

Chapter Two

Christ's Ministry to the Masses in Matthew and Mark

1. Why should the will of the Father be clear to believers? Pg. 20

2. Why is the will of the Father not clear nevertheless to many people? Pg. 20

3. What is one of the objectives of the book? Pg. 20

4. In this analysis, what is important to discover? Pg. 20

5. The actual study begins with “general descriptions” of Christ’s ministry. What does the author mean by “general descriptions”? Pg. 20

6. The general description found in Matthew 4:23-24 reveals the activity of healing in the ministry of Christ in the context of what three other activities? Pg. 21

7. How is “proclaiming” translated in some versions? Pg. 21

8. What is significant about Christ healing “every kind of disease and every kind of sickness”? Pg. 21

9. What is absent from this account that is significant as well? Pg. 21-22

10. What does Christ not do that is significant? Pg. 22

11. The general description found in Matthew 4:23-24 reveals five different kinds of problems that Christ healed. What were they? Pg. 22

12. The author notes what special category as being interesting? Pg. 22

13. How many of what particular group does the passage strongly imply were healed? Pg. 22

14. Fill in the blank: What is absent in this general account is any _____ in the ministry of Christ toward healing the sick. Pg. 22

15. Fill in the blank: There is no _____ of the will of God in each situation for each person. Pg. 22

16. Fill in the blank: There seems to be no _____ of people into categories of those who should be healed and those who should not be healed. Pg. 22

17. The second general description of the ministry of Christ found in Matthew's Gospel contains an important quotation from what Old Testament book? Pg. 22

18. Casting out demons through a word implies what? Pg. 23

19. This method of casting out demons appears where else in Scripture? Pg. 23

20. How many were healed in this situation? Pg. 23

21. Many were brought to Christ and all were healed. This means that there is no evidence of what? Pg. 23

22. What does Christ healing “all” among the “many” in this situation mean? Pg. 23

23. Not a single person demonstrated what? Pg. 23

24. What did Matthew reveal about this example of healing ministry? Pg. 23

25. Why is this prophecy highly significant? Pg. 23

26. This passage substantiates that when Christ died for our sins at the cross, what else did He do for us? Pg. 23-24

27. What is also significant in producing consistent results in healing ministry? Pg. 24

28. What is notably absent from this account? Pg. 24

29. The author notes that three elements are often found together. What are they? Pg. 24

30. Healing and casting out demons are possible to accomplish without do what particular activities? Pg. 24

31. What is absent from this account? Pg. 24

32. From anyone's way of accounting, what was the Father's will in this situation? Pg. 24

33. In the third general account found in Matthew 9:35, healing occurred in what context? Pg. 24

34. What does Christ healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness logically imply?
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35. What was not displayed in Christ's ministry that seems to be imposed by some modern theologies upon those who seek to heal the sick today? Pg. 24-25

36. What would happen to an identical ministry to Christ's today in many churches? Pg. 25

37. How would some ministers today consider a ministry similar to Christ's ministry? Pg. 25

38. Why are things changing dramatically? Pg. 25

39. Fill in the blank: The supernatural ministry of Christ is being _____ and experienced in many places as it should. Pg. 25

40. Where and when did the events found in the fourth general description in Matthew's Gospel take place? Pg. 25

41. The people who were healed in this general description were included in what other miracle? Pg. 25

42. How did the author at the assumption that there were at least 6,000 people present during this healing event? Pg. 25

43. How did the author arrive at "more than 600 people with healing needs in this one situation"? Pg. 25-26

44. What does the author believe about this estimation? Pg. 26

45. The passage does not focus so much on sickness but upon what? Pg. 26

46. What four conditions does it focus upon? Pg. 26

47. The author suggests that the New American Standard Bible should have translated the word here as “crippled” as what other English words? Pg. 26

48. What phrase allows for all other kinds of sickness and disease in this passage? Pg. 26

49. On average, how many of each of the five kinds of conditions can be estimated by using the previous estimates? Pg. 26

50. How long had the 4,000 plus people been with Christ? Pg. 27

51. This “three days” indicates what? Pg. 27

52. What does the passage not reveal? Pg. 27

53. If it was the Father’s will for some to remain sick, injured or disabled, then what would have Christ have done? Pg. 27

54. Fill in the blank: This passage and many others will show that the Father’s will for the sick, injured, and disabled is _____. Pg. 27

55. The fifth general description of Christ’s ministry to the masses found in Mark, Chapter 1, has more emphasis on what than Matthew’s Gospel? Pg. 27

56. What does the fact that many who were ill and demonized were brought to Christ imply? Pg. 28

57. What does the passage say and not say concerning how many were healed? Pg. 28

58. What does the author say that there is not a hint of? Pg. 28

59. What does popular modern theology suggest is the Father's will? Pg. 28

60. What does unbelieving theology want to find in Mark's general description? Pg. 28

61. What does the passage actually say? Pg. 28

62. What does the author say is unlikely? Pg. 28

63. If Mark was trying to indicate that some were not healed, then logically the opposite of many being healed is what? Pg. 28

64. If allowance is made for a few not being healed, what does this not indicate? Pg. 28

65. Fill in the blanks: The Father's will is not fulfilled in _____ for various reasons. Pg. 28

66. The author gives a number of examples of the Father's will not being fulfilled. What are they? Pg. 28

67. Someone not being healed on any particular occasion does not reveal what? Pg. 28

68. In this passage, the demons wanted to speak but Christ was doing what? Pg. 29

69. What two ministries were common elements in the ministry of Christ and His followers? Pg. 29

70. How were sickness, injury and demonic activity treated by Christ? Pg. 29

71. What is not found in the New Testament according to the author? Pg. 29

72. If nothing Christ says (or does) would encourage believers to another approach, then what should believers seek to do? Pg. 29

73. Where do other approaches come from? Pg. 29

74. So many people were being healed in the sixth general description of Christ's healing ministry, what was it necessary for Christ to do? Pg. 30

75. This passage again uses the term "many" which does not reveal what? Pg. 30

76. The passage does not imply what? Pg. 30

77. What is extremely doubtful when this passage is compared to other healing passages? Pg. 30

78. Fill in the blanks: The _____ on of _____ was a common way that Christ healed the sick. Pg. 30

79. This passage (Mark 3:9-11) reveals that people were healed in another common way. Pg. 30

80. What does the author say might have been the reason that Christ did not allow the demons to speak at other times? Pg. 30

81. True or False? Mark's Gospel does record a general description of Christ's ministry to the masses where there were evidently people who were sick that were not healed. Pg. 30-31

82. The seventh general description (Mark 6:2b-6a) of Christ's ministry to the masses takes place in what town? Pg. 31

83. In this circumstance, Christ announced what about Himself? Pg. 31

84. People in Christ's own hometown did not understand Him or His mission. How did they react to Him? Pg. 31

85. Why didn't these people see that Christ was revealing the will and power of the Father? Pg. 31

86. What does the great blessing of healing ministry often come with? Pg. 31

87. What is a small price to pay for the capacity to help many suffering people? Pg. 31

88. True or False? Christ was just as capable of helping people in His own hometown as elsewhere. Pg. 31

89. What is there no mention of in this passage? Pg. 31-32

90. What does the context of the passage (Mark 6:2b-6a) reveal? Pg. 32

91. What does the statement in this passage also reveal? Pg. 32

92. What was different in this circumstance that created the seemingly powerlessness of Christ to help these people? Pg. 32

93. How did those who believed that Christ could help them react in other places? Pg. 32

94. Conversely, what was the reaction of the people to Christ in His hometown basically? Pg. 32

95. True or False? Because of their lack of faith, Christ was only able to help a few sick people and was unable to do any miracles. Pg. 32

96. What is this event consistent with that will be observed in subsequent chapters? Pg. 32
