

JUST COME!

(HEALING SERVICE)

ser4068 Where Is God When I'm Afraid, Pt 4

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i. (HOOK) POINT OF INTRIGUE

A. Usually, I begin a sermon, or more accurately put, the word God has for us, with an illustration. Today our “HOOK” is one verse. Let’s look at it!

Matthew 13: 58

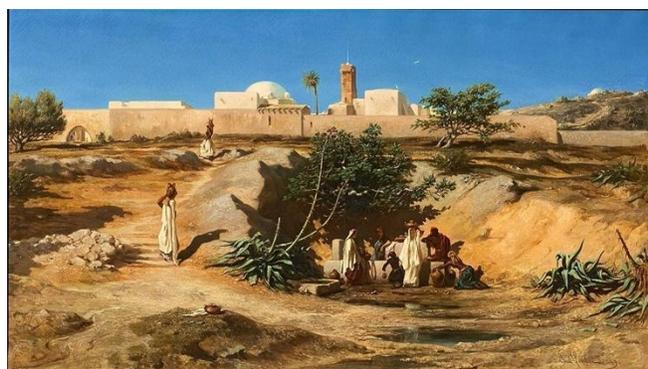
⁵⁸ And He [Jesus] did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

B. Here’s the setting.



Jesus has returned to His hometown of Nazareth. (show photos - today & then) The residents are astonished, saying, “Where did Jesus get

this wisdom? And how is He able to do these miracles? Is this not Joseph, the carpenter’s son? Isn’t Mary his mother and his brothers



James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? And don't his sisters live among us, too?" (*Matthew 13:55-56, JBSV*)

Sadly, the paragraph concludes with these words, "And they were offended by Him." (*Matthew 13:57 NIV*)

II. (BOOK) THE CONTRAST

A. Now let's draw a contrast between this report regarding Jesus the Miracle Worker and Luke's account in Chapter Four of his Gospel.

Luke 4:40-41

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, *all* those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on *every one* of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are ^[d]the Christ, the Son of God!"

And He, rebuking *them*, did not allow them to ^[a]speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

Luke 6:17-19 Here's the setting:

Jesus has spent the evening in prayer. In the morning, He chooses His twelve disciples. Afterward, Jesus comes down from the mountain and has compassion on the crowd, healing all with diseases and casting out demons. [Let's read it!](#)

Oh, and lest we miss this in the setting, right after Jesus' acts of compassion, He delivers His well-known *Sermon on the Mount*.

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them all*.

III. (LOOK) THE COMMON THREAD

A. In contrast to Jesus in His hometown of Nazareth, what is the “common thread?”

1. Jesus healed each one of them. (*Luke 4:40 & 6:19*)

2. Not quite as apparent but implied in the text: He healed all who came. ([show photo](#))



3. Those who didn't come were not healed. (*Matthew 13:54-58*)

B. Only Jesus had the gift of healing.

The New Testament believer has “gifts of healing” (*I Corinthians 12:9*), but only Jesus had the “gift of healing.” In His infinite wisdom, God set Jesus apart as Messiah and “Lord of all,” by empowering Him to heal

EVERYONE who came to Him. No other person who has ever lived has, or will ever have, that power and authority. **Matthew 8:16-17** says,

¹⁶When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities
And bore *our* sicknesses.”

C. The “common thread” is ... say it with me, “*They came.*”

Only those who came were healed.

1. The woman with the issue of blood came, touched the hem of Jesus’ garment, and was healed. (**Matthew 9, Mark 5, Luke 8**)

2 The ten Samaritan men with leprosy came, cried out, **“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”** and were healed. (**Luke 17**)

3. The synagogue ruler Jairus fell at Jesus’ feet and implored Him to lay hands on his dying daughter. Jesus did and she was healed. (**Matthew 9, Mark 5**)

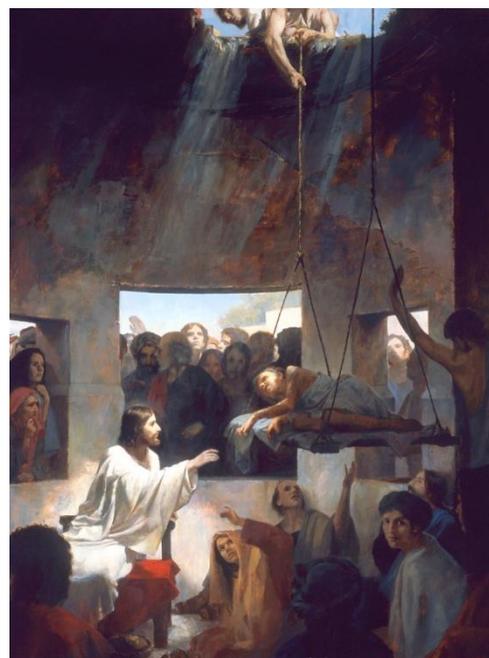
4. The friends of their paralyzed friend came and, with perseverance, opened a hole in the roof, let him down into the house where Jesus was, (**show photo, p5**) and watched Jesus heal the man with a spoken word. (**Matthew 9, Mark 2, Luke 5**)

5. Everyone who came to Jesus was healed. Everyone!

IV. **(TOOK)** JUST COME

A. I cannot explain why some who come for healing are healed and others are not.

Do I have my opinions on the subject? Absolutely, with illustrations to support my thoughts. But that's for another time. For today, when the Altar is open for healing, move in this moment of faith: "If you want to be healed, you must come to Jesus." Those who didn't come missed out on the blessing, but those who did come received the blessing.



B. **(INVITATION)** The same is true of salvation—you must come.

John 1:12

¹² ... to all who received Him/Jesus, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—

Will you come? Will you receive Christ? Here's how.

Admit— your sins have separated you from God.

(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

Believe – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.)
(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

Commit – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I'm sorry for the things I've done that are wrong: I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and Savior. I give You my life. Amen.

V. THE ALTAR OF HEALING

Qualifications for healing:

- o If your disease is a result of sin, put it away.
- o If you have an unresolved offense, settle it.
- o If you have enough faith to come to Jesus, that is all you need; He will do the rest.
- o Just come!