



Jesus' Healing Ministry

Matthew 8:1-17

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy, 8:1-4

- Jesus came down from the mountainside
- Notice large crowds following
- The Greek word traditionally translated *leprosy* was used for various diseases affecting the skin
- Man knelt down, “Lord, if you are willing...”
- The Willingness of Jesus...significant theme! Be clean...show yourself to the priest



The Faith of the Centurion, 8:5-13

- Jesus entered Capernaum
- Roman centurion—their job & a Gentile!
- Notice Jesus' question
- Centurion's response is quite extraordinary!
- At some level he understands Jesus' power and authority!



The Faith of the Centurion, 8:5-13

- Jesus was amazed
- Great faith...in contrast to what he has found in Israel, and “Little-faith” in Matthew!
- Verse 11-Inclusiveness of the kingdom
- Verse 12—subjects—thrown out...reference to the ones who felt they belonged by right
- “weeping & gnashing of teeth” (6x in Matthew, once in Luke)
- Centurion’s response!



Jesus Heals Many, 8:14-17

- Peter's house, his mother-in-law
- Fever—instantaneous healing
- She waited on him
- Demon-possession
- Drove out the spirits -- power
- With a word healed—power of spoken word
- Fulfill—Isaiah 53:4 (LXX) 4-6, iniquities is “anomia!”—lawlessness we saw earlier in Matthew



Practical Applications to our Faith

- **Willingness of Jesus to respond to our needs**
- **Healing touch of Jesus— appropriate in our response to others' needs**
- **Lord, I do not deserve...acceptance of grace**
- **Authority of Jesus in my life...just say the word**



Practical Applications to our Faith

- Great faith is submission to Jesus' authority
- Inclusive call of the gospel...everyone we see!
- Power of belief in our daily life

