



PRESENTING CHRIST

Jesus as Deliverer

Luke 4:38-41

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38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. **39** And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. **40** Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. **41** And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. (ESV)

1. Value _____ (vv.38-39)

2. Affirm _____ (v.40)

3. Confess _____ (v.41)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 5:6-9**. Why do you think some Christians fail to cherish the love and compassion of Christ that motivated their costly salvation?
2. Read **Genesis 3:17-19**. How does this clear statement of God's universal sentence on the human race help us to manage our expectations regarding physical healings and prolonged life?
3. Read **John 11:25-27**. In the middle of this scene where Christ raises Lazarus (only to die again years later), Jesus directs our ultimate hope where it belongs, while Martha acknowledges Jesus' biblical status as "the Christ" and the "Son of God." Why are these two things so important as we are made to endure our own illnesses and to eventually face our own physical death?
4. Read **Psalms 18:1-6**. Though the historical context for this psalm is a specific temporal deliverance (and in that way, similar to those in Luke 4), how can this response from David help to deepen and define our own worship when we consider our deliverance from the eternal consequences of our sins?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

July 9th

Job 40-42 & Ac. 15:22-41

July 10th

Ps. 1-3 & Ac. 16:1-15

July 11th

Ps. 4-6 & Ac. 16:16-40

July 12th

Ps. 7-9 & Ac. 17:1-15

July 13th

Ps. 10-12 & Ac. 17:16-34

July 14th

Ps. 13-16 & Ac. 18

July 15th

Ps. 17-18 & Ac. 19:1-20

July 16th

Ps. 19-21 & Ac. 19:21-41

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 04-25 – **A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

Msg. # 05-30 – **Grappling with Doubts by Revisiting God's Imprimatur on the Truth**

Msg. # 00-24 – **What's So Special About the Bible?**

Msg. # 09-20 – **Celebrating Unearned Forgiveness**

Msg. # 08-59 – **The Theodicy of God** (a study on God's goodness & the existence of evil)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Berding, Kenneth. **What are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View**. Kregel, 2006.
- Bowman, Robert. **The Word-Faith Controversy: Understanding the Health and Wealth Gospel**. Baker Books, 2001.
- Bunyan, John. **All Loves Excelling: The Saints' Knowledge of Christ's Love**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1998.
- Carson, D. A. **The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God**. Crossway, 1999.
- Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.
- Edgar, Thomas R. **Miraculous Gifts: Are They For Today?** Wipf and Stock, 1983.
- Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.
- Geisler, Norman L. **Signs and Wonders: Miracles and Unusual Events: Which are Real?** Tyndale, 1988.
- MacArthur, John. **Charismatic Chaos**. Zondervan, 1993.
- Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.
- Murray, John. **Redemption Accomplished and Applied**. Eerdmans, 1984.
- Rhodes, Ron. **Miracles Around Us: How to Recognize God at Work Today**. Harvest House, 2000.
- Schaeffer, Francis A. **The Finished Work of Christ: The Truth of Romans 1 – 8**. Crossway Books, 1998.
- Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.
- Warfield, Benjamin B. **Counterfeit Miracles**. Banner of Truth, 1918.