



FINDING HEALING **“Jesus Cured the Sick” Luke 4:14-44**

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Luke, the physician, records “the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and...he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people.” Any study of what Jesus did must explore his healing and exorcism ministry and its relevance today.

I. What Did Jesus Do?

- A. The claims He made. vv. 18-21
 - 1. He claimed He was an anointed prophet.
 - 2. He claimed He was the long promised Messiah. Isaiah 61:1-2
 - 3. He claimed He had come to announce “the year of the Lord’s favor.”
 - a. By preaching the “good news to the poor.” See vv. 26-27
 - b. By freeing prisoners. See 3:20; 7:19
 - c. By recovering the sight of the blind. See 1:76-79, 18:35-43
 - d. By releasing the crushed. Note: “aphesis.”
 - e. By omitting “the day of vengeance of our God.” Isaiah 61:2b
 - f. By stating “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
- B. The challenge He faced. vv. 22-30
 - 1. They questioned His credibility.
 - 2. They demanded miracles.
 - 3. They were given none.
 - 4. They tried to assassinate Him.
- C. The cures He effected. vv. 33-41
 - 1. His cures were an integral part of His proclamation of the Kingdom.
 - 2. His cures were “rebukes” of the forces of darkness. vv. 39, 41
 - 3. His cures were illustrative of underlying spiritual realities.
 - 4. His cures were acts of heartfelt compassion in response to human need.

II. What Should We Be Doing?

- A. We should insist that people be viewed holistically.
 - 1. Spiritually.
 - 2. Physically.
 - 3. Emotionally.
- B. We should maintain the balance between word and deed.
- C. We should exercise care in what we affirm and what we deny.
 - 1. Those who deny too much and affirm too little.
 - 2. Those who affirm too much and deny too little.
- D. We should develop a heart for the crushed and despondent.
- E. We should recognize the demands for credibility and consistency.