

Christ the Healer

Matt 8:14-17, Mark 1:32-34, Luke 4:40-41

Q: What is again familiar about this process?

Jesus puts His hands on the ill person. Though it is not necessary, it is common. They are healed instantly.

Q: Peter is married though he is the first "Pope." Is there anything to say on this?

Certainly there is nothing in scripture that demands this. Deacons, elders are the husband of one wife. 1 Corinthians 7, is applied to all as a sign of greater righteousness in the Catholic tradition.

Q: What else do we notice about Peter?

His mother-in-law lives with him. Jesus disciples are models of hospitality for us. (Matt 15:1-6)

Q: What does her immediately serving tell us?

Service is a sign, not of low position but as a response out of gratefulness and is an opportunity to use our talents and fulfill our position, which in our previous state was not possible. (Heb 11:6)

Q: What do we think of demon possession? What should we think of it and how should we deal with it?

It is commonly spoke of in the gospels and Acts but is little spoken of directly through the remainder of the New Testament. Demons and spiritual powers are certainly spoken of in 2 Cor 10, Eph 6, through the book of Revelation. I believe people are spiritually depressed and oppressed. Though I have no teaching on this topic from pastor's through my life it seems, biblically speaking we should be praying against demonic spirits. The bible portrays them as the real cause. Let's not make the mistake thinking that today we should consider the Bible mistaken about mental illness and see no spiritual cause.

The modern solution is medicate and heal through therapy with secular psychology. Not negating the potential value of these things, this is not the full Biblical view. Often these things are bandaids on serious wounds, the easing of symptoms of something at a much deeper level.

Q: What are we to make of the prophecy being fulfilled? Look at Isaiah 53:4, what is the difference in how Matthew states it?

Took all our diseases verses griefs and sorrows.

Q: Should we take it Matthew's way or Isaiah's way?

Both. The Spirit wrote God's word and fulfillment of promises was often clarified or brought further during and after Christ. Ex: Look at Matt 5:21-30

Q: What do we say of Mark and Luke mentioning the confession of demons?

Demons know God, perhaps they would put us to shame. All creation knows Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God though men choose to deny Him, an irony. James 2:19

Q: Jesus again denies them revealing Him everyone else, what is the motive in that?

Timing and the fact that miracles are to the honor and glory of God. Even Jesus took no honor for Himself. John 8:20