

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 13: COMPASSION FOR HUMANITY

There were thousands of people following Jesus when He came down the mountain after finishing the sermon. The apostles mentioned how Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 men, women and children but they never pointed out how He spoke to thousands of people with no sound amplification. **Matthew 8:1**

THE LEPER

As Jesus was walking away from the mountain, a leper approached Him, breaking the law of God which stated that a leper must live away from the population. A leper also had to cry aloud "Unclean! Unclean!" in order to warn those nearby to keep their distance. **Leviticus 13:44-46**

This particular leper approached Jesus believing for a miracle. **Matthew 8:2**

Jesus responded by touching the leper because He had no fear of the disease. The leper was healed when Jesus destroyed the leprosy. **verses 3-4**

THE TEN LEPERS

Leprosy was a disease that people feared more than any other sickness and Jesus cared for the people with this ailment. Lepers usually lived outside the villages and they banded together to form their own colonies.

One day ten lepers encountered Jesus and cried out for help. Jesus did not touch them this time but told them to go and see a priest, whose duty it was to decide if a person had leprosy or if they had been healed from it. The ten left in faith and were healed on the way, and when they realized that they had been made whole, only one of them came back to thank Jesus. **Luke 17:11-19**

Leprosy was a scourge at a time of Jesus and He made a point that the apostles should heal every leper they encountered. **Matthew 10:7-8**

Jesus told His apostles and the 70 others to cure all people with disease. **Luke 9:1-2; 10:1-2; 9**

This brings us to a question:

Does this apply to believers in Christ today? Absolutely! Has the mandate changed? No, it has not. **Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus directed the apostles to repeat everything for the new disciples as He had done. **Matthew 28:18-20**

THE ROMAN CENTURION

A Roman centurion was an officer in charge of 80 soldiers and 20 servants and orderlies. Orderlies would carry out minor tasks for the officer, while the servants were



in charge of food and other supplies for the combat unit. Thus a servant was the bottom rung in the unit.

There was a century unit stationed in Capernaum, and when Jesus entered the city, the centurion made contact with Jesus. This was out of the ordinary since Roman officers normally did not approach a Jew because they despised the Roman occupation force.

Matthew 8:5

The centurion had come to believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He had heard about the miracles of Jesus and believed that He was a man sent from God.

Despite this man's rank, the centurion still cared for the lowest people. This man's servant was paralyzed and in great pain and so he humbled himself to ask Jesus for a favor. **verse 6**

The centurion had just stated the condition of his servant when Jesus interrupted and said that He was willing to visit the servant and heal him. **verse 7**

The centurion countered by telling Jesus he was not worthy to have Jesus to come to his house. All Jesus needed to do was to speak and the servant would be instantly healed. **verses 8-9**

Jesus was greatly impressed by the Roman officer, who most likely had little knowledge of the Old Testament and the miracles God had done since the time of Abraham. While the Jews had been raised on the Old Testament, they were also full of unbelief, so it was refreshing that a gentile had faith like a mountain. **verses 10-12**

Jesus told the centurion it would come to pass as he had believed. **verse 13**

JESUS KEPT ON HEALING

There is no doubt that Jesus enjoyed healing people and this should get every Christian excited. Both God the Father and Jesus love us and their greatest joy is to minister to us and take away our pain. As soon as Jesus arrived to Peter's house, He saw Peter's mother-in-law lying sick in bed and immediately healed her. **verses 14-15**

Once Jesus and the disciples had eaten, people in the city started to bring the sick and demon possessed to Peter's house. Jesus did not turn them down; He must have gone outside, and as a line snaked toward Him, He just kept healing and casting out demons until everyone had been healed and delivered. **verses 16-17**

WHAT DOES JESUS DO TODAY?

Jesus is now seated in heaven, and as a high priest, He intercedes for His people on earth. **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Jesus has not changed. **Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus has all power and authority. **Revelation 1:12-18**

Faith and forgiveness is the key for each Christian as we seek help from our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus. **Mark 11:21-26**

According to your faith... **Matthew 9:27-31**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?