

# The Miracles of Jesus

## Lesson Eight

### Healing Peter's Mother-in-law

Text: Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41

#### Introduction:

1. Following the amazing miracle performed in the synagogue, Jesus – along with James and John – went into the house of Peter and Andrew.
2. The events that occurred in this house teach some important lessons about Jesus and about His disciples.

#### I. The Miracle

- A. Peter's wife's mother was sick with a fever.
- B. The disciples informed Jesus of her condition.
  1. Mark says that "anon (or, immediately) they tell him of her."
  2. Luke says that they "besought him for her."
- C. So, Jesus healed her.
  1. He stood over her and rebuked the fever.
  2. He took her by the hand and lifted her up.
  3. The fever left her.
- D. She was healed so completely that she began to minister to the group.
- E. Following this, Jesus healed many more who were sick and possessed by demons as they were brought to Him at Peter's house.

#### II. The Manifestation

- A. Jesus demonstrated His power over sickness and disease.
  1. This is the first miracle where it is recorded what the illness was.
  2. Luke, the physician, emphasizes that it was a "great fever."
- B. Jesus demonstrated His position of authority.
  1. Upon the display of Jesus' power, Peter's mother-in-law became His servant.
  2. She was healed to help; we are saved to serve (Matthew 20:27; 23:11; 25:21; Mark 9:35; Romans 1:1; 1 Cor. 9:19; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1, Jude 1; Rev. 1:1).
- C. Jesus demonstrated His compassion and love.

#### III. The Message

- A. Jesus went to Simon's house; for He had no house of His own (Matthew 8:20).
- B. Jesus is the Great Physician – physically and spiritually (Hebrews 5:9).
- C. Peter's home was open to his extended family, friends, and those in need.
  1. Peter and his wife lived there.
  2. Andrew lived there.

3. Peter's mother-in-law lived there (1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 16).
  4. Jesus was welcome there (Galatians 6:10; 2 John 9-11; 3 John 5-6).
  5. *Is Jesus welcome in our homes?*
- D. Peter was not the Pope!
1. He was married and not celibate (1 Cor. 9:5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-2).
  2. He had no supremacy over other apostles (1 Pet. 5:1; 2 Cor. 11:5; Matt. 20:25ff).
  3. He would not receive worship (Acts 10:25-26).
  4. He was not infallible (Galatians 2:11).