

Life of Christ- Peter's Mother-in-law healed, Healing the Sick, Preaching the Kingdom

Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-39; Luke 4:38-42; Matthew 4:42

Introduction:

1. Review
2. We continue our life of Christ series this morning, beginning with the healing of Peter's mother-in-law.
3. We continue to try and live our lives in accordance with Christ's life.

Discussion:

I. Jesus Heals the Sick (Matthew 8:14-17).

A. Peter's Mother-in-Law

1. Peter had a mother-in-law, which goes against the catholic tradition of "clergy" having to be unmarried. They claim Peter was not married when he became the first pope.
2. Jesus touched her and she was healed (she could have had malaria, which a person would not touch a person with malaria).
3. She immediately got up and served Him, shows the thankfulness of Christ's healing.

B. Jesus fulfills prophecy by healing sick and casting out demons (Matthew 8:16-17).

1. He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases (17).
2. Many times refereeing to one part of a passage is using that one part to represent the rest of the passage as well (Isaiah 52:13-53:12).
3. Scripture and Jewish tradition understand that all sickness is caused directly or indirectly by sin (John 9:1-3, 34-41; Matthew 9:1-8; Romans 5:12).
4. Christ once again proves His "Messiah-ship" (John 10:31-39; John 14:11-12).

II. Jesus Preaches the Kingdom (Mark 1:35-39).

A. Christ was going to build it on (Matthew 16:13-20).

1. He was going to build it on Peter's statement, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
2. The church is built upon this confession that Jesus is both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36).
3. Everyone, one day will make this confession, we decide whether we want to make it now or when Christ, returns and it is too late (Romans 14:10-12).

B. The Kingdom came in the form of the church.

1. The Kingdom (last days) was prophesied about (Daniel 2:44; Isaiah 2; Joel 2:28-32)
2. The Kingdom was near or at hand (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; Acts 1:3-8).
3. The Kingdom Came (Acts 2:1-21; Acts 11:15; Hebrews 12:22-29).

B. Jesus was going to fulfill His purpose.

1. Jesus took time to be alone in a deserted place (Luke 4:42; Luke 5:16).
2. They did not want Jesus to leave (Luke 10:38-42).
3. Christ did not allow things to get in the way of doing the Father's will (John 6:38).
4. Matthew 5:16; Rom 7:1-4; Eph. 2:15- Jesus came to abolish the law by fulfilling it.
5. Christ had to die for the kingdom to be established (Acts 2:22-24; Heb. 9:15-23).

III. We are in the Kingdom

A. We ought to be as passionate about the kingdom as Jesus was preaching it.

1. Titus 2:14-15; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Jeremiah 20:8-9 (fire in my bones); Ezekiel 33 (watchman).
2. This is what the apostle's preached (Acts 8:12; Hebrews 10:36-39; 11:13-16; 12:1-3, 23-29).
3. If there comes a point when people tell us to stop preaching, we obey God rather than men (Acts 5:27-32; 40-42).

B. We as the church need to fulfill our purpose

1. Ephesians 1:22-23
2. Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:24-29
3. 1 Peter 2:9-10 → Hebrews 12:28 → Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion:

1. Jesus is the one who takes away the sins of the world and we need to be preaching this message as Christ did.
2. Jesus came to bring about the last kingdom that would be established and never be destroyed.
3. Invitation- we are a part of this kingdom and need to be workers for the kingdom.