

How Jesus Heals

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Be cleansed.'

(Matthew 8:3)



Jesus' Ten Healings in Matthew 8 – 9

Text	Subject	Issue	Jesus' spoken word
8:1 – 4	Miracle 1	Uncleanness, leprosy	Jesus...touched him, <i>saying</i>
8:5 – 13	Miracle 2	Illness, suffering	Just <i>say the word</i>
8:14 – 17	Miracle 3	Fever, demons	He cast out the spirits <i>with a word</i>
8:18 – 22	Teaching 1	Jesus requires everything	
8:23 – 27	Miracle 4	Stormy sea	He... <i>rebuked</i> the winds and the sea
8:28 – 34	Miracle 5	Demons	He <i>said</i> to them, 'Go!'
9:1 – 8	Miracle 6	Paralysis	He <i>said</i> to the paralytic
9:9 – 17	Teaching 2	Jesus has come for sinners	
9:18 – 26	Miracles 7 & 8	Uncleanness, death	Jesus turning and seeing her <i>said...</i> He <i>said</i> , 'Leave...'
9:27 – 31	Miracle 9	Blindness	He touched their eyes, <i>saying</i>
9:32 – 34	Miracle 10	Mute, demons	The mute man <i>spoke</i>
9:35 – 38	Teaching 3	More workers for the harvest!	

Healing #1

8:1 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed him. ² And a leper came to him and bowed down before him, and said, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.' ³ Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, 'See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

Healing #1

1. What was this man's life like with leprosy?

Leprosy in Old Testament Israel: 'The person with an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out 'Unclean! Unclean!' As long as he has the infection, he remains unclean. He must live alone; he must live outside the camp.'
(Leviticus 13:45-46)

Healing #1

2. How did leprosy symbolize sin?

Leprosy

Sin

Healing #1

3. How could Jesus touch the leper and not become unclean?

‘If a man carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and touches bread with this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any other food, will it become holy?’ And the priests answered, ‘No.’ Then Haggai said, ‘If one who is unclean from a corpse touches any of these, will the latter become unclean?’ And the priests answered, ‘It will become unclean.’
(Haggai 2:11 – 13)

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