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# MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Healing in the New Testament**

**Matthew 8:1–17**

# **Doctrine of Healing Summary**

- 1. Does God heal today?**
- 2. Does God want you healthy and well?**
- 3. Why did Jesus and the apostles heal?**
- 4. Was faith necessary to be healed?**

# **Introduction**

## **“Faith Healing” vs. Divine Healing**

# I. Does God Heal Today?

A. God has healed historically through different means.

1. First, we realize that God has healed *indirectly* or *mediately*; through a human agent

Two categories: Supernatural, and natural:

a. Supernatural, miraculous: The healing of the lame man in Acts 3:1–11.

b. Natural: This is not to be defined as miraculous. i.e., healing through medicine or surgery.

2. God has also healed *directly* without a human agent.

**B. The issue is not *Does God Heal Today?* He does.**

**The issue is: *How has God revealed that He heals today?***

**And:**

**Has God revealed that we should expect His intervention in our illnesses, diseases, and deformities as a normal experience in the Christian life?**

**II. Why did Jesus and the apostles heal? And was faith and/or salvation a prerequisite for healing?**

**A. Jesus: To present the Messianic credentials; Isa. 42:7; 29:18; 35:4–6**



**1. Healings were never performed merely for their physical benefit.**

- 2. Jesus' miracles were not performed randomly or indiscriminately. He did not always heal those who needed healing or perform on demand, but to fulfill the plan of God (John 5:3–5; Matt. 12:38–40).**
- 3. Healing was immediate or within minutes.**
- 4. There were an abundance of healings (Matt. 5:31).**
- 5. Jesus healed by touch (Matt. 8:15); command (John 5:8–9), the touch of His cloak (Matt 9:20–22), spit (Mark 8:22–26).**
- 6. Not all who were healed expressed faith or were saved (John 5; Luke 17:11–19).**

**B. The apostles' apostolic healing also established the credentials of the apostles.**

**2 Cor. 12:12, "The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles."**

**Acts 3, 4, Peter and John healed the lame man to gain a hearing for the gospel.**

**Acts 5:12, "And at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico."**

**Where faith of the recipient was *not present* at the time of the healing.**

- a. The nobleman's son (John 4:46–54), afterwards he became a believer.**
- b. The cripple at Bethesda (John 5:1–9), not a believer.**
- c. The demon-possessed man in Capernaum on the Sabbath (Mark 1:23–28).**
- d. The paralyzed man healed, his friends had faith, his is not mentioned (Matt. 9:2–8; Mark 2:3–12; Luke 5:18–26).**
- e. The centurion's servant, the centurion had faith; no mention of the servant's faith (Matt. 8:5–13; Luke 7:1–10).**

- f. The blind and mute man (Matt. 12:22; Luke 11:14).**
- g. The Gadarene demoniacs (Matt. 8:28–34; Mark 5:1–20; Luke 8:26–39).**
- h. The deaf-mute demon-possessed man (Matt. 9:32–33).**
- i. Feeding the five thousand (Matt. 14:14–21; Mark 6:34–44; Luke 9:12–17; John 6:5–13).**
- j. Feeding the four thousand (Matt. 15:29–31; Mark 8:1–9).**
- k. Healing the Canaanite woman's daughter, the mother had faith, not the daughter (Matt. 15:21–28; Mark 7:24–30).**

- l. The deaf-mute in Decapolis (Mark 7:31–37).**
- m. The demon-possessed boy (Matt. 17:14–18; Mark 9:14–29; Luke 9:38–42).**
- n. Restoring Malchus' ear (Luke 22:49–51; John 18:10).**
- o. Two blind men (Matt. 9:27–31).**
- p. Nine of the ten lepers did not respond in faith (Luke 17:11–19).**

**Miracles where *faith* in the recipient was present:**

- a. Healing the leper (Matt. 8:2–4; Mark 1:40–45; Luke 5:12–16).**
- b. Healing the crippled hand (Matt. 12:9–13; Mark 3:1–5; Luke 6:6–10).**
- c. Peter walking on water (Matt. 14:24–33).**
- d. The man born blind (John 9:1–7).**
- e. Restoring sight to blind Bartemaus (Matt. 20:29–34; Mark 10:46–52; Luke 18:35–43).**

- f. The woman with the hemorrhage (Matt. 9:20–22; Mark 5:25–34; Luke 18:35–43).**
- g. One of the ten lepers responded in faith (Luke 17:11–19).**
- h. First miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:1–11).**
- i. Second miraculous catch of fish (John 21:1–11).**



**Jer. 3:22 “ ‘Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.’ ‘Indeed we do come to You, for You are the LORD our God.’ ”**

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**Isa. 53:5,**

**“But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon  
Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed”  
[contextually the healing is from  
transgressions and iniquities].**