

Chapter Nine

Christ Heals Disability & Injury

1. The first account of healing of a disability concerns the deaf and mute man in Decapolis found in Mark 7:32-37. What does this healing not mention that was seen in the previous chapter? Pg. 143

2. How does this situation reveal that Christ's most often used method of healing was the "laying on of hands"? Pg. 143-144

3. Christ changed the location of someone before healing them. In this case, the author suggests that since the healing of hearing was involved that Christ needed what? Pg. 144

4. Fill in the blank: Putting fingers into a deaf person's ears is a form of the _____ on of _____. Pg. 144

5. What does the author say about the command for the ears to open? Pg. 145

6. What does the phrase "looking up to heaven with a deep sigh" suggest about the unusual methodology of using saliva? Pg. 144

7. What does the phrase "his ears were opened" imply about his condition before meeting Christ? Pg. 145

8. What does the word "impediment" mean from the literal Greek? Pg. 145.

9. What is the possible reason that Christ did not want anyone to publicize this miracle? Pg. 145

10. The disciples had observed Christ's ministry to all kinds of people with all kinds of problems. What was their testimony of His ministry? Pg. 145

11. What does the fact that the disciples knew that Christ had "done all things well" in the arena of healing suggest? Pg. 145

12. The author discusses a "theological loophole" were some have suggested that Christ did not heal everyone who came to Him in faith. If this were true what would it mean? How would it affect faith in Christ as Healer? Pg. 146

13. What does the author say is "impossible"? Pg. 146

14. Fill in the blanks: Believers can only have _____ in that which is _____ to be _____ . Pg. 146

15. The next event of healing in this chapter is the man at the Sheep Gate pool. It is found in John Chapter 5. Does any other Gospel record this healing? Pg. 147

16. What does "Bethesda" mean in Hebrew? Pg. 147

17. Why were there a great number of sick and injured people waiting around this pool? Pg. 147

18. There is a verse in this account that is sometimes placed in parenthesis or not included at all except in margin notes or footnotes. Why? Pg. 148

19. Other than the reason above, some have discounted this verse for some other reasons. What are they? Pg. 148

20. The author suggests that there is “no reason to doubt that this angelic phenomenon was actually happening” and offers some logic as well. On what basis does he believe this? Pg. 148

21. What does the sick man himself confirm that is in all the manuscripts that seems to make the earlier textual variant verse valid? Pg. 148

22. What does Christ’s question to the man suggest about the man’s emotional condition? Pg. 148

23. What does the fact of this man being sick for thirty-eight years not reveal? Pg. 149

24. What could have discouraged this man? What does he seem to complain about? Pg. 149

25. The author suggests that the man’s faith might have been regenerated by Christ’s question. Why? Pg. 149

26. Why does the author say that this healing is extremely encouraging? Pg. 150

27. True or False? The author states that sometimes people are healed that do not seem to meet the normal conditions of faith for healing. Pg. 150

28. Fill in the Blanks: It seems that a kind of _____ may receive healing if the person praying for them _____. However, the _____ of a possible recipient of healing seem to _____ the _____ of the person praying for them. Pg. 150

29. What did Christ warn this man about later in the Temple? Pg. 150

30. The author writes it is likely that Christ was telling the man what? Pg. 150

31. What does the fact that Christ does not address the man's need for forgiveness suggest? Pg. 150-151

32. What have some pointed out about this healing? What does this seem like proof of for these people? Pg. 151

33. The author says that this is a misunderstanding of Christ's ministry since Christ did not heal every sick person in every city that He ministered in. In fact, in those passages where it says Christ "healed all" what are those texts referring to? Pg. 151

34. Those who came to Christ for healing were demonstrating what? Pg. 151

35. What were those who did not come demonstrating? Pg. 151

36. How is this situation at the pool of Bethesda unlike those situations where Christ healed multitudes? Pg. 151-152

37. The author writes that it is unfortunate that some do what? Pg. 152

38. Fill in the blanks: Christ's ability to heal the sick was _____ by _____ in a _____ and a _____ sense. Pg. 152

39. The author reminds the reader of situations that illustrate Christ's capacity and limitations were governed by faith. What are they? Pg. 152

40. The next specific event of healing a disability or injury concerns the faith of friends for a disabled man. It is found in Luke 5:17-26. When and where does this miracle take place in Christ's ministry? Pg. 152

41. What does the statement that the author says is unusual seem to imply? What does the author think of this possible implication? Pg. 153

42. What does the author think that Luke wanted to emphasize about Christ? Pg. 153

43. The author draws a comparison with modern healing meetings where an unusually strong presence of the Holy Spirit comes as faith arises in a congregation. Does he believe that this kind of presence is always necessary to heal the sick? Pg. 153

44. Fill in the blanks: Since there were many _____ present, perhaps Luke is telling his readers that the Holy Spirit came with _____ _____ _____ to reveal _____ as _____ on this occasion. Pg. 153

45. Why couldn't the men carrying the man on the stretcher get into the house? Pg. 154

46. Whose faith is noteworthy in this case? How was their faith revealed? Pg. 154

47. Fill in the blanks: While Christ noticed the _____ of the men on the housetop, the _____ of their _____ was the _____ man lying in front of Christ. Pg. 155

48. Fill in the blanks: The _____ of _____ and _____ can release _____ to others perhaps that are not _____ for themselves. Pg. 155

49. Fill in the blanks: Since God alone _____, Christ is taking upon Himself a _____ that God alone _____. This would be _____ if _____ were not God. Pg. 155

50. True or False? Since Christ is God the Son, Christ was speaking the truth about Himself by taking the role of forgiving sins. Pg. 155

51. What was the problem with Christ's religious critics? How is this similar to today? Why does this happen? Pg. 155

52. Christ makes an important connection between forgiveness of sins and healing in this passage. What was it? Pg. 155-156

53. Even though Christ knew that His critics would react negatively, Christ was not bound by what? Pg. 156

54. How did Christ demonstrate that He had authority on earth to forgive sins? Pg. 156

55. What is one way to evaluate the truth of a teaching or a doctrine? Pg. 156

56. Fill in the blanks: The Holy Spirit _____ to the fact that _____ _____ was being _____ by doing _____ . Pg. 156

57. Christ described Himself as “Son of Man” in this passage. What is this title generally accepted as? What does Christ’s use of this title place emphasis on? Pg. 156

58. What does Christ saying that He had “authority on earth” to forgive sins suggest? Pg. 156

59. Fill in the blanks: Believers have _____ to offer _____ of sins. This does not mean that believers can offer _____ without _____ of _____ or _____. Pg. 156

60. Even Christ did not have _____ to _____ _____ without the _____. Pg. 157

61. Believers stand in _____ _____ releasing people by _____ of the _____ _____ into all of Christ’s provision for them in matters of _____ and _____. They become active _____ of _____, confirming, encouraging, and boldly releasing people into the _____ of God provided at the _____ of Christ. Pg. 157

62. According to the author, what is there a “great need” for in our day? Pg. 157

63. What do many people await? Pg. 157

64. What do failures and sins produce? Pg. 157

65. What do those who seek to heal the sick and equip others to heal also find themselves continually dealing with in people? Pg. 157

66. How does the language of the passage indicate that perhaps in this situation of healing that there was an unusual presence of God? What phrases in particular indicate this? Pg. 157

67. The next story that the author covers is the man with dropsy found in Luke 14:1-6. What is dropsy? Pg. 158

68. What day of the week and where did this healing happen? What was Christ doing there? Pg. 158

69. Those in this household were watching Christ closely to find fault with Him. Was Christ afraid to heal this man under these conditions? Pg. 158

70. The author suggests that this situation might have been set up as what? Pg. 159

71. What direct question does Christ ask His critics in this situation? Pg. 159

72. What does the author say is the hidden accusation in this situation? Pg. 159

73. What accusation today is similar? Pg. 159

74. How did Christ answer the question? Pg. 159

75. Fill in the blanks: Christ said that _____ is like the care that one would exercise if their _____ had _____ into a _____ or the _____ that would be exercised to help a _____ fallen into a _____. Pg. 159

76. How is Christ presenting sickness? Pg. 159.

77. How is Christ presenting healing? Pg. 159

78. Why doesn't healing someone on the Sabbath violate the intent of the Law of Moses? Pg. 159-160

79. The next specific event involving healing is the man with a withered hand. It is found in Luke 6:5-11. What day does this healing take place on? Pg. 160

80. What does Christ's bold statement "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." mean? Pg. 161

81. How does Luke illustrate what Christ means by the bold statement? Pg. 161

82. Does Christ hesitate to heal this man because of fear of criticism? Pg. 161

83. Christ asks His critics a question that presents and compares two choices. What are these two choices? Pg. 161

84. What two phrases does Christ use to describe what that healing the man would be? Pg. 161

85. What two phrases does Christ use to describe what failing to heal the man would be? Pg. 161

86. What answer to Christ's critics is "obvious" according to the author? Pg. 161

87. Fill in the blanks: Christ _____ did _____ in _____ people, despite the amount of _____. Pg. 162

88. What does the author say about people thinking that they can have a healing and miracle ministry without having opposition? Pg. 162.

89. Fill in the blanks: If Christ was _____ in His _____ of the _____, then those who are less than _____ will also _____. Pg. 162

90. The author says that Christ occasionally did what? What should His followers do as a result of this example? Pg. 162

91. Where will some religious opposition often be found? What should anyone wishing to continue to help the suffering do? Pg. 162

92. The last event of healing in this chapter is the High Priest's slave found in Luke 22:50-51. The injury to the slave is mentioned in how many Gospels? How many Gospels mention the healing? Pg. 162

93. The author says that this is the final event of healing before what events? Pg. 163

94. In the face of a threatening mob that had set out to take Christ by force what did Christ demonstrate? Pg. 163
