

## **Ministry of Healing**

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Christ spent far more time healing people than preaching. How can we use Jesus as our example and mimic his work as a healer?

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- Jesus spent time
  - with the poor
  - and wealthy
    - but more poor.
- Why?
  - fruitful
    - people with needs
- Fulfill needs
  - reach hearts quickly.

# Secret Agenda

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The Saviour made each work of healing an occasion for implanting divine principles in the mind and soul. This was the purpose of His work. He imparted earthly blessings, that He might incline the hearts of men to receive the gospel of His grace.

- Jesus had a
  - Secret Agenda.
- Do be ashamed
  - you do to.
- You will find
  - annoying people
  - hard work
  - push out of comfort
  - people using
- It's okay

- you have mission!
- Always looking
  - for ways to connect
    - even with
      - least likely people.

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Often He taught in the outer court of the temple, that the Gentiles might hear His words.

## Ministry of Healing

- Greatest way to
  - connects
  - serve
  - win confidence
  - build trust
- Why?
  - secret agenda

- soul salvation!

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“I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.... And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.” Isaiah 42:6–20.

- Constantly serving
  - constantly healing
  - constantly bringing life

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What a busy life He led! Day by day He might have been seen entering the humble abodes of want and sorrow, speaking hope to the downcast and peace to the distressed. Gracious, tenderhearted, pitiful, He went about lifting up the bowed-down and comforting the sorrowful. Wherever He went, He carried blessing.

## A Day in the Life of Christ

- Recently gathered 12
- Goes to Capernaum

**Mark 1:21–22 ESV**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

- Jesus did more
  - teaching than preaching
  - More healing than teaching

**Mark 1:23–24 ESV**

And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

- Satan testifying
  - creating confusion?
- Trying to
  - destroy teaching
  - create distraction.

**Mark 1:25–28 ESV**

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- People are amazed
- Jesus goes to church
  - teaches
  - heals.
- Where next?

**Mark 1:29–31 ESV**

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

- Potluck Peter’s house
  - problem...

- mom is sick...
- No problem,
  - Jesus heals her to.
  - Potluck is on!

### **Daily Recap**

- Healing at church
  - Healing at Potluck
- Next...

### **Mark 1:32-33 ESV**

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

- What day was this?
  - Sabbath...
- Getting Sabbath rest
  - sabbath nap

- lay ministries
- How much rest did Jesus get?
- When do the sick line up?
  - Why?
- Pharisaic Traditions
  - No healings on Sabbath.

**Mark 1:34 ESV**

And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Pathways to Health

closest resemblance

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Hour after hour they came and went; for none could know whether tomorrow would find the Healer still among them. Never before had Capernaum witnessed a day like this. The air was filled with the voice of triumph and shouts of



deliverance.

- He did not send
  - anyone away.
  
- Nobody left
  - un-ministered to.
  
- Restful Sabbath???

  - Come-on

  
- I think
  - we are missing something.
  
- Seeking for
  - Sabbath experience
    - different than Jesus.
  
- Christians are

- like Christ.
- You want to be
  - like Christ.
- Sabbath is not
  - a day for sleeping away.

## Sabbath Sleep

### **Gospel Workers, First Edition** Section One—The Minister

It is displeasing to God for Sabbath-keepers to sleep during much of the Sabbath. They dishonor their Creator in so doing, and, by their example, say that the six days are too precious for them to spend in resting. They must make money, although it be by robbing themselves of needed sleep, which they make up by sleeping away holy time. They then excuse themselves by saying, “The Sabbath was given for a day of rest.

- Was Jesus tired
  - Sabbath day of rest?
- Sabbath day of service.

## Daily Recap

- Teaches at Church
- Heals at Church
- Heals at Potluck
- Heals all evening
- Heals into the night

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Not until the last sufferer had been relieved did Jesus cease His work. It was far into the night when the multitude departed and silence settled down upon the home of Simon. The long, exciting day was past, and Jesus sought rest.

- He was tired
  - ready to rest
  - sleepy eyes.
- What did he do?
  - next verse...

**Mark 1:35 ESV**

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

- First priority?
  - connection to Father
- Daily toil
  - connection
  - abiding
    - or fruitless.

What happens next?

**Mark 1:36–37 ESV**

And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”

- Looking for Him
  - try to find Him.
  - another line...

- Christ was tireless
  - in service.
- Especially on Sabbath!!
- Christians Should Too.

## Sabbath is Boring

- No it's not
  - you should be busy
  - not bored
  - finding others to serve
- Speaking of Himself
  - Jesus quoted Isaiah:

### **Isaiah 61:1-2 ESV**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

because the LORD has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor;

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

- He is our example
  - Let's aim to serve like Christ.

## Appeal

### 1. Serve Like Christ

- sick
- poor
- weak
- lonely

### 2. Sabbath is for service.

- Use it to serve
  - Others
  - Not Self

### 3. Get Kids Involved

- Sabbath Ministry