

Follow ME

Lesson Two • Matthew 8:1-17

The Healing Grace of Jesus

Jesus' Goal Then and Now:

To turn casual FANS into committed FOLLOWERS with two simple words: "Follow Me!"

And great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. Matthew 4:25

And when He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. Matthew 8:1

The Message of Matthew 8-9:

Jesus possesses absolute AUTHORITY in the world;
therefore He warrants absolute ALLEGIANCE from the world.

Now Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Matthew 4:23

The Healing Grace of Jesus:

1. Jesus Heals the Physically UNTOUCHABLE! *Matthew 8:2-4*

The "Untouchable" Leper:

- What the leper does know: Jesus is ABLE to heal.

- What the leper doesn't know: Is Jesus WILLING to heal?

Touching the "Untouchable" Leper:

Jesus IDENTIFIES with the uncleanness of the leper in order to make the leper clean.

2. Jesus Heals the Ethnically UNACCEPTABLE! *Matthew 8:5-13*

Jesus' Response:

- Jesus marvels at the FAITH of the centurion.

- Jesus mourns at the UNBELIEF of Israel.

3. Jesus Heals the Culturally UNPROFITABLE! *Matthew 8:14-15*

Jesus' Authority Over Disease Foreshadows a Greater Healing!

Jesus has the power to overcome all our SUFFERING because He paid the price to overcome all our SIN with His death and resurrection.

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, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." Matthew 8:16-17

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Matthew 8:29

Lessons from the Healing Grace of Jesus:

Lesson 1: TRUST completely in Jesus' power over sin.

Lesson 2: REST peacefully in Jesus' power over sickness.