

Miracles #3 ~ Healing And Forgiveness

Week 17 ~ Notes for June 26th

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Background

Subject	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Jairus' daughter, the un-named woman, blind man and two paralytics	9:1-8 9:18-26 9:27-34	5:21-43 2:1-22	8:40-56 5:17-39	5:2-9

Discussion

- Why do you think Christ performed healing miracles?
- Can you see any consistent themes across the miracles of Christ we find in the gospels?
- What are your thoughts on miracles? Were they purely good things or could they have been problematic for Jesus?
- How big a role did faith play in Christ's power to perform miracles?

The term Son of Man appears again in the texts for this week and with great significance. Consider the meaning of this phrase. Compare its usage throughout the Torah and the Prophets.

Also compare its usage throughout the Old Testament with that of the New Testament.

Study the usage of the term Son of Man in the book of Daniel and compare it with the rest of the Old Testament, does anything strike you about its almost unique usage in the book of Daniel?

When Jesus calls himself the Son of man in Matthew 9:6 which definition is he using? That of the book of Daniel or that found in the majority of the rest of the Old Testament? What do you think and why? Justify your answer.

Finally, is it important that we understand the point Christ is making here, and why? Again, justify your answer.