HE TOOK UP OUR INFIRMITIES AND BORE OUR DISEASES

Matthew 8:1–17

Key Verse: 8:17

1. After his Sermon on the Mount, who first came to Jesus for help? (1–2) What were the effects of leprosy physically, socially and religiously? How is it like sin? What reflects this man’s attitude, and how do his words exhibit faith? (2)
2. What did Jesus do (3a), and how was this radical? What did he say? (3b) What do his words “I am willing” tell us? What effect did his word have? (3c) What meaning does this have for us? Why did Jesus want him not to tell anyone? (4a) What was the purpose of his final instructions? (4b) What can we learn from Jesus here?
3. What significance did Capernaum have in Jesus’ ministry? (5a; 4:13) What kind of person was a centurion? (5b,9) What did this man tell Jesus, and why? (6) How did Jesus respond? (7) What was the man’s attitude toward Jesus, and what did he want him to do? (8) How did he explain his idea? (9) What can we learn from him?
4. What did Jesus say in response? (10) What was it about this man’s faith that made it greater than all Israel’s? What two peoples and their destinies did Jesus contrast? (11–12) What allows people into the kingdom of heaven? What warning do we find here? What did Jesus say to the centurion, and what happened? (13)
5. What happened at Peter’s house? (14–15) How did this further reveal his grace? What happened that evening? (16) How might Jesus have felt by that time? What does it mean to be “demon-possessed”? How is the power of Jesus’ word again highlighted?
6. Read verse 17. How does this verse summarize verses 1–16? What are some present-day spiritual diseases? How can we experience Jesus’ healing? (2–3,8b,16b) How can we be agents of spiritual healing in our time? (6,8b,13,17) How can we be more like Jesus in our dealings with others?