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Sermon Notes for February 12, 2023

“God’s Heart for Healing”

Sermon Text: Matt. 8:1-4 (NIV): When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ² A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” ³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

Old Testament Text: Psalm 103:1-5 (p. 637); New Testament Text: James 5:13-16 (p. 1291).

Read **Matthew 8:1-4** above while listening to the sermon, then, answer the questions below.

1. What was it about Jesus’s preaching that attracted such large crowds?
2. What did the Law require lepers to do whenever they moved through a community?

Put yourself in the leper’s place. What kind of things do you think would be going through your mind as you knelt before Jesus?

As you read **Matt. 8:2** above, do you think the leper believed Jesus was powerful enough to heal his leprosy?

What was the leper’s biggest concern as he knelt before Jesus?

3. What did Jesus do first to alleviate all the leper’s concerns?

What kind of impact do you think Jesus’s touch had upon the leper?

What should Jesus’s healing of the leper convince us of when we need healing?

4. What did Jesus command the leper to do in **Matt. 8:4**?

Give 3 reasons Jesus instructed the man to show himself to the priest?

If you had been the one healed of leprosy, do you think you could have obeyed Jesus's command not to tell anyone? Why or why not?

Matthew 20:29-34: As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³¹ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³² Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³³ "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." ³⁴ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Read the scripture above, then answer the questions below.

5. What did the two blind men do to indicate they knew who Jesus really was?
6. How did the crowd treat the blind men?

Why do you think they treated them this way?

7. What did Jesus do when He healed the blind men that was the same as when He healed the leper?

Why do you think Matthew stresses the fact that Jesus had *compassion* on the blind men?

Do you think it requires *compassion* on our part to pray for healing for someone?

8. Read **John 5:19 (p. 1133)**. What does this verse reveal to us about God's heart for healing?
9. What will you remember most about this sermon?