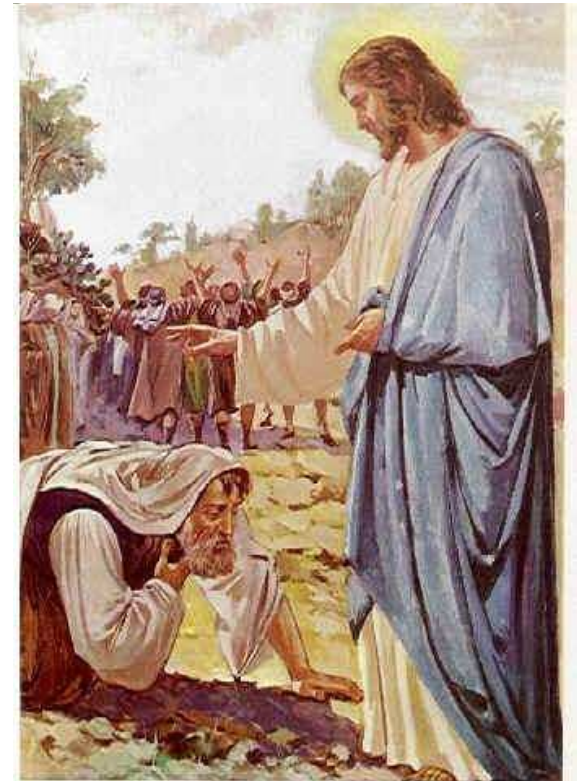


The Messiah Healer



Reading:
Matthew 8:1-17





Verses

Context

**The Lord and the
needy person**

Expression of faith

**The Lord meets
the need**

**The Lord's
audience**

His message



**Reading:
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**How did Matthew tell the
story?**

Four scenes

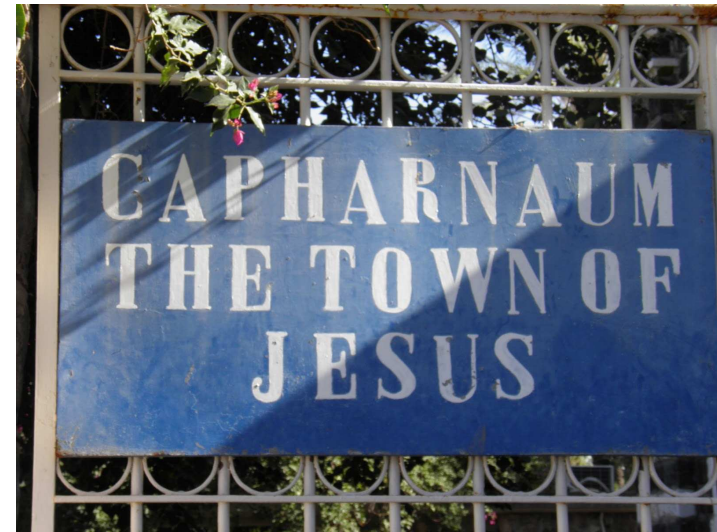
**Each has some or all of
these dimensions**



Verses	1 -4
Context	From the mount near Capernaum
The Lord and the needy person	A leper
Expression of faith	Lord, if you are willing, you can
The Lord meets the need	I am willing, immediately cured
The Lord's audience	The priest & the crowds
His message	Testimony to the Priest that the Healer has healed



Verses	5-13
Context	Caparnaum
The Lord and the needy person	Centurion's servant paralyzed & suffering
Expression of faith	Asked. Just say the word and he will be healed
The Lord meets the need	It was done as he believed that hour
The Lord's audience	Gentile leadership, Jewish authorities
His message	Outsiders will be present in the kingdom, but subjects of the kingdom outside



Stages of faith	Lord's perspective
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Confirmative	Fathers, bring them up in faith
Curious	Come now let us reason together
Seeking	Call to all, whoever
Saving	All who receive Him are His forever
Sanctifying	Little faith Great faith Growth of faith



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Curious Who is He really?	Come now let us reason together
Seeking Can He meet my concern? Cost?	Call to all, whoever
Committed Saving I trust Him!	All who receive Him are His forever
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Why great faith?

1. **Gentile**
Not one with affiliative privilege
No one in Israel with this faith!!
2. **Person of authority**
Not corrupted by power
Genuine care for those under him
3. **Recognized authority of the Lord**
Asked for help
Just say the word, if willing
Trusted Him for the result



Verses	14-15
Context	Peter's house
The Lord and the needy person	Mother in law in bed with fever
Expression of faith	None evident
The Lord meets the need	At the touch of the Healer's hand
The Lord's audience	Peter and family, Disciples
His message	Jesus the Messiah Household healer and provider



Verses	16-17
Context	Peter's house area
The Lord and the needy person	Demon possessed and sick
Expression of faith	Implicit in those who brought them
The Lord meets the need	With a word, all healed
The Lord's audience	The whole city
His message	Jesus the Promised One



Jesus authenticated Himself for the crowds as the one who came

1. **As the Promised Servant of God Most High**
2. **As the master teacher and only leader to bring to righteousness (ch 5-7)**
3. **As the One mighty to lead to God**
4. **By demonstration of His power by physical healing**

17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their **faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

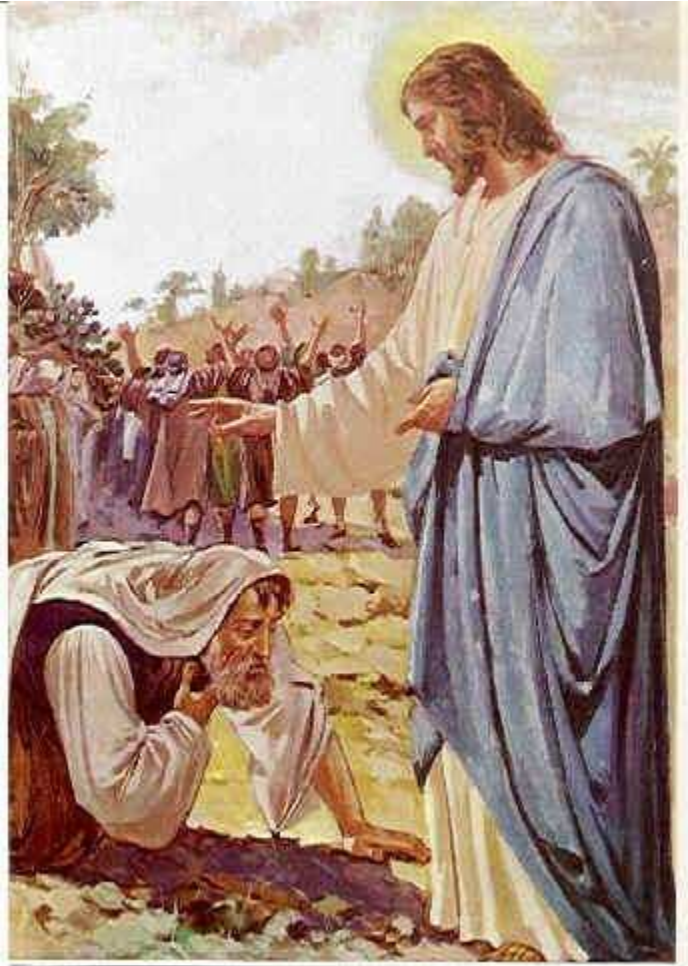
4 ¶ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, **yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.**

5 But he was pierced for **our transgressions**, he was crushed for **our iniquities**; the punishment that **brought us peace** was upon him, and **by his wounds we are healed.**

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

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The Lord's audience	The priest	Gentile leadership, Jewish authorities	Peter and family, Disciples	The whole city
His message	Testimony to the Priest that the One who came is able to heal	Outsiders will be present in the kingdom, but subjects of the kingdom outside	Jesus the Messiah Household healer and provider, disciple maker	Jesus the Promised One Authenticated



The Lord is the Healer

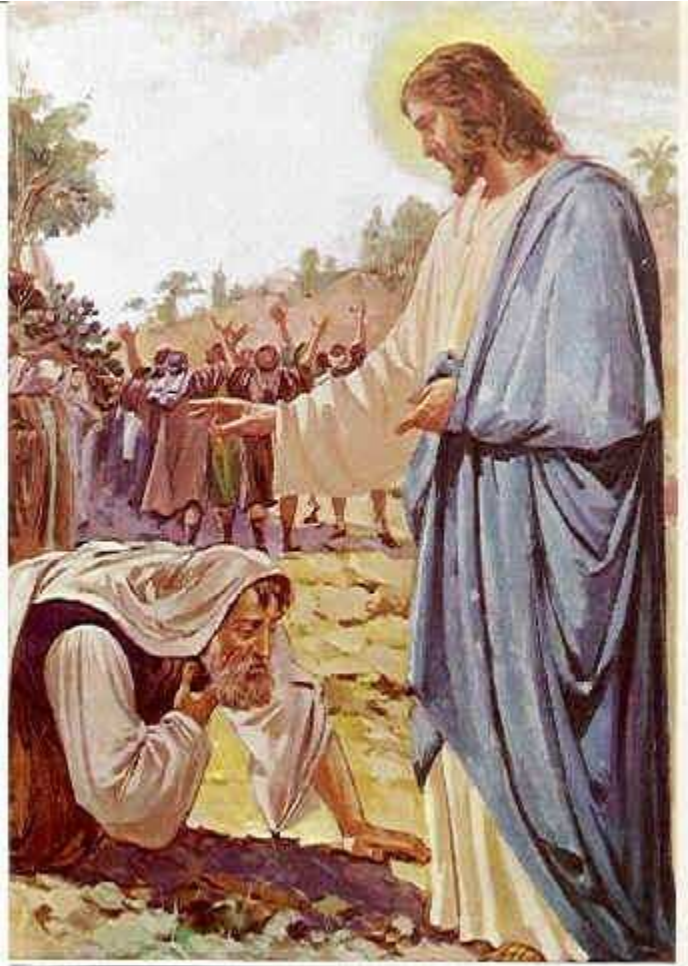
According to His Will

**Great faith is measured by the Lord
How dependent we are on Him**

Salvation is for all

**not by community standing
not by religion
not by race
not by friendship
not by desperation of human
condition**

He is God's sent one to save



Q&A

Does God heal today?
physically
spiritually

Is healing in the atonement, and therefore a right of every believer, conditional on sufficient faith?

Does God always heal in response to the asking in faith?

Why does God allow sickness and suffering anyway?