

The Healer

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And bore *our* sicknesses.

Matthew 8:14

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.

- They were in a private space
- The text tells us that Peter was married
- His mother-in-law was sick with a fever

Matthew 8:14

- Peter had a lot going on in his life
 1. He was trying to hold down a job (fishing)
 2. Be a husband
 3. Take care of his family
 4. His mother-in-law was extremely sick
 5. Follow Jesus

Matthew 8:15

So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

- He touched her (again breaking the law of being unclean)
- The fever left her
- She was healed

Matthew 8:15

- A fever was a sign of a deep spiritual condition
- Touching her he should have been considered defiled but instead she was healed (immediately) Her fever left
- She was completely restored not feeling weak from the sickness but willing to get up and be active (not needing to rest and recover)

Matthew 8:16-17

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“He Himself took our infirmities
And bore *our* sicknesses.” Isaiah 53:4

Matthew 8:16

- They came at evening
 - Mark 1:19 states that they had come out of the synagogue straight to Peter's home indicating that it was on a Sabbath
 - They came after dark (when the Sabbath was over) not to break any religious laws
- He cast out demons
 - Mark 1:34 says he cast out demons and would not allow them to speak because they knew who him
- He healed all who were sick
 - He did not discriminate who or what class of person

Matthew 8:17

Matthew could have been making a point by quoting Isaiah 53:4

- Jesus did come to pay the price for our sins
- He also came to reverse the affects of sin
 - Only after the fall of Adam did sickness and death enter the world
- He came to make us perfect in the eyes of God
 - There is no sickness in Heaven

Closing Thoughts

- Jesus meets us where we are most comfortable (Peter's house)
- He understands that we each have a lot going on in our individual lives
- He is willing to take control of the situation that we can't handle
- Nothing is too big, hard, or out of his realm
- It doesn't matter our status he's still there
- His word is never failing

Questions?

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