



**March 29, 2026**

**Jesus Heals Many**

**Luke 4:38-41**

**Introduction:**

From **Person** to **Preaching** to **Power**:

1. A demonic deliverance (the message last week)
2. Jesus heals many people (the message this week)

Please remember:

1. Christians cannot be possessed — no joint tenants — **James 4:7**
2. Avoid “seeing a demon behind every bush” (obsessed by it)
3. Avoid not believing in demons at all (avoiding it altogether)

Jesus's ministry revolved around demonic deliverances, physical healings, and preaching the kingdom of God

## A study of physical healing: What does God's Word say?:

In the Old Testament, God is called **Jehovah Rophe**: God my Healer — **Exodus 15:26**.

Jesus reflects who God the Father is — and much of his ministry is spent healing people!

### **Luke 4:38–39 (ESV)**

*And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.*

- Jesus leaves the synagogue (public ministry) to Simon's house (private ministry)
- This house in Capernaum was probably owned by Simon with his brother, Andrew
- Simon's mother-in-law is ill with a high fever (malaria perhaps?)
- All illness/death is from the Fall in **Genesis 3** and is not a part of God's original intent
- Note that Simon is married (papal succession from Peter and can't be married?)
- SOLA SCRIPTURA
- Any children? The Chosen (tv series)...there is no evidence of it
- "They" (the people in the home/family/friends) appealed to Jesus for her healing
- Jesus stood over her
- He rebuked the fever
- Other times Jesus "rebukes:"
  1. A storm
  2. Demons
  3. Illness (not all illness is from sin, but some is: smoking, eating poorly, no exercise — we are body, soul, and spirit — wholeness)

- Jesus rebukes the fever and it immediately leaves her
- She gets up and immediately serves them: another miracle!
- After a bad sickness, there is usually a long recovery time — but not here!
- Don't miss this: **we are healed to serve** ... yes, we: thank God, praise God, and then we serve God

Another eyewitness accounts of the same event from Matthew:

### **Matthew 8:14–17 (ESV)**

*And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."*

From Matthew's story, a few different insights:

- Simon is called Peter: the beauty of a name-change!
- Jesus "touched her hand" before healing Peter's mother-in-law
- The power of laying on hands in God's Word (why we often do it here at MOHC):
  1. For stirring up our spiritual gifts
  2. Commissioning from leaders and the church for people to do ministry
  3. Blessings on children (primarily from parents)
  4. Blessings on others (police officers, military personnel, missionaries)
  5. Divine healings
- Medical studies on children in neo-natal intensive care units (stabilizing the heart/breathing)
- It's called TT: "the therapeutic touch" or "the healing touch"
- Cancer associated illnesses among adults show improvement with touch
- Long before the contemporary world knew it, the Great Physician,

Jesus, knew this power

- **A MOMENT:** Let's honor all medical personnel
- You are in God's perfect will by helping to heal human bodies (original intent)

A major insight from Matthew, the reference to **Isaiah 53:5-6**:

### **Isaiah 53:5-6 (ESV)**

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Two key insights for rightful biblical interpretation:

1. Always interpret the Old Testament with the New Testament
  - **Key question:** Is physical healing in the Atonement/Cross of Jesus? It appears so in Matthew's gospel
  - The most important question: Is physical healing guaranteed in the Atonement/Cross?
  - In this life? Not necessarily. People still die if healed — a reprieve.
  - In eternity? Yes! Guaranteed for all who believe in Jesus
  - Jesus to his disciples in **Mark 16:18**:  
*...they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.*
  - What we will celebrate next week at Easter
2. Always interpret the Gospels (**Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**) with the Epistles (**Romans-Jude**)

### **1 Peter 2:24-25 (ESV)**

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

- Peter connected **Isaiah 53** with Jesus's Atonement
- Jesus's Atonement on the Cross apparently does give his church, his Body, healing graces

Paul and spiritual gifts to the church:

### **1 Corinthians 12:9–10, 28 (ESV)**

*to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles...*

### **Application: How then should MOHC look at physical healing?**

Biblically, there seems to be a connection between our faith and physical healing — **not a formula but a conduit.**

1. The woman hemorrhaging blood — **Mark 5:34**
  - "Daughter, your faith has made you well"
2. The centurion's servant (like an adopted son in that day) — **Matthew 8:13**
  - "Just say the word and my servant will be healed"
  - Jesus marveled at his GREAT FAITH
  - Jesus did "say the word" and the servant was healed
3. Blind Bartimaeus — **Mark 10:52**
  - Threw his cloak away while still blind and walked toward Jesus
  - "Your faith has made you well"
4. The paralyzed man — **Mark 2:5**
  - The faith of his four friends granted him healing
  - "Their faith has made you well" — praying for loved ones
5. When Jesus is all you have (travels around the globe)
  - Our prayerless prayers
  - Too quickly going to, "If it be your will..."
  - The passion of people praying around the world

## **There seem to be times biblically when there is no expressed faith and healing occurs:**

1. The man at the pool of Bethesda — **John 5:1-15**
2. The man born blind — **John 9:1-7**
3. Lazarus — **John 11**

## **There appear to be other examples in the Bible where physical healings apparently don't happen:**

1. Paul's thorn in the flesh — **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**
2. Few miracles in Nazareth because of "their unbelief" — **Mark 6:5-6**
3. Trophimus was left in Miletus because of illness — **2 Timothy 4:20**
4. Paul to Timothy about his bad stomach: Take a little wine — **1 Timothy 5:23**
5. Epaphroditus almost died over a period of time — **Philippians 2:27**
6. Spit from Jesus on eyes — **John 9:6-7** (Jesus had to practice persistent prayer)

## **MOHC's approach to physical healing:**

1. Eternal life is in the Atonement: new bodies one day — healed and perfect forever
2. Physical healing too (this seems to be what the Bible teaches)
3. We will pray with as much faith as we know how
4. Believing God can and will heal in our church (we've seen them already)
5. Miracles are happening now all over the world: Craig Keener and his volumes
6. **Key:** Try to hear God's voice for your personal promises — **John 10:27** (Marilynn)
7. And if not? And if God doesn't heal? There is a mystery in healing we don't understand:

### **Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV)**

*The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all*

*the words of this law.*

### **1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV)**

*For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

### **Romans 8:23 (ESV)**

*And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

8. **A lack of faith?** Perhaps. That should not scare us. No one here has perfect faith, yet we should work hard at building our faith
9. God's sovereign plan for us may be that we “show how Christians go through trials differently than the world” — with great faith and hope
10. We keep praying persistently, passionately, fervently until God says, "No."
11. And if not? If God doesn't heal? **We will still worship him!**

There is:

- A time to ask the Spirit for physical healing
- A time to ask the Spirit for miracles
- A time to express great faith that God can do all things
- A time of relinquishment
- And a time for worship. Let's do so now