

WHO IS THIS MAN?

WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT HEALING?

Mark 6:53-56 Jeff Schreve

And wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and entreating Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured. Mark 6:56

Is healing supposed to be the norm in Christianity today?

1. Healing was given for a sign to authenticate the message.

And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. Acts 8:6-7

A. Jesus healed lots of people during his ministry.

B. Physical healing did not produce spiritual healing.

But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him. John 12:37

"Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine--where are they?"

Luke 17:17

C. Sign gifts were no longer necessary once the New Testament was written.

2. Those today who claim to be faith healers are not.

A. God still heals.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. James 5:14-15

B. Healing is not the norm.

C. Healing is not guaranteed if you have enough faith.

3. God has a purpose in our physical infirmities.

And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me--to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Spiritual healing is the issue the Lord wants to address.