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| 1Mark 1:29-2:1206/18/23The Son of God’s Authority Over Disease and SinINTRO: -Many charlatan preachers today -Todd White  -lengthen shorter foot  -optical illusion  -can see deception if you speed up footageHealing is a trait that only belongs to God -Anything but Todd White. Jesus is truly loving and compassionate unlike many who offer false hope of healingV. 29 Goes to Peter’s mother-in-law’s home to eat lunch but…sick with fever-“burning” “fiery” fever-Jesus not afraid to touch people  -Her healing was so complete, full strength | 2-Do you notice something?  -People don’t start doing stuff immediately after a  cold or flu-Jesus didn’t say, “Now take it easy for the next couple of weeks…”-Word spread everywhere, then nighttime came which is the end of the Sabbath-Jesus healed so much he could have eradicated disease in Israel during that time -Unfortunately crowds came just for healing not to  be forgiven of their sins -John 6:26 “Truly, truly I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.”  -Child loving gift more than dad illustration-How about you? What do you come to Jesus for?  |
| 3-Jesus did not come to give free universal health care from Himself -Didn’t come for social justice, although he had compassion-apostles were given authority to heal as extension-healing was a means to an end-Every healing is a glimmer/breaking in of the kingdom V. 34 “he was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.”-Why?  -Too early in divine timetable -Christ, Anointed One=Romans government’s  attention, military ruler  -especially demons hated Jesus V. 35 Jesus needed time alone -If Jesus needed prayer with the Father, how much more should we?  -Paul said to “pray without ceasing…” -This is convicting for me -Luther found it harder to pray than to preach -Prayed 3 hours every day  | 4Jesus could have prioritized “ministry success” -Do you idolize ministry success?  -A lot of pastors burn out from ministry because  they don’t guard time with the Lord  -You need to have your cup full before you pour it  out on others-The Son of God is refreshed back into ministry  V. 40 introduced to “leper” Beseeches Jesus “if you are willing, you can make me clean” -“Hansen’s disease” -people assumed disease just rotted away body, but it destroyed nerve endings -shoveling with shovel that has nail sticking out  -rat chews off finger  -pain is a gift from God  -horrifying disease and one of the most feared in  ancient world -Worse was isolation=Leviticus 13:45  |
| 5-Leper broke all social norms -Not sure if Jesus was willing, but knew Jesus had the power-Many of you may struggle like this leper -You don’t doubt God’s power but his willingness  to love and help you -You drag God’s love down to the level of finite  human love  -God’s love is beyond that, otherworldly  -God loves because He is love itself 1 John 4:8  -“There is nothing more that you could do to make  God love you more…” -God loves you more than you can imagine-At a word, leper’s face and body was restored -limbs restored, face back to normal, etc.  -I would like to see one of these faith healers try to  heal someone with leprosy. The healing that God  provided was instant, complete, whole, and wasn’t  based on how big or how little one’s faith was. -Many people genuinely wanting to be healed but taken advantage of  | 6-Justin Peters Paraplegic illustration -blasphemous and most hateful and evil -Jesus said if you cause one of these little ones to stumble it is better for you to have a millstone…-The outsider (leper) became an insider (Jesus) and the insider (Jesus) became an outsider (insider) “could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas…” -foreshadow of the ultimate exchange done in the cross-His condition was a powerful symbol of moral depravity  -Leprosy starts corrupting inside and eventually  brings forth death and destruction -You are that leper spiritually -You are numb to that which harms you and  ultimately brings you death  |
| 7Ephesians 2:1-3 “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.” -What you need to realize is that this leper is a parable of sin’s condition and effect-You were isolated from God just like the leperYou walked like those in the “futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of the heart.”  | 8TRANS: We see Jesus healing countless number of people of disease. We see particularly His compassion in healing Peter’s mother-in-law and the leper. Now we come to see that the Son of God heals to show His authority to forgive sin. -The crowds gather again-4 men carrying paralytic digs a hole through ceiling to get to Jesus -Were they planning on paying for the roof to be fixed?  -Jesus sees the paralytic’s faith and forgives him  -Paralytic didn’t want crowds nor house to stop  him -Scribes reasoned in their hearts  -Scoffing and angry tone -Jesus in His omniscience knows and responds to them -Which is easier to say? |
| 9-Both are hard to say, but one is empirically provable than the other-It is true that it would be blasphemous to claim to forgive sins, but Jesus is no ordinary man, He is the Son of God -The point is if Jesus that the power and authority to heal this paralytic, then He certainly had the authority to forgive sins, what is unseen -There may be some of you who are spiritually dead in your sins-You are like a leper rotting away in your sins, being deformed by its curse. -You are like the paralytic, utterly at the mercy of Jesus -Great physician Jesus has diagnosed that you have a terminally ill sickness in your soul -Jesus went to the cross because of your terminal illness which the Bible calls sin  | 10 -Isaiah 53:4-5 “Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him.”-Jesus is not only able to heal but willing to heal you of all your sin. There is no promise in this life that you will get healed of whatever physical sickness you have but you do have the promise that if you turn to Jesus as your only hope, He will cleanse you. Isaiah 1:18 says “Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.”-The great physician also has the cure in Himself 2 Corinthians 5:21 “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”-Take the cure today and be healed, let’s pray |