JESUS CAN HEAL ANY DISEASE

Matthew 8:1-16.

LESSON 32 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "With God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

BIBLE TEXT

Matthew 8:1-16

- 1 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.
- 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
- 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
- 4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.
- 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth;

and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

- 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.
- 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.
- 14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.
- 15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.
- 16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

NOTES

The Many Sick People

It did not take long before the people found out that Jesus could heal them. He made the blind able to see. He healed the lame people so that they could walk. The sick were raised up and made strong well. He even raised up the dead. Those who were well would bring their sick people to Jesus to be healed. Wherever He went many people followed Him. We do not read in the Bible that Jesus ever sent a sick person away without healing him. We are thankful that He has the same power today, and is healing all who put their trust in Him.

Nothing Too Hard for Jesus

Some people think that if it is a very serious disease Jesus cannot heal it; but we read in the Bible that He healed every kind of disease. He make the body in the first place, and it is very easy for Him to make it well. We know that the man who can make an automobile can surely fix any part that does not work well.

One day a man with a terrible disease called leprosy came to Jesus to be healed. The man probably had great sores on his body, and people were afraid to come near him. But Jesus was not afraid to touch him. When the man worshipped Jesus and said that he knew He could make him well if He wanted to, Jesus said He wanted to make him well. He touched the man's sore body and said, "Be thou clean," and right away the man was made well. We are sure he must have loved Jesus very much for doing that.

A Soldier's Faith

At another time a soldier came to Jesus and told Him that his servant was sick. He must have believed that Jesus was well able to heal his servant, for he said that he himself had many soldiers under him and when he told one of them to go and do something, he would go; when he told another soldier to come to him that person would come. Then he said that if Jesus said the word the sickness would have to leave his servant. Jesus likes to have people believe Him. When He says that He is able and willing to heal people, He likes to have them believe it. Jesus was pleased when He saw that the soldier that his servant would be healed; and he was healed at the very time Jesus said that he would be healed.

Another Healing

Jesus came to Peter's home and there He saw Peter's wife's mother sick with a great fever. Jesus just touched her hand and she was able to get right up and do her work. It was very easy for Jesus to heal her.

A Wonderful Friend

We have many kind friends and we are thankful for them, but in Jesus we have the best friend of all. He not only saves us from our sins, but He gives us the rain and the sunshine that make things grow; and He gives us food and clothing four our bodies. He also heals us when we are sick if we love him, pray to Him, trust Him, and do what He tells us to do.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Did the leper believe Jesus could heal him? Matthew 8:2.
- 2. Did the Centurion feel worthy to have Jesus come to his house? Matthew 8:8.
- 3. Why did Jesus marvel at him? Matthew 8:10.
- 4. Can we be healed without faith? James 5:15; Mark 9:23.
- 5. How was Peter's wife's mother healed? Matthew 8:15.

LESSON RESOURSES

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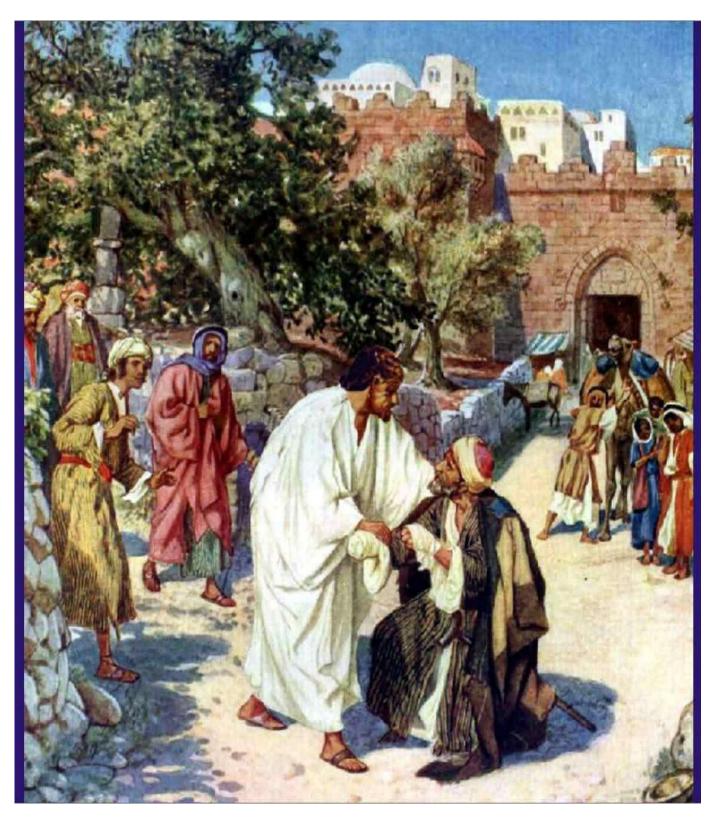
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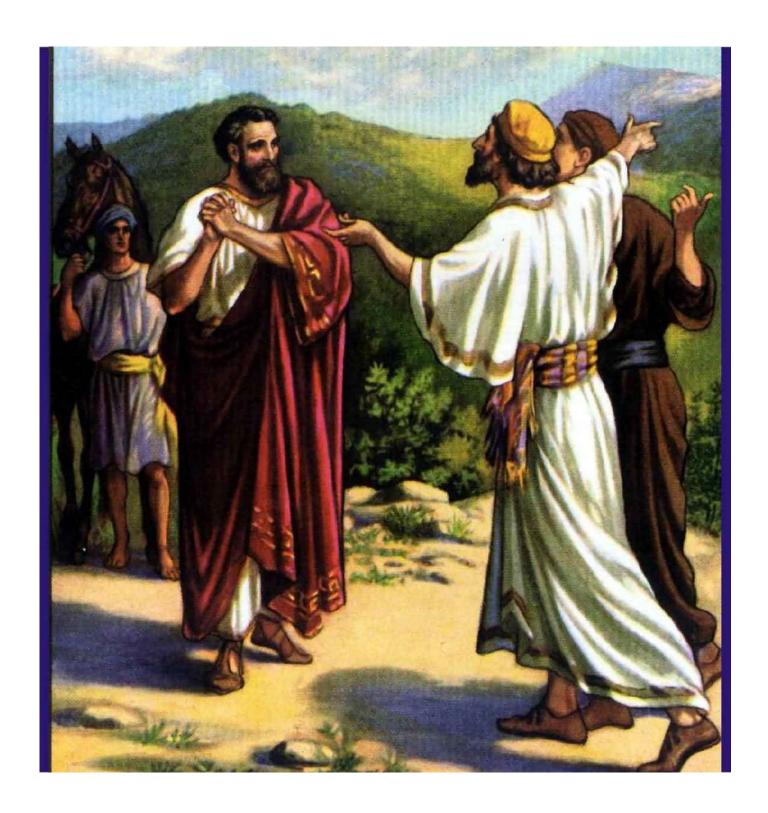
Blind Eyes Jesus Made To See

Blind eyes Jesus made to see **Dumb lips made to talk** Deaf men, too, He made to hear Lame one's made to walk Pal-sied men and lepers too, All to Jesus came, Boys and girls have sinful hearts, They must do the same.

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3

