

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." Mark 1:35–37 (ESV)

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. John 5:19 (ESV)

### 3. The **purpose** of Jesus' healing power was the proclamation of the Gospel.

And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Mark 1:38–39 (ESV)

#### Application

- Jesus is behind all healing.
- The busier life becomes, the more important our personal time with God becomes.
- More important than physical healing is proclaiming the gospel.

#### Life Group Questions

1. Is it always God's will to cure disease? (see 2 Timothy 4:20; 1 Timothy 5:23, Job 1)
2. How does God want us to respond if he brings healing? (see Mark 2:12; Acts 28:8-9)
3. How does God want us to respond if He chooses not to heal? (see 2 Corinthians 12:8-9; Romans 8:18)
4. In what areas of life did Jesus have compassion? What does it look like for us to be like Jesus and have compassion in those areas today? (See Matthew 9:36; 14:14; Mark 8:2, 9:22)
5. What can we learn from Jesus' prayer habits to guide our prayer life? (see Matthew 6:6, 14:23; Mark 1:35, 6:46; Luke 5:16, 6:12)
6. What can we learn from Jesus about how to pray? (see Matthew 26:39, 42; Luke 11:1-4, 5-13)

# MARK THE KING AND THE CROSS

## Mark 1:29-39 – Jesus Has Authority Over Disease

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### 1. Jesus proved his authority as the Son of God by His healing power.

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Mark 1:29 (ESV)

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew...

#### A. What was Peter's house like?

#### B. How can we know they identified Peter's house?

Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. Mark 1:30 (ESV)

Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? 1 Corinthians 9:5 (ESV)

And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. Mark 1:31 (ESV)

And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Luke 4:39 (ESV)

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. Mark 1:32–34 (ESV)

### C. Why did people wait until sundown to bring the sick and demon possessed to Jesus?

*And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons,...*

### D. Why did Jesus keep the demons silent?

## Application

#### 1. What does the Bible teach about healing?

#### 2. What made Jesus' healings unique?

1. Jesus healed with just a word or a touch.
2. Jesus healed instantly.
3. Jesus healed totally.
4. Jesus healed everybody.
5. Jesus healed real disease.
6. Jesus raised dead people.
7. Jesus' healings did not necessarily require faith.

#### 3. In the later part of the New Testament, we don't see everyone miraculously healed.

*Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.* 2 Timothy 4:20 (ESV)

*(No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)* 1 Timothy 5:23 (ESV)

*I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.* Philippians 2:25–27 (ESV)

*So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* 2 Corinthians 12:7–9 (ESV)

#### 4. What does the Bible mean when it talks about gifts of healing?

*And God has appointed... then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.* 1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV)

It is not talking about healing like Jesus. It is the gift that those who pray for someone's healing find their prayers answered more frequently than other people.

1. Sometimes God brings about healing through doctors in response to our prayers.
2. Sometimes God brings about healing supernaturally in response to our prayers.
3. Sometimes God chooses not to heal in response to our prayers but uses our suffering as a platform for his glory.
4. Sometimes God uses our suffering as a platform for our glory in death to bring us home to see Jesus.

#### 2. The source of Jesus' healing power was his relationship with His Father.