

# 30 A.D.

## THE JESUS STORY

### Facing Human Sickness

Luke 4:38-44

#### INTRODUCTION

- ▶ A Day in the Life of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:31-44)
  - Morning – Casting out a demon
  - At Noon – Rebuking a high fever
  - At Sunset – Healing all kinds of sickness & casting out demons
  - At Dawn the Next Day – Refocusing & moving on with the Good News

#### AT NOON (Luke 4:38-39)

- (Simon) Peter lived in Capernaum
- Peter was married (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:5)
- Peter's mother - in-law was staying with them at the time
- ▶ Setting: Lunchtime
- ▶ Problem: High fever

PRINCIPLE #1: When you have a problem you can't solve,  
ask Jesus for help!

PRINCIPLE #2: Jesus Christ has complete authority over all human sickness.

PRINCIPLE #3: The proper response to Christ's grace in your life is service.

#### AT SUNSET (Luke 4:40-41)

PRINCIPLE #4: The Christian life is one of self-sacrifice.  
(Mark 6:34; 2 Corinthians 12:15)

#### DEALING WITH THE "INVISIBLE ELEPHANT" ABOUT HEALING

- ➊ Jesus sympathizes with all suffering people.  
(Hebrews 4:14-16)
- ➋ Jesus is able to heal immediately & completely.
- ➌ Christ's healing ministry was proof that the Kingdom of God was breaking in. (Luke 4:42-44)
- ➍ It is not always God's will to heal us.
- ➎ Trust that God knows what He is doing when you hurt.

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Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

#### PRAYER

Begin your time together by praising God that Jesus has authority over human sickness and that we can ask Him for help.

#### MY STORY

1. When you need a break from the busyness of life, where do you go and what do you do? What is your favorite vacation spot where you can actually rest, relax, and recoup?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

2. What new insights did you gain from Sunday's message regarding Jesus' healing ministry?
3. Read **Luke 4:38,39**, **Matthew 8:14,15** and **Mark 1:29-31**. What in your opinion are some possible reasons why the healing of Peter's mother-in-law is recorded in three of the gospels?
4. How do you think it made Peter and the other disciples feel when Jesus listened to their request for help regarding Peter's mother-in-law? Describe a time you used prayer as a last resort to help with a challenge in your life when you could have prayed first? What reminder does **Matthew 7:7-12** give?
5. Often in the physical world it takes time to get over a fever. How long did it take for Simon's mother-in-law to recover after Jesus rebuked the fever? What does this indicate regarding the extent of Jesus' authority and power over sickness?

6. What did Peter's mother-in-law do immediately after she was healed? How has God's goodness to you spurred you on to greater service? How is the service of Peter's mother-in-law an example for us today?

#### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

7. How did Jesus heal people in the following passages? Do any of the healings stand out to you as particularly amazing, and how does each one show Jesus' authority over the physical world?

**Luke 4:40**

**Luke 5:12-13**

**Luke 5:18-25**

8. What would you say to the person who said that they had difficulty believing in a God who let their child die of cancer and had not answered their many prayers for help? If something similar happened to you, would you stop praying or lose faith?
9. Read **Luke 4:42-44**. Jesus regularly pulled aside to pray to His Father. Why do you think it was so important for Him to do this in the midst of such a demanding lifestyle?

#### TAKING IT HOME

10. Based on this lesson, what could you do the next time you get sick?
11. If you are healthy, how are you serving God to show Him your gratitude?

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to help any who need His healing touch.