



May 4th 2008

Sermon Notes



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Mark 5:21-43

“Christ Our Powerful Healer”

Red Sox Nation- “Reverse the Curse!”

Two very different people seeking Jesus for healing...

- ◆ Jairus, the synagogue ruler (vs. 21-24)
- ◆ An anonymous woman (vs. 25-28)

Two Reminders that bolster our faith in Jesus Christ:

1. **Jesus’ compassion is unending. He will not reject anyone who comes to him in the midst of suffering.**
(vs. 29-34)

2. **Jesus’ power is infinite. He has power over death itself!**
(vs. 35-43)

God Rewards those who come to him with Genuine yet Imperfect faith. (See also Hebrews 11:1-2, 6)



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Sermon Application Questions



May 5-11, 2008
Daily Readings

For Starters:

1. How do you react when you have a prolonged cough or cold? Are you someone who complains a lot, or do you tend to “gut it out”? Do you seek God more when you are afflicted with an illness or do you tend to turn away from God?
2. Do you know anyone who believes that you simply have to have enough faith to be healed? What is your gut reaction to that kind of teaching? How does Paul’s experience in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 counterbalance the “name it and claim it” faith-oriented teaching?

For Further Study:

3. In Luke 13:10-17 Jesus heals a woman who had been “crippled by a spirit” for 18 years. Do you agree that there is a relationship between physical suffering and evil spirits? Why or why not? Why did Jesus get so angry with the synagogue ruler and other people?
4. Read James 5:13-20. How are we to seek and pray for healing in the church? How might you answer a friend who comes to the elders for prayer and is not healed?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-26. What is our hope in the resurrection? What are the benefits of believing in Christ? How is death referred to in this passage? Take heart that even death itself will be destroyed.

As we continue our study of Mark, the theme of Jesus being rejected becomes prominent. In Mark 6:1-13, not only Jesus but also his disciples are rejected.

Mon. May 5	Mark 6:1-13 Jesus is rejected in Nazareth- his hometown. Why could Jesus not do any miracles there?
Tues. May 6	Matthew 21 At the end of this passage, it is clear that the chief priests and Pharisees made up their minds to reject Jesus. Notice the fulfillment of prophecy in verse 42.
Wed. May 7	Isaiah 54:1-10 This passage tells how God still seeks after us even though we have rejected him.
Thurs. May 8	Luke 7:21-35 In this passage the religious leaders make clear their rejection of John the Baptist’s ministry and also Jesus ministry. In what ways is our generation fickle- wanting a savior to meet their own amusement? (verse 31-35)
Fri. May 9	Acts 13:14-52. This sermon by Paul is a great summary passage of the gospel, from Old Testament to Christ. When have you experienced abuse or slander because you witnessed for Christ? (verse 45)
Sat.- Sun. May 10- 11	Proverbs 31- This chapter extols the virtues of a godly wife. Take time to thank God for your mother and what she taught you.