

JESUS POWER OVER DISEASE MATT 8:1-17 5/16/18

V1-4 JESUS HEALS A LEPER IN THE ANCIENT WORLD LEPROSY WAS THE MOST TERRIBLE OF ALL DISEASES THERE WAS NO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND THE DISEASE CAUSED THE BODY TO ROT AWAY LEADING TO DEATH NO ONE DARED TOUCH A LEPER BUT JESUS STRETCHES OUT HIS HAND TOUCHES HIM AND HEALS HIM

NOTICE THIS WHEN JESUS TOUCHED THE LEPER HIS TOUCH RATHER THAN CONTAMINATING JESUS CURED THE LEPER IT IS A DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT JESUS COMING DOES IN RESPECT TO HUMAN SIN JESUS DID NOT BECOME SINFUL BY BECOMING ONE OF US RATHER HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE CLEANSED FROM SIN BY HIS CONTACT

WHY DID JESUS TELL THE HEALED MAN TO TELL NO ONE JESUS DID NOT WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO HIMSELF AS A MIRACLE WORKER HE DID NOT WANT THE DESIRE FOR HEALING TO HINDER HIS MORE IMPORTANT WORK OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL WHICH IS WHY HE HAD COME

V5-13 NEXT JESUS HEALS A CENTURION'S SERVANT A ROMAN CENTURION IS A GENTILE THE GOSPEL JESUS WAS PREACHING WAS FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD AND NOT JUST JEWISH PEOPLE A GENTILE APPROACHES JESUS AND IS NOT TURNED AWAY HIS FAITH WAS REMARKABLE JESUS SAID HE HAD NOT FOUND SUCH FAITH WITH ANYONE IN ISRAEL

JESUS SAYS THAT MANY WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST AND RECLINE AT THE TABLE WITH ABRAHAM ISAAC AND JACOB IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BUT THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE CAST OUT INTO THE OUTER DARKNESS IN THE PLACE WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH

GENTILES WILL BE SAVED WHILE MANY OF THE PRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM THE JEWS WILL PERISH

SO WE HAVE JESUS HEALING TWO OF THE MOST UNLIKELY CANDIDATES OF HIS DAY A LEPER AND THE SERVANT OF A GENTILE THE CENTURION UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEN JESUS SPOKE GOD SPOKE

V14-17 JESUS HEALS PETER'S MOTHER IN LAW YES PETER WAS MARRIED JESUS SEES SHE IS SICK IN BED WITH A FEVER SO HE TOUCHES HER HAND AND HEALS HER SHE GETS UP AND SERVES HIM

WHEN EVENING CAME THEY BRING TO JESUS MANY WHO WERE DEMON POSSESSED AND HE CAST OUT THE SPIRITS WITH A WORD AND HEALED ALL WHO WERE ILL THIS WAS ALL TO FULFILL WHAT WAS SPOKEN OF THROUGH ISAIAH THE PROPHET HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES

THIS WAS TO BE A SIGN OF THE MESSIAH TO COME JESUS WAS REVEALING HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH IN HIS TEACHING AND HIS HEALING

MATT 11:2-6 WHEN JOHN WHILE IMPRISONED HEARD OF THE WORKS OF CHRIST HE SENT WORD BY HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID ARE YOU THE EXPECTED ONE OR SHALL WE LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE

JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM GO AND REPORT TO JOHN WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE THE BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT THE LAME WALK THE LEPERS ARE CLEANSED THE DEAF HEAR THE DEAD ARE RAISED UP AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM

AND BLESSED IS HE WHO DOES NOT TAKE OFFENCE IN ME JESUS IS THE MESSIAH HIS WORDS AND HIS WORKS TESTIFY TO WHO HE IS THE MESSIAH SENT BY GOD TO SAVE US FROM OUR SIN

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNOUNCED HIM TO BE THE LAMB OF GOD JOHN1:29 WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD WHICH IS UNBELIEF

HAVE YOU BELIEVED THE WORDS AND THE WORKS OF JESUS FOR YOUR SALVATION DOES YOUR LIFE REFLECT YOUR FAITH