

A Busy Day Of Miraculous Healing

Mark 1:21-34; Luke 4:31-41

Mark and **Luke** both record the events on a very busy **Sabbath** day in **Capernaum**, when **Jesus** taught in the synagogue, delivered a demoniac that was in the synagogue, then went to **Peter's** house, and healed **Peter's mother-in-law**, and then that evening a multitude gathered at the door of **Peter's** house and **Jesus** healed many. **Mark** and **Luke** record each of these events, and **Matthew** records the healing of **Peter's mother-in-law**, and the healing at the door of **Peter's** house (**Matthew 8:14-16**).

I. THE DELIVERANCE OF A DEMONIAIC IN A SYNAGOGUE

This particular event is recorded by **Mark** (**Mark 1:21-28**), and by **Luke** (**Luke 4:31-37**).

① **Jesus Teaches In A Synagogue:**

The setting of this particular miracle is **Jesus** teaching in the synagogue (**Mark 1:21; Luke 4:31**), and both **Mark** and **Luke** record that the people “were astonished” (**Mark 1:22; Luke 4:32**). They were amazed at what He taught; “astonished at His doctrine” (**Mark 1:22; Luke 4:32**). They were astounded and stunned by His manner of teaching; “for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes” (**Mark 1:22**), “for His word was with power” (**Luke 4:32**). They were flabbergasted that what He taught, and the manner of His teaching was so unlike what they were accustomed to “and not as the scribes” (**Mark 1:22**). Through the **Gospels**, **Jesus** is seen often teaching (**Mark 4:2; 6:34; Luke 4:15; 5:3; John 7:14; 8:2**), and people were often astonished at the teaching of **Jesus** (**Matthew 7:28; 13:54; 22:33**). He taught that which was essential, (He was not sidetracked with the trivial). He taught with great simplicity, with practicality, and with purpose! What **Jesus** taught, He modeled, what He did was in harmony with what He taught, and what He taught was in harmony with what He did.

② **A Demon Possessed Man In The Synagogue:**

Present in the synagogue where **Jesus** was teaching was “a man with an unclean spirit” (**Mark 1:23**), **Luke** describes him as a man “which had a spirit of an unclean devil” (**Luke 4:33**). As **Jesus** was teaching the **demon** began to cry out through the man. **Luke** says that he “cried out with a loud voice” (**Luke 4:33**). Both **Mark** and **Luke** record the same thing as to what the **demon** said through the man (**Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34**).

○ He Cried Out As One In Agony At The Presence Of **Christ**:
"Let us alone; what have we to do with thee"

○ He Cried Out To Belittle **Christ**:
"thou Jesus of Nazareth"

○ He cried out in fear of **Christ**:
"art thou come to destroy us?"

○ He Cried Out With Recognition Of The Person Of **Christ**:
"I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God"

③ **Christ Delivers The Man From The Demon:**

Jesus speaks directly to the **demon** within the man, and once again, both **Mark** and **Luke** give identical details—"Hold thy peace (be quiet), and come out of him" (**Mark 1:25; Luke 4:35**). The **demon** then threw the man down into the midst of the assembly and cried out with a loud voice (that no doubt could be heard throughout the synagogue), and then left the man unharmed (**Mark 1:26; Luke 4:35**). **JESUS IS SUPREME OVER DEMONIAIC FORCES!**

④ **The Affect That This Had Upon The People:**

The people were amazed and began to talk amongst themselves concerning **what they had heard taught**, and concerning **what they had just witnessed**. **THEY STOOD AMAZED AT HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY** (**Mark 1:27; Luke 4:36**). They began to spread abroad what they had heard and seen concerning **Christ** (**Mark 1:28; Luke 4:37**).

II. THE HEALING OF PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW

This is recorded by **Matthew** (**Matthew 8:14-15**), by **Mark** (**Mark 1:29-31**), and by **Luke** (**Luke 4:38-39**).

① **Jesus Arrives At Peter's House:**

Matthew, **Mark**, and **Luke** all record the arrival of **Jesus** at **Peter's** house. **Mark** and **Luke** record that it was immediately after leaving the synagogue where He had taught, and cast out the **demon** (**Mark 1:29; Luke 4:38**).

② **Peter's Mother-In-Law In Need:**

Matthew and **Mark** record that she was "sick (ailing), of a fever" (**Matthew 8:14; Mark 1:30**). **Luke** (being a physician) gave more detail, saying that she "was taken (overcome, and under the control), with a great (a very serious, extraordinary and very high), fever" (**Luke 4:38**).

③ **The Need Is Presented To Jesus:**

Mark records “*and anon (shortly after He entered the house), they tell him of her*” (**Mark 1:30**). Out of concern and a burden for her, and with assurance that He could help her, and with hope that He would help her, **they told Him of her condition**. **Luke** records how it was that they told Him-“*and they besought him for her*” (**Luke 4:38**). They pleaded and begged on her behalf. This manifests their feeling of urgency and helplessness!

④ **Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-In-Law:**

Following them telling **Jesus** of the need, **Mark** records “*And He came*” no doubt to where she laid (**Mark 1:31**), and then “*he saw (her), sick of a fever*” (**Matthew 8:14**). **Luke** records that “*He stood over her*” (**Luke 4:39**). As He stood there in her presence, **Luke** records that He “*rebuked the fever*” (**Luke 4:39**). **Matthew** and **Mark** both record that He **touch**ed her hand (**Matthew 8:15; Mark 1:31**), and **Mark** adds “*and lifted her up*” (**Mark 1:31**). The result of all of this is; “*the fever left her*” (**Matthew 8:15; Mark 1:31; Luke 4:39**). **Mark** adds “*immediately the fever left her*” (**Mark 1:31**). **THIS REVEALS THE POWER OF HIS PRESENCE, HIS WORD, AND HIS TOUCH!**

⑤ **The Manifest Evidence Of Healing:**

There was outward evidence displayed that the miraculous had taken place! **Matthew** and **Luke** record that “*she arose and ministered unto them*” (**Matthew 8:15; Luke 4:39**), and **Mark** simply states “*she ministered unto them*” (**Mark 1:31**). **HEALING, THEN SERVICE! Healed by the miraculous power of Christ, she had a desire to serve! Her service was both immediate and appropriate! HER SERVICE WAS THE MANIFESTATION THAT SHE HAD BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF CHRIST!**

III. THE HEALING OF MANY

This is recorded by **Matthew** (**Matthew 8:16-17**), by **Mark** (**Mark 1:32-34**), and by **Luke** (**Luke 4:40-41**).

① **A Multitude Arrives At The Door Of Peter’s House:**

What is recorded here took place in the evening; “*When the even was come*” (**Matthew 8:16**), “*And at even when the sun did set*” (**Mark 1:32**), and “*when the sun was setting*” (**Luke 4:40**). At this time as a result of the people spreading the word about what had happened that day in the synagogue, **Mark** records “*And all the city was gathered together at the door*” (**Mark 1:33**). Those who had gathered did so with their **sick** and **demon-possessed** loved ones (**Matthew 8:16; Mark 1:32; Luke 4:40**). Having heard of how **Jesus** freed the demon-possessed man in the synagogue, **THESE PEOPLE CAME WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT AND HOPE!**

② **Jesus Heals Those Who Were Brought To Him:**

Picture the scene at the door of **Peter's** house: There was a great variety of disease "*divers diseases*" (**Mark 1:34; Luke 4:40**), and there were those "*possessed with devils*" who were crying out. **Jesus** healed by word-"*He cast out the spirits with His word*" (**Matthew 8:16**), and by touch-"*He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them*" (**Luke 4:40**). Again, **THIS REVEALS THE POWER OF HIS PRESENCE, HIS WORD, AND HIS TOUCH!**

In each of these miracles, mankind is pictured as a **needy** and **incapable** creature, and **Jesus** is seen in His compassion and empathy, and as the all-sufficient , and proficient One! **Jesus** is the hope and the answer to the desperate needs of mankind.
