



Jesus over Sickness

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT JESUS HAS POWER OVER SICKNESS?

The POINT ➤

Jesus has power over sickness, proving He is God.

› GENESIS 3:1-7

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"

²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

› PSALM 38:3

³There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

› JOHN 4:46-49,51-54

⁴⁶So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

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⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵²So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁵³The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Ticks are not insects. They are actually classified as arachnids, or relatives of spiders, scorpions, and mites.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

No sickness is greater than Jesus because He is God.

One summer when I was a forty-five-year-old youth pastor, I decided it was a good idea to go and speak at three different church camps, take my students on a mission trip, and do all of the normal youth stuff we do as youth pastors during the summer. As the summer came to an end, I became really sick. But instead of getting better, I just kept getting worse. I went to the doctor, and they treated all of my symptoms, but they couldn't figure out what was wrong. I would get better for a few days but then something new would come up.

Our church family began to pray and ask Jesus, the Author of all things, to help us. Jesus didn't do a great miracle in that moment, but He reminded me of a tick I had removed at one of the camps where I had been the speaker. I called the doctor, and he ran the test and discovered I had Rocky Mountain spotted fever from a tick. I started taking an antibiotic, and I got better.

Now Jesus may not have healed me in the way He does the boy in the event we are looking at today, but I promise you it was a healing from God. He showed us He was in control of my health and was the Author of every moment leading up to and after that day.

GENESIS 3:1-7; PSALM 38:3

1 Have you ever seen or experienced the connection between spiritual choices and sickness?

2 What hope does Scripture offer for those suffering in a world broken by sin?



*Life is not something we control—it's something God is in control of and we receive.
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JOHN 4:46-49

3 How can recognizing life as a gift change the way you approach your daily routine or relationships?

4 What does the father's faith teach you about trusting Jesus in times of crisis?

5 In what areas of your life have you been trying to stay in control rather than trusting God?

JOHN 4:51-54

6 How does knowing Jesus is the Author of life change the way you view your personal struggles or losses?

7 What can we learn from the royal official's faith and response to Jesus's word?

8 How does the promise of Revelation 21:4 give you hope for your future and for the world?



LIVE IT OUT



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Wrestling a broken world is a common human experience. Even those who don't know Jesus have an emotional connection to things such as sickness, death, and pain. For students who follow Christ, maybe they watch people deal with illness and think, "Why would God allow this to happen?" In this lesson, students will learn Jesus has power over sickness because He is God.

Important note: Keep in mind students who are closely connected to someone who is sick right now. Maybe it's a parent, grandparent, or a friend who has cancer or another life-threatening or life-altering illness. Stay sensitive to the issues in your group. They may have several deep, spiritual questions and need a safe place to process their emotions and thoughts.

> CHRIST

9 Have you asked Jesus to deal with your sins once and for all in your life?

10 Have you had a moment when you witnessed Jesus being the Author of your life? What happened?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

> COMMUNITY

11 Who do you know in your church who is sick, and how could you be praying for God to heal this person's illness?



12 Who in your school could you share the truth of Jesus as the Author of life with?

> CULTURE

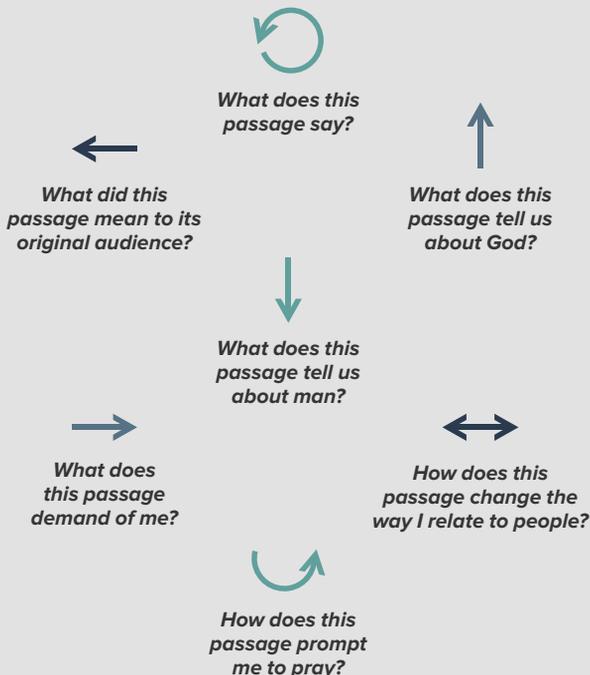
13 How can you share with your friends the truth that all life is a gift from God?

14 Pray that God will give you the chance to share the truth of His love and power with someone this week.

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One JOHN 5:6-7

In John 5:6-7, Jesus sees a man who has been disabled for thirty-eight years and asks him if he wants to be made well. Instead of answering directly, the man gives a reason for why he hasn't been healed. This passage shows us the importance of responding with a yes to God's question. Jesus offers spiritual and physical healing, but instead, we often make excuses for why things aren't going the way we think they should.

This event also reminds us of the urgency of responding to Christ's call. We believe in the transforming power of a personal relationship with Jesus; we recognize that spiritual healing begins when we acknowledge our need and surrender to Him. We are not called to stay in defeat, but to step forward in obedience, trusting that Christ has the authority to make us whole, both physically and spiritually.

- **In what area of your life could Jesus be asking, "Do you want to be made well?"**
- **How are you responding to His question?**

Day Two

MATTHEW 4:22-23



In Matthew 4:23-24, Jesus travels through Galilee teaching, preaching the good news, and healing every kind of disease and affliction. His healing ministry demonstrates that the gospel addresses both spiritual and physical needs. This shows us that Jesus cares deeply about the whole person. While our ultimate healing is spiritual (by asking Jesus into our hearts, we'll one day be with Him in heaven), we also recognize that God can and still does bring physical healing according to His will and purpose. As followers of Jesus, we are called to trust in His power to heal and bring our burdens to Him in prayer. While we may not always understand God's timing, we believe in the authority of Jesus over all sickness and brokenness. This passage also encourages us to be compassionate witnesses, pointing others to the Savior who not only forgives sin but also brings comfort and healing to the hurting.

- **Are you regularly bringing your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to Jesus in prayer?**
- **How can you be a witness of Christ's healing and compassion in your home, church, or community?**

Day Three

JOHN 9:6-7

In John 9:6-7, Jesus heals a man born blind by making mud, applying it to the man's eyes, and instructing him to wash in the pool of Siloam. The man does it and receives his sight. This passage shows us the importance of faith and obedience in receiving God's work in our lives. Jesus has the power to bring both physical and spiritual sight, but our response must be one of trust and action. The man's healing came not just through Christ's touch but through his willingness to follow the Lord's command.

This miracle also reminds believers that God often works in ways we don't expect. Jesus used something as simple as mud to display divine power. When God's methods may not make sense to us, our role is to obey in faith because we can trust in our personal relationship with Christ and the authority of Scripture. Transformation comes when we trust Him, even when we don't fully understand the process.

- **Is there something God is asking you to do in faith, even if it doesn't make sense right now?**
- **How can you show trust in Jesus through obedience in your current circumstances?**

Day Four

MATTHEW 9:20-22

In Matthew 9:20-22, a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years reaches out in faith to touch the edge of Jesus's cloak, believing that even that small act would bring healing. Jesus not only heals her physically but also affirms her faith by telling her that her faith has made her well. This passage powerfully illustrates the necessity of personal faith in Jesus. Healing and restoration come not through rituals or religion but through a direct, trusting relationship with Christ.

This encounter reminds believers that Jesus is always accessible to those who come to Him in faith, no matter how broken or desperate our situation. We believe that Jesus is able to meet all our needs—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Just like the woman, we are called to boldly approach Jesus, trusting that He knows our pain and has the power to heal it. Her example encourages us to live our faith out loud, even in the face of fear or uncertainty.

- **In what area of your life do you need to reach out in faith to Jesus?**
- **How can you encourage someone else who feels forgotten or hopeless to approach Jesus in faith?**

Day Five

MATTHEW 8:2-3



In Matthew 8:2-3, a man with leprosy approaches Jesus, kneels before Him, and acknowledges that Jesus can make him clean if He is willing. Jesus responds with compassion, touches the man, and says He's willing and cleanses him. This powerful moment shows the humility and faith of the man as well as the willingness of Jesus to meet him in his need. Like the man with leprosy, we are to approach Christ with reverent faith, trusting fully in His power and goodness to heal both physically and spiritually. People with leprosy were unclean and never to be touched. Jesus's willingness to touch the untouchable also reminds us that no one is too far gone for His grace. The compassion of Christ toward the broken is seen in this moment. This encourages us to come honestly before God with our needs and to trust His heart, even when we're uncertain of the outcome. Jesus's response to the leper reminds us that He sees us, loves us, and is able to make us whole.

- **Is there a need in your life that you've been hesitant to bring fully to Jesus in faith?**
- **How can you reflect Jesus's compassion by reaching out to someone who feels rejected or unworthy?**