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• On the Sabbath Jesus has:

1. Taught in the synagogue.
  2. Cast out a demon.
- He now leaves the synagogue and goes to Simon's (Peter) home.
  - This would be typical on a Sabbath, to be done around noon and then to go home or to someone's home and enjoy a meal together.
  - Peter's mother-in-law is suffering from a high fever.

**Note:** Peter is married. RC have a problem here. If Peter is the first Pope and therefore must be celibate, how can he be married. Tradition also says he had children.

#### 1 Cor 9:5

5 Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

**Note:** Luke records that this was a “high” fever. (103+) Other gospel writers do not use the word “high.” Again this is Luke the physician. The most common causes of high fever are infections, such as pneumonia, meningitis, and infections of the urinary tract.

• “they” - Peter, Andrew, James, and John. (Mark 1:29)

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“rebuked” – ἐπιτιμαω – to take charge over something, to admonish, to rebuke.

• This is not implying that the fever was caused by a demon. Jesus at other times rebuked the wind and the sea and no demon was involved.

• Jesus calls the fever out and notice, it immediately left her.

• Now this is important to note:

When Jesus heals, the healing is:

1. Instantaneous. Not gradual, not progressive but instant. There was no waiting for the healing to “take hold.” If you have to wait weeks or months then the healing could be explained another way.
2. Complete. Not partial. No need for additional healings. It’s over. It’s done.
3. Done with no faith required from the one who is sick.
4. Occurs with no controlled environment, no music, and no dramatics.

• There is no other way to explain this other than the authoritative power of the sovereignty of God.

• She immediately pops out of bed and begins serving the meal.

• This is what a true healing looks like.

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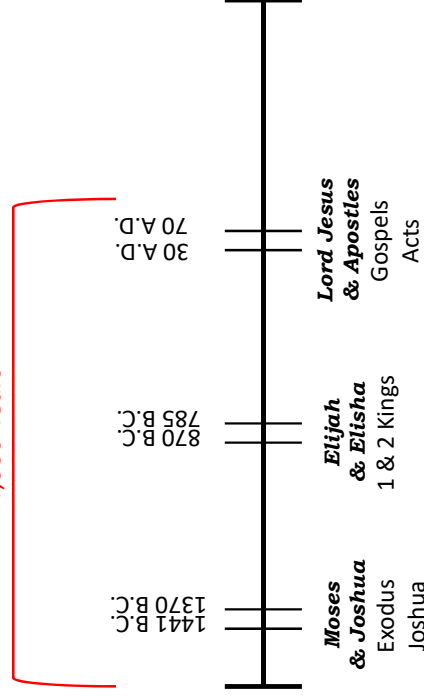
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- The Sabbath went from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday.
- So this is sundown on Saturday.
- The people wait until this time to bring the sick so that they do not violate the Sabbath according to the laws of the Jewish establishment. No healing on the Sabbath, and you could not travel over a days journey.
- Notice it is "various" diseases. All types – organic, functional, etc. Jesus could heal cancer, AIDS, Covid, broken bones, spinal disorders, Malaria, blindness, deafness, deformity, heart disease, arthritis, Alzheimer's, diabetes, etc, etc, He could heal any and all diseases, inherited or acquired.
- No pre-screening, just bring them all.
- All were healed that day– perhaps hundreds.

4,000 Years



**Christ** – (about 90 healings recorded in the 4 gospels over 3 years)

- Changing water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- **Healing** of the royal official's son (John 4:46-54)
- **Healing** of a man possessed by a demon in Capernaum (Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:33-37)
- **Healing** of Simon Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39)
- **Healing** the sick during the evening (Matt 8:16, Mark 1:32, Luke 4:40)
- Catching a large number of fish (Luke 5:3-10)
- **Healing** a leper (Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15)
- **Healing** a centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10)
- **Healing** a paralyzed man (Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:18-26)
- **Healing** a withered hand (Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-10)
- **Raising** a widow's son (Luke 7:11-17)
- Calming the stormy sea (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25)
- **Healing** the Gerasene demon-possessed man (Matthew 8:28-32, Mark 5:1-13, Luke 8:26-33)
- **Healing** a blind man in Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)
- **Healing** a man born blind (John 9:1-41)
- **Healing** a boy possessed by a demon (Matthew 17:14-20, Mark 9:17-29, Luke 9:37-43)
- Catching a fish with a coin in its mouth (Matthew 17:24-27)
- **Healing** a blind and mute man who was possessed by a demon (Matthew 12:22-23, Luke 11:14)
- **Healing** a woman with an 18 year infirmity (Luke 13:10-13)
- **Healing** a man with dropsy (Luke 14:1-6)
- **Healing** 10 men suffering from leprosy (Luke 17:11-19)
- Bringing Lazarus back to life (John 11:1-44)
- **Healing** Bartimaeus of blindness (Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43)
- The withering fig tree that produced no fruit (Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-25)
- **Restoring** a severed ear (Luke 22:45-54)
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ ( 1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 28, Mark 16; Luke 24, John 20 )
- Catching of the 153 fish (John 21:4-11)

• **Healing** a woman with internal bleeding (Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48)

• **Raising** Jairus' daughter (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; Luke 8:41-42, 49-56)

• **Healing** two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31)

• **Healing** a mute man possessed by a demon (Matthew 9:32-33)

• **Healing** a man who was crippled for 38 years (John 5:1-17)

• Feeding 5000 men and their families (Matthew 14:16-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-14)

• Jesus walks on water (Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21)

• **Healing** of many in Gennesaret (Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56)

• **Healing** a demon-possessed girl (Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30)

• **Healing** a deaf man with a speech impediment (Mark 7:31-37)

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**Note several things here:**

1. Nothing is said about these having enough faith. These healings are to demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah and points people to believe in His message. Today a healing or miracle is left up to the sovereign plan of God for my life. He may choose to heal me, He may not. I should pray, ask, and trust Him for the outcome. Remember this –

“It takes more faith to believe in the providence of God (that He has brought this disease into my life to serve His purposes) than to believe in the power of God (that I should be instantly healed.)”

Rather than asking, “Do I have enough faith to be healed?”

perhaps I should ask “Do I have enough faith if I am NOT healed?”

**Job 13:15**

- 5 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
2. There is no record here of anyone believing for salvation. Healing is not the gospel. It only points you to One who is the gospel.

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- People were also being healed of demon possession.
- This sends the demons into a panic.
- So they scream (κραυγαζω - shrieks of terror.) They are desperate. Why?
  1. To appease Jesus. May send them to the abyss and eventually to the Lake of Fire.
  2. To appear to have the upper hand.
  3. To confuse the crowd.
- As with the demon in the synagogue, Jesus muzzles them to stop the confusion.
- Demons know who Jesus is and are willing to proclaim it, but this is not the publicity Jesus needed.
- It’s sad that the demons know who Jesus is but they do not love Him, worship Him, treasure Him, or trust Him. At this point, neither does the crowd.
- Again, no record of anyone being saved.

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1. Jesus went to the synagogue, where He taught the Word.
2. While there He healed a demon-possessed man.
3. Jesus went over to Simon Peter’s home for dinner.
4. Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and Jesus healed her.
5. After sundown, when the Sabbath was over, the whole town lined up at Peter’s door with their sick and Jesus healed them.
6. Early the next morning Jesus slips away to pray.
7. The crowds find Him and press Him to stay.



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- Jesus probably healed late into the evening.
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- But Jesus is going to be greatly sought after for what He has the ability to do.
- They search and they find Him and try to keep Him from leaving them.
- Health is a big issue in peoples lives.
- Look at the pandemic.
- If you can empty hospitals, and cure every disease, you will be in demand.

**Think about it:** Were the Capernaumites better than the Nazarethites?

In one place He was tossed out because of what He said (quoted the truth of the Scripture).

In another place He was begged to stay because of what He did (healed).

Both groups remained in unbelief.

That is why Jesus said . . .

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- Here is the greater work and message – to “preach the kingdom of God”.

**“the kingdom of God” used 3 ways -**

1. The rule of God over all of the universe – *sovereign rule*.

**Ps 103:19**

19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,

And His sovereignty rules over all.

2. The rule over the hearts of believers – *spiritual rule*.

**Col 3:15**

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

3. The future rule over the earth for 1,000 years – *millennial rule*.

**Dan 7:27**

27 Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.

**Rev 19:15**

5 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron;

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- Jesus stays on course.
- His mission is to “seek and save the lost”. Not by healing, or doing good, or impressing people with miracles, but by preaching the good news that He is the Messiah who has come to save them from their sin and rule in their hearts and lives.