

SUNDAY A LEPER IS HEALED

Read Matthew 8:1-4

Discuss

Our passage takes place just after the "Sermon on the Mount," which has become the most famous sermon of all time. According to our passage, this man, stricken with a contagious disease called leprosy, approached Jesus asking to be healed.

- What do you think the leper believed about Jesus?
- How do you know this?
- The leper's faith that Jesus could heal led him to act. How can our faith that Jesus saves lead us to action this week?
- Jesus reached out and touched this man to heal him, why might this have shocked those around him?

Not making himself unclean, as any other man would have done, but making him clean whom he touched.

- C.H. Spurgeon on verse 3.

Sing

What a Friend we have in Jesus Written by Joseph M. Scriven

Pray

• That that Lord would create among your family and among our church family a more active faith this week.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS-JOSEPH SCRIVEN

1 What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer; Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

MONDAY A CENTURION'S PLEA

Read Matthew 8: 5-13

Discuss

As Jesus enters Capernum, a Centurion (a commander in the Roman army) pleads with Jesus to heal his servant who is suffering back home.

- What is different about the way Jesus heals this servant from so many of the others he heals throughout the gospels?
- Read verses 6-9 again. From this conversation, name at least 2 truths the Centurion believed about Jesus.
- Many of the people of Israel would have considered the Centurion their enemy because Rome had conquered Israel many years before and was ruling over Israel during the time of the New Testament. Still, Jesus praises the faith of this man and heals his servant. What can we learn from our Lord by this encounter?

Though he was a Roman soldier, and his very dwelling among the Jews was a badge of their subjection to the Roman yoke, yet Christ, who was King of the Jews, favored him; and therein has taught us to do good to our enemies. -Matthew Henry

Sing

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Written by Robert Robinson

Pray

• For those struggling with health concerns within our church family

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING- ROBERT ROBINSON

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the face of God; He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

2 O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Teach me, Lord, some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above! Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it. Mount of Thy redeeming love.

3 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love: Take my heart, oh, take and seal it With Thy Spirit from above. Rescued thus from sin and danger, Purchased by the Savior's blood, May I walk on earth a stranger, As a son and heir of God.

TUESDAY JESUS CALMS A STORM

Read Mark 4:35-41

Discuss

- What would it feel like to be in a boat in the sea during a raging storm?
- What did the fear of the disciples reveal about their faith?
- They must have felt so helpless in the storm, how has Jesus solved our greatest problem, which we were helpless to solve?
- The disciples asked a question in verse 41 that everyone must wrestle with about Jesus of Nazareth. Just who is he? Talk as a family about who this Jesus, who even the winds and the sea obey, truly is.

[Jesus'] sleeping showed he was a man. His calming of the seas declared him God - John Crysostom

Sing

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Written by Isaac Watts

Pray

• Giving praise and thanksgiving to the all-mighty God we serve, who's authority is recognized even by the raging seas

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS- ISAAC WATTS

- When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3. See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did ever such love and sorrow meet? Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
 - 4. His dying crimson, like a robe, Spreads o'er his body on the tree; Then am I dead to all the globe, And all the globe is dead to me.
- 5. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

WEDNESDAY JESUS THE LIFE GIVER

Read Luke 7:11-17

Discuss

- What does it mean that Jesus had compassion for this woman? Out of his compassion, Jesus acted. Discuss as a family who you might show compassion to this week.
- Jesus raised this young man from the dead, simply with the words, "young man, I say to you, arise." What does this show us about Jesus?
- Luke goes on to write of another resurrection story- one that changed the course of this world unlike any other event in history. Why is the resurrection of Jesus our greatest hope and so central to our faith?

The gospel is the good news that the everlasting and ever-increasing joy of the never-boring, ever-satisfying Christ is ours freely and eternally by faith in the sin-forgiving death and hope-giving resurrection of Jesus Christ. -John Piper

Sing

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Written by Charles Wesley

Pray

• For the widows and widowers of our church family

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - CHARLES WESLEY

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

THURSDAY THE WEDDING AT CANA

Read John 2:1-12

Discuss

- The King of Kings once went to a wedding! Why do you think he would consider this kind of celebration as worthy of his time?
- This was the first of Jesus' many miracles. What does it say about him that he was able to do incredible things like turn water to wine, heal the sick, give sight to the blind, cast out unclean spirits and even raise the dead to life?
- It says in verse 11 that the disciples believed in him. What do you think this experience caused them to believe about him?

They did believe on him before; but now they had [visual] demonstration of his divine power... they believed as they had not believed before. May you and I often make distinct progress in faith, so that it may be said of us also, "His disciples believed on him." - C.H. Spurgeon on verse 11.

Sing

Amazing Grace
Written by John Newton

Pray

• Pick another family from Calvary's directory to pray for as a family

AMAZING GRACE -JOHN NEWTON

- 1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.
 - 4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease: I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
- 6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

FRIDAY THE HUNGRY CROWD

Read John 6:1-15

Discuss

- Why do you think the crowds were so interested in following Jesus?
- Our God is a God who provides. He did so miraculously in this passage, didn't he? How has he provided for your family?
- Because of this sign, the people wanted to make him king of Israel.
 Yet, Jesus knew his path was not to simply become earthly royalty.
 How is the Kingdom of Jesus different than what they might have expected?

The kingdom of God has come and those of us who know Christ are in it. We are in it and the Lord Jesus Christ is our King. - John MacArthur

Sing

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Written by Charles Wesley

Pray

• For those in our community that do not yet recognize Christ as King

O FOR A THOUSAND TOUNGES TO SING -CHARLES WESLEY

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 4 His love my heart has captive made, His captive would I be, For He was bound, and scourged and died, My captive soul to free.
 - 5 He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
 - 6 So now Thy blessed Name I love, Thy will would e'er be mine.Had I a thousand hearts to give, My Lord, they all were Thine!

SATURDAY JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Read Matthew 14:22-33

Discuss

- Why were the disciples afraid?
- As Peter steps out on the water he begins to doubt. What caused him to doubt? What do you think must have run through his mind?
- How can uncertain circumstances cause us to doubt and what can we do about it?
- At the end of our passage, the disciples begin to worship Jesus. Why
 do you think that is? What is one thing you should worship him for
 today?

Sing

Jesus Paid it All
Written by Elvina Hall

Pray

 That God would prepare the hearts of those that hear the Word of God preached tomorrow during our service

JESUS PAID IT ALL -ELVINA M. HALL

1 I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

2 Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]

3 For nothing good have I Where-by Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. [Refrain]

4 And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. [Refrain]