

February 27–March 5  
Matthew 8; Mark 2–4; Luke 7  
“Thy Faith Hath Saved Thee”



# Jesus Heals the Sick and Afflicted

Matt 8:1-4

Why did do you think Jesus instruct the leper not to tell anyone of this miracle that He performed?

## Dean L. Larsen

"It was not uncommon for him to ask of those who had been the recipients of his marvelous power to keep the matter to themselves and tell no one. Such was the case with the leper whom Jesus healed. 'See thou tell no man' was the Savior's charge in this case. It was almost as though he feared that men would follow him because of his power rather than as a result of having learned his truths and having valued them because they were true." ("Let Your Light So Shine," Ensign, Sept. 1981)

## Thomas S. Monson

“May we look upward as we press forward in the service of our God and our fellowmen. And may we incline an ear toward Galilee, that we might hear perhaps an echo of the Savior’s teachings: ‘Do not your alms before men, to be seen of them.... Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth’ (Matt. 6:1,3). And of our good deeds: ‘See thou tell no man’ (Matt. 8:4). Our hearts will then be lighter, our lives brighter, and our souls richer.

“Loving service anonymously given may be unknown to man—but the gift and the giver are known to God.”  
(CR, April 1983)

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## Matt 8:5-13

JST 8:9

And when they that followed him heard this, they marveled.  
And when Jesus heard this, he said unto them that followed...

What can we learn from this centurion about demonstrating true faith in Christ?

What do you think that Jesus is teaching the Jews when He tells them that many “from the east and west” will inherit the Kingdom “but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out”?

## Neil L. Andersen

“The Savior perceived the strength or weakness in the faith of those around Him. To one, He said approvingly, ‘Great is thy faith.’ He lamented to another, ‘O ye of little faith.’ He questioned others, ‘Where is your faith?’ And Jesus distinguished yet another with, ‘[In all Israel] I have not found so great faith.’

“I ask myself, ‘How does the Savior see my faith?’ And tonight I ask you, ‘How does the Savior see your faith?’...

“Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift from heaven that comes as we choose to believe and as we seek it and hold on to it. Your faith is either growing stronger or becoming weaker. Faith is a principle of power, important not only in this life but also in our progression beyond the veil. By the grace of Christ, we will one day be saved through faith on His name. The future of your faith is not by chance, but by choice.” (CR, Oct. 2015)

## Mark E. Petersen

"Unfaithful descendants of Abraham will be cast out regardless of their blood line, and that some from the east and west of non-Abrahamic lineage will be taken into the kingdom of heaven to dwell there with Abraham if they will obey.

"So [Gentiles] need not worry. If they will be faithful to the teachings of Christ, they can and will go with Abraham into the kingdom of heaven....

"Obedience is the thing! God, who is no respecter of persons, offers salvation to all who will accept it on terms of true compliance with the commandments, regardless of race." (Abraham: Friend of God, pg. 110)

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Matt 8:14-17

In what way has Jesus “[taken] our infirmities,  
and [borne] our sicknesses”?



Neal A. Maxwell

"Can we, even in the depths of disease, tell Him anything at all about suffering? In ways we cannot comprehend, our sicknesses and infirmities were borne by Him even before these were borne by us.... We have never been, nor will we be, in depths such as He has known. Thus His atonement made His empathy and His capacity to succor us perfect, for which we can be everlastingly grateful as He tutors us in our trials."  
(CR, Oct. 1981)

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## Matt 8:28-34

What do you think the devils meant by “art thou come hither to torment us before the time”?

Why do you think the devils asked to “go away into the herd of swine”?

Why do you think the people were afraid and asked Jesus to depart?

## Bruce R. McConkie

"Our Lord's true identity is known to unclean spirits. Mortal men may profess not to know of his divinity, but there is no doubt in the minds of the devils in hell. They remember him from their pre-existent association. They know he was foreordained to be the Redeemer, that he was born into the world as the literal offspring of the Father, and that their course in opposing him is one in open rebellion against Deity." (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 1:314)

## Joseph Smith

"It would seem also, that wicked spirits have their bounds, limits, and laws by which they are governed or controlled, and know their future destiny; hence, those that were in the maniac said to our Savior, 'Art thou come to torment us before the time.'... It is very evident that they possess a power that none but those who have the Priesthood can control." (TPJS, pg. 208)

J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

“I have always thought that indicated very, very clearly how valuable an earthly body is,—that they were willing in order to have possession, apparently even for the moment, of a body, to go into the body of a swine.”

(CR, Oct 1956)

## Bruce R. McConkie

“Why did the whole city beseech Jesus to depart from their region? A dramatic miracle had come to their personal knowledge, and it created fear rather than faith in the hearts of the people. Why? Some few, perhaps, were fearful and angry because of the loss of their property. But the real reason was far more basic. These people, worldly and carnal by nature, actually preferred their way of life to that which they would have been obligated to pursue, had they accepted the gospel.... When they desire and love darkness rather than light, neither miracles nor any thing else is sufficient to convert their benighted souls. Rather they rebel against the truth, reject the prophets, and pray Jesus ‘to depart out of their coasts.’” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 1:313)

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## Mark 2:1-5

Who's faith was involved in bringing about this miracle?

How did they demonstrate their faith?

What do we learn about serving others from this example?

## James W. McConkie III

“[Each of the four did] take a corner of their friend’s mat or bed and begin carrying him... They turn the last corner only to find that the crowd... of people gathered to listen is so great that getting to Jesus is impossible. With love and faith, the four do not give up....

With that telling of in mind, several important truths become clear about Jesus as the Christ. First, when we try to help someone we love come unto Christ, we can do so with confidence that He has the capacity to lift the burden of sin and to forgive. Second, when we bring physical, emotional, or other illnesses to Christ, we can do so knowing He has the power to heal and comfort. Third, when we make effort like the four to bring others to Christ, we can do so with certainty that He sees our true intentions and will appropriately honor them.” (CR, Oct. 2022)



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Mark 2:6-12

How does Christ prove he has “power on earth to forgive sins”?

## Robert J. Matthews

"Jesus could have told the palsied man that his sins were forgiven, and no observer would have been able to prove or disprove whether it actually was so. But when he commanded a sick man to rise and walk, the validity of his power was immediately able to be tested. Hence in a hostile situation it is easier to say that sins are forgiven. But so that those present would know that he had power to do both, Jesus used the healing of the body as evidence of his power to forgive sins." (Behold the Messiah, pg. 137)

## Craig A. Cardon

“The Savior knew that many people followed Him because of His mighty miracles. Already He had turned water to wine, cast out unclean spirits, and healed the nobleman’s son, a leper, Peter’s mother-in-law, and many others.

“But with this paralyzed man, the Lord chose to give evidence to both disciple and detractor of His unique role as Savior of the world. Hearing the Savior’s words, the scribes and Pharisees had begun to reason among themselves, ignorantly speaking of blasphemy while concluding that only God can forgive sin....

“By this miraculous physical healing, the Savior confirmed to all of us this infinitely more powerful spiritual truth: the Son of Man forgives sins!” (CR, April, 2013)

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Luke 7:11-17

The mother didn't ask for a miracle from Jesus so what prompted Him to raise her son from the dead?

## Thomas S. Monson

"Though engaged in His majestic ministry, He embraced the opportunity to lift burdens, provide hope, mend bodies, and restore life.

"Few accounts of the Master's ministry touch me more than His example of compassion shown to the grieving widow at Nain....

"What power, what tenderness, what compassion did our Master thus demonstrate! We, too, can bless if we will but follow His noble example. Opportunities are everywhere. Needed are eyes to see the pitiable plight and ears to hear the silent pleadings of a broken heart. Yes, and a soul filled with compassion, that we might communicate not only eye to eye or voice to ear but, in the majestic style of the Savior, even heart to heart." (CR, Oct. 1993)

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Luke 7:36-50

Why do you think the woman showed so much more love for Jesus than did Simon the Pharisee?

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"Which of these two people are we most like?"

"Are we like Simon? Are we confident and comfortable in our good deeds, trusting in our own righteousness? Are we perhaps a little impatient with those who are not living up to our standards? Are we on autopilot, going through the motions, attending our meetings, yawning through Gospel Doctrine class, and perhaps checking our cell phones during sacrament service?"

"Or are we like this woman, who thought she was completely and hopelessly lost because of sin? Do we understand our indebtedness to Heavenly Father and plead with all our souls for the grace of God?" (CR, April 2015)

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Mark 4:37-41

While those in the ship feared for their lives  
what was Christ doing?

Why shouldn't those in the ship been afraid?



## Eliza Tanner

"When a literal or figurative storm threatens to overwhelm me, I remember a certain storm-tossed sea and a band of frightened disciples awakening the Master. As they watched Christ calm the raging sea, the early disciples marveled, saying, 'What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him' (Matt. 8:27). The elements are indeed subject to Christ, as we must be. And I know that in my own life, if I am grounded on the foundation that is Christ, he alone has the power to say 'Peace, be still,' and my troubled way will be made calm." ("Safe from the Storms," Ensign, Sept. 1995)

Next Week:

March 6–12

Matthew 9–10; Mark 5; Luke 9

“These Twelve Jesus Sent Forth”

