfilled at this time!!!
- ⌘ **Then Jesus said something** which must have really blown their minds “*Today these scriptures are fulfilled in your hearing.*”
- ⌘ **The people listening to Jesus** knew that these scriptures could only be fulfilled by the coming of the messiah.
- ⌘ **Jesus was proclaiming to the people** of his own town that he was the Messiah! He was fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah that had been written just for him almost 800 years before!

Let’s examine the 7 things the lord Jesus—the messiah—was predicted to do from our text in Luke 4:16-30

1. **The spirit of the lord will be upon him.**

- ⌘ **The prophets had the spirit of God** move upon them at times instructing them what to say or write.
- ⌘ **Here we see** that Jesus **always** has the spirit of God upon Him, without limit because Jesus is God himself.

2. **He is anointed to preach the gospel to the poor.**

- ⌘ **Here in the 2nd prophecy** of Isaiah 61, we see **how** the Spirit is upon Jesus, He is “**Anointed**” by the father.
- ⌘ **Every priest and king** was prepared for their office by anointing.
- ⌘ **It is a symbol** that the Holy Spirit has come upon the person being anointed so that they can accomplish god’s will.

The tradition of many people then was that they believed that the holiness and virtue of the God who’s name was being used was “**transferred**” into the person being anointed.

- ⌘ **We see this in the phrase in verse 18:** “The spirit of the Lord (YAHWEH) is upon me”—upon Jesus.
- ⌘ **Don’t miss what this is saying, it means that Jesus is the Eternal God Himself.**

The next 5 prophecies are what Jesus was anointed to do:

3. **He came to heal the brokenhearted.**

- ⌘ **The idea behind “the broken hearted”** is similar to the text in Matthew chapter 5—the beatitudes that Jesus taught—in this case—specifically verse 4:

Matthew 5:4

4 Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.

- ⊕ **Those that “mourn”** are those that have a genuine sorrow for their sins a conscious awareness of how serious and terrible their own sin was to the Lord, that it took desperate measures to remove.
- ⊕ **The idea in “those who are brokenhearted”** is that Jesus came to heal everyone who is brokenhearted over their own sin and their inability to be perfect before the Father, Jesus came to heal them.
- ⊕ **Here Jesus say’s** he came to heal that broken heartedness by bringing to you complete and perfect forgiveness and acceptance.

4. **He came to proclaim that freedom or liberty is available to everyone.**

- ⊕ **There are 2 things** that keep every human being ever born in slavery: Sin and Death. (Or is it Death and Taxes)
- ⊕ **Before Jesus came** humankind did not have the ability to overcome sin or be delivered from death they were rulers over us.
- ⊕ **Jesus was having a discussion** with the Jewish religious leaders one day and Jesus described to them these same things regarding being in bondage:

Jesus describes what sin does to us:

John 8:34-36

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin**.

35 "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

36 "**Therefore if the Son makes you free**, you shall be free indeed.

- ⊕ **Jesus told them that everyone who sins**, is a slave to that sin we cannot beat it.
- ⊕ But: *“If the son sets you free from sin you are free indeed”!*

Paul describes what the fear of death does to us:

Hebrews 2:14-15

14...through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and release those **who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage**.

- ⊕ **The fear of death** has caused us to live differently than God intended. We live our lives with the constant awareness that we can die at any moment.
- ⊕ **Jesus came to break to power that death** had over us and set us free from the fear and helplessness we felt as death was over us.

5. **He came to give spiritual sight to those who could not see or understand God.**

- ⊕ **Jesus is described as the “light of the world”** over and over in the scriptures Jesus came so that all men might see the truth.
- ⊕ **An amazing thing happens** the moment that you give your life to Jesus Christ, it is as if a light goes on inside of you and suddenly life begins to make sense.
- ⊕ **For me, it is one of the greatest proofs** that the Bible is true, because this is exactly what the Bible promised would happen to anyone who surrenders their life to Jesus.

John 12:46

I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

Acts 22:6

“Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

Acts 26:18

to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God

6. To free those who are oppressed by sin and the cares of life.

- ⊕ **Sin has caused us** to live a life that is far less than the ideal god had designed us for.
- ⊕ **We were created** to be children of light dwelling in an environment of love and peace and unending joy.
- ⊕ **We were never intended** to live in a world of stress and constant worry.
- ⊕ **Jesus is declaring to you now** that you can be set free from all of these things because he is here and he has the power to deliver you!

7. To proclaim the time is now that god is ready to forgive you.

- ⊕ **Last but most importantly** Jesus declares right now God is ready to forgive you for everything that you have done in your life.
- ⊕ **The reason** Jesus came was to forgive you , that by his death he paid the price for your sins he died in your place for the punishment you deserved.
- ⊕ **This is the message** Jesus declared on this day in Nazareth to the people of his own home town and to you and I right now you can be forgiven if you just ask...

Luke 4

22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at NOTICE: the **gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.** And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

- ⊕ **Luke records** that the words Jesus spoke here were “*Gracious*”. That is, they were full of Grace.
- ⊕ **If you and I claim** that we believe in and want to follow Jesus, then all of the words that come out of our mouth need to also be gracious.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 5:4

neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

We use Words that are full of Grace, when we are being treated wrongly by people, things are being said about us that are not true, they have hurt and abused us and yet when we talk to them or about them, we are very Gracious.

Just in case you are not sure what the definition of Gracious is:

Gracious:

1. Full of tact, kindness, and politeness
2. Condescendingly indulgent and generous to perceived inferiors
3. Luxurious and elegant
4. Displaying divine grace, mercy, or compassion

John 21:25

25 And there are also **many other things that Jesus did**, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

I don't know about you but I sure wish all of these "other things that Jesus did" were recorded, I would love to know what else Jesus did.

Luke 4

23 He said to them, "You will surely say **this proverb to Me, `Physician, heal yourself!** Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country."

- ☞ **Remember that Luke is a physician**, and notice that Luke is the only writer to record this Hebrew proverb "*Physician heal yourself*"
- ☞ **The writer "Galen"** recorded a proverb which details how a physician should cure himself before attending to other patients.
- ☞ **As Jesus** hung on the cross the people around him shouted to him:

Matthew 27:40-42

40 ... "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

42 "**He saved others; Himself He cannot save.** If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

Jesus, if you are who you claimed to be Heal yourself first, come down from the Cross, then we will believe.

- ⊕ **This is what Jesus is talking about** in Luke 4:23, “***Physician Heal yourself...***”
- ⊕ **What they didn’t understand** was that if Jesus didn’t stay on the Cross, none of us would ever have been saved.
- ⊕ **Jesus had the power** to come down from the Cross if He wanted to, but it was His love for you that kept Him there...

John 10:17-18

17 ... I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "NOTICE: **No one takes it from Me**, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

The Cross was the Father’s plan to save us, Jesus knew he had to complete the work of the Cross to save us.

But He did it willingly because he saw your face as he hung there and died of a broken heart.

Luke 4

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, **were filled with wrath**,

29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

They were filled with wrath because Jesus not only claimed to be the Eternal God, the Creator of everything that exists, but Jesus claimed to be the Only Way To Heaven...

- ⊕ **The world doesn’t like that**, and when they hear it, it makes them fighting mad.
- ⊕ **Never the less**, that is the Truth and that is what the Bible teaches.
- ⊕ **So when those that were at the Synagogue** that day heard Jesus quote from Isaiah and then He claimed to be the fulfillment of that, they were fighting mad and they wanted to kill Jesus..

Verse 30 says he simply passed through them and walked away—how could Jesus do that?

There is **a true story** of a missionary who was in a foreign country to teach the good news about Jesus.

He had been through tremendous trials and almost lost his life on a few occasions.

It was always when he taught the Cross of Jesus was the only way we could be saved.

On one particular day about 50 people had gathered to hear the message about Jesus

after about 30 minutes an angry crowd also gathered and surrounded the missionary and his home.

They carried with them several different types of instruments to kill him with.

Some of the people who had believed in Jesus began to pray inside the house with the missionary.

Outside the mob threw stones through the windows at the walls and roof.

Within a short time they had almost completely destroyed the house uncovering huge holes everywhere.

As the missionary was encouraging his small flock a man came to the window with a gun a pointed it at the missionary firing the 1st round but nothing happened!

The crowd became more angry and began to dismantle the house piece by piece. The missionary decided that rather than have everyone inside the house killed along with him he would go out alone trusting in the lord.

The believers inside with him begged him to not go outside for it would mean certain death.

As he walked through the front door a barrage of stones and other objects were thrown in his direction **but not one of them hit him.**

The crowd was so thick that the young man could not possibly move in any direction.

Suddenly all of the natives became completely silent as the missionary walked foreword the natives parted on either side about 4 feet in width.

He passed all the way through the crowd not one native spoke a word or moved a muscle.

The story goes on to say that it was the most incredible event anyone had ever seen

The missionary did not say one word but the crowd was completely amazed at his peaceful boldness they were completely speechless.

The natives had come that day to kill the one who brought to them the message of salvation but he passed through them completely unharmed.

The next day he returned to the same place and continued teaching about Jesus and many people in that village believed on Jesus and were saved.

This is a true story recounted by Adam Clark well know bible scholar from his commentary on the scriptures.

Are you like that Nobleman who just need Jesus to come and heal you.

Or are you living a half hearted life for Jesus and are constantly compromising in what you say you believe?

Jesus came and put his life on the line for you, and they took Him, beat Him, tore Him to pieces so that you could be forgiven...

Are we living a life today that is worthy of that pain and suffering that Jesus went through for us...