

JESUS' POWER OVER DISEASE: EXHAUSTIVE
(Matthew 8:14-17)

- I. Peter's MOTHER-IN-LAW (Matt. 8:14-15)
 - A. She was probably a WIDOW
 - B. OTHERS told Jesus of her CONDITION (cf. Mark 1:29-31; Lk. 4:38-39)
 - C. Jesus healed her with a TOUCH (cf. 8:3)
 - 1. Occurred INSTANTANEOUSLY
 - 2. Accomplished COMPLETE restoration of HEALTH and STRENGTH

- II. MANY Others (Matt. 8:16)
 - A. They came in the EVENING
 - 1. To illustrate the PACE of Jesus' ministry
 - 2. Because it was the SABBATH (cf. Mark 1:32-34; Lk. 4:40-41)
 - B. Jesus freed ALL comers who were DEMON POSSESSED
 - 1. May have handled EACH CASE SEPARATELY
 - 2. May have delivered ALL with a SINGLE COMMAND
 - 3. BANISHED the demons with "a WORD"

- C. Jesus healed ALL comers who were ILL
 - 1. Without regard to the MALADY
 - 2. Without reference to PERSONAL FAITH
 - 3. Depended entirely upon His WILL, not their CONFIDENCE

III. What Jesus' healings MEANT (Matt. 8:17)

- A. WHO Jesus healed
 - 1. Dealt with their SUFFERING, showing His COMPASSION
 - 2. Responded to DIRECT APPEALS, showing His ACCESSIBILITY
 - 3. Acted by HIS OWN WILL, showing His AUTHORITY
 - 4. Ministered to the LOWLIEST of people, showing His LOVE for those society DISDAINED
- B. HOW Jesus healed
 - 1. Healed with a WORD or TOUCH
 - 2. Healed INSTANTLY
 - 3. Healed COMPLETELY
 - 4. Did not YET heal PERMANENTLY
- C. WHY Jesus healed
 - 1. SYMPATHASIZES with us in our SUFFERING
 - 2. FEELS with us the DESTRUCTIVE power of SIN
 - 3. DELIVERS us from SIN and ALL its consequences