

**Lesson Title:** The Revelations of Jesus—Healer

**Key Concept:** This series of lessons explores various revelations of the one true God of Israel in the person of Jesus. This lesson examines the revelation of Jesus as Healer who came to make us whole.

**Scriptures:**

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.  
He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.  
(Isaiah 53:5 *New Living Translation*)

<sup>13</sup> Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

(James 5:13–16 *New Living Translation*)

**Context Scriptures:** Isaiah 53; John 5:1–15; Mark 2:1–12; 2 Corinthians 12:6–10; Philippians 1:29–30; Hebrews 9:27

**Lesson Thoughts:**

The Bible records many stories of Jesus healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, and even raising the dead. The apostles also healed using the power of the name of Jesus. God still heals and many have personally experienced healing or heard first-hand accounts of such miracles.

Many of the scriptures concerning healing present God trying to make His people spiritually whole, not just physically well. When the paralyzed man was let down through the roof by his friends, Jesus seemed to miss the entire point by forgiving the man's sins. Then, almost as an afterthought, Jesus healed him (Mark 2:1–12). At the Pool of Bethesda, he healed a lame man and later found him and urged him to stop sinning (John 5:1–15). The prophecy “by his stripes we are healed” refers to Jesus taking our sins into his body so we can be whole (Isaiah 53). In concentrating only on physical healing, we have missed the larger point: he came to make us whole in ALL ways.

Paul spoke of a “thorn in the flesh” that God chose not to remove because God’s strength is accomplished in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:6–10). We also have the uncomfortable reality that God promised death for each of us (Hebrews 9:27). Sometimes he does not heal. It is hard to comprehend how a God who loves us so much would choose not to take away suffering. We would do well to realize that Jesus as healer came to make us whole in more than our physical ailments.



### Discussion Questions:

- 1) Share with the group a personal story of physical healing.
- 2) Share with the group a personal story of spiritual, mental, or emotional healing.
- 3) Share with the group a time when God chose not to heal. Explain how his strength was/is made evident in that weakness.
- 4) Experiencing God’s healing power creates faith. Experiencing God’s strength in our weakness also creates faith. How are these two types of faith different?

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**Notes and Reflections**

- 1) Read through the lesson again, pausing to read the scriptures in parentheses as you come to them.
- 2) How has your physical health affected your relationship with God? Give positive and negative circumstances and results.
- 3) In John 5, Jesus asks the man at the Pool of Bethesda, "Would you like to be well?" Surprisingly, the man doesn't answer his question but instead gives the reason he thinks he can't be healed. What are some reasons/excuses that you offer God when he asks, "Would you like to be well?" Are these things helpful or hurtful? Why do you use them? What are you scared of?
- 4) Would you like to be well? Would you like to be whole? List several things (mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical) from which you need to be healed.

**Notes and Reflections, cont.**