

Reading Assignment Four—The Physician in Galilee: Jesus Rips Off Band-Aids, Pages 46-72

Q Of all the bandages Jesus the Christ ripped off, which do you think created the greatest opportunity for healing? The strongest evidence for Him being charged “heretic?”

Q What is the fundamental epistemological flaw of insisting “miracles and signs” must undergird belief in the Lord our God; to wit, His existence, sovereignty, omnipotence, and omniscience? See John 15:22-24.

Q How is the fear & anger of Nazareth believers (Matt 4:13-16; Luke 4:22-31) about Jesus’ attitude to non-believers manifested among today’s believers? What was the basis for this fear & anger? Parallel to ours?

Q How would you compare the “depart from me” uttered by Simon Peter (Luke 5:8) to the “depart from me” uttered by the Christ (Matthew 16:23)?

Q Given the censoring in Luke 4:41, what do you find to be the best evidence that He was the Christ?

Q Why did Jesus of Nazareth follow the Law of Moses (e.g., Mark 1:44)? To what extent are we to follow the Law of Moses? For example, was it a violation of the Law when the healed man at Bethesda picked up his bed and walked, on the Sabbath? Why do we avoid following Sabbath rules and norms?

See Jesus’ defense in John 5:16-47. How does His defense help answer the first question above?

Q To what extent was “faith” relevant to whether Jesus the Christ would heal someone (e.g., #45, pgs 54-55)³?

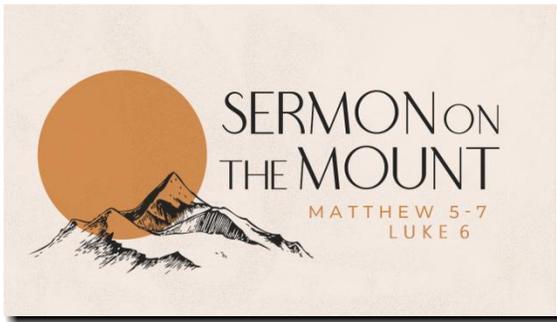
³<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyQ6aev6ELg> (In YouTube search for “Jesus heals paralysed man”).

Q Jesus socialized with tax collectors (e.g., Matthew) and “sinners.” Why do we avoid said interaction?

Q What does Mark 3:6 (pg 61) teach us about forming alliances with carnal elements in our society? Whose anger and sorrow caused this alliance of good and evil? Modern examples?

Q What did you learn about the differences between disciples, Disciples, Apostles & apostles (#53, pp 63-65)?

See also Acts 14:14



What did you find particularly revolutionary and/or troubling about the “Sermon on the Mount” (#54, pages 64-73) For example...

The poor are closer to God? _____

Be glad and rejoice when you’re bullied? _____

Don’t worship if a friend has a problem with you? _____

Q Why are we to “turn the other cheek” when hit?

Q How do you reconcile Matthew 7:1 with Matthew 7:16? In other words, how do you avoid judging when the fruit needs to be inspected? See James 4:11-12 for additional guidance.

Q Of all the advice Jesus the Christ gave in this text, which do you find the most spiritually pragmatic? The most difficult to follow/obey?

Pages 73-101 will be covered next.