

## **Matthew 8:14-27 Jesus Fulfills Esaiah Prophecy**

**14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. 15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.**

*Jesus returns from healing the centurion's servant and goes to Peter's house. Peter's mother in law is usually scampering around and waiting on everyone, especially Jesus. When Jesus arrives the lady is sick, so sick she is laying down, she never laid down when there were visitors. She's the kind of person who never stops helping others. She has a fever, so there is an infection. Luke 4 says she had a great fever. In that day a fever was serious, there were no antibiotics, like today. There were also many diseases that are seldom seen in the U.S. like typhoid and malaria and don't forget the flu. Even the flu was very deadly, before the discovery of antibiotics. In 1918 the Spanish flu spread around the world and infected over five hundred million people worldwide. It is estimated the death toll worldwide was anywhere from thirty to fifty million people. Many more than had died during the great war of World War One. Jesus simply touches her hand and the fever leaves. She got up and started ministering to Jesus and his disciples. She not only was healed of the fever, but probably felt better than she had in years. Throughout history there has never been a stronger medicine than a touch by Jesus.*

**16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

*Jesus didn't just heal a few folks; he healed all that were sick or had devils or evil spirits. Matthew says this was done to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah. Lets look a little closer at Isaiah's message of the cross, found in chapter 53.*

*Isaiah 53: 1- 12 (KJV)*

*1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

Isaiah is asking, who of the people, living in his day, has believed his report. What report? The report of all the prophets, which had spoken to the Jews, during his time. The verse goes on to say whom is the arm of Jehovah revealed. Isaiah is going to reveal God's plan to redeem an unrighteous people to Himself, without being unrighteous. He plans on carrying out this plan in the most perfect plan that could ever be devised. Isaiah says Jehovah put more effort in man's redemption than was involved in creation of the heavens and the moon.

The bible says, Psalms 8: 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

God created the moon and the stars, by the work of His fingers. To redeem man, Jehovah bared His arm. It is a picture of Jehovah rolling up his sleeves of His shirt to prepare for some hard work

Isaiah 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, [there is] no beauty that we should desire him.

God looked down with pleasure on the birth of Jesus, HIS only begotten Son. God saw Jesus grow up like a tender plant as a root out of dry ground. I always had a saying about my children that they grew like weeds. Jesus was not the person you see pictured by man in paintings or movies. He was not a good-looking man; He was not handsome or majestic looking. He was rather plain, possibly what would be called homely. He was probably teased by children, when he was young.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were [our] faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

He was despised and rejected of men. Growing up as a child, to adolescent, to teenager and to man, Jesus was despised and rejected. Even Jesus brothers had a problem with Him. How would you like to grow up with a brother, who was perfect? Jesus never sinned, never lied, never coveted anything, never disobeyed his parents. When Mary or Joseph asked Him what his brothers were doing, He

*told them. His brothers and other men didn't understand why He looked so different from His brothers. They knew Jesus was the son of Mary, but He didn't look like Joseph. His brothers Jude and James didn't believe Jesus was the Son of God, until after His resurrection. He was a man of sorrows.*

*4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore the griefs and sorrows of mankind. As He hung on the cross, He was humiliated, because prisoners were crucified in the nude. Most of the people, at the crucifixion, hated Jesus. They not only watched Him being nailed to the cross but sat and watched Him suffer. They wanted to watch him die. They believed He was smitten and afflicted by God, for claiming to be deity. Among these people were the scribes and Pharisees. I believe one of the men of the Pharisees, was a man name Saul of Tarsus. He had such a hate for Jesus that after the crucifixion, Saul tracked down many of Jesus disciples and had them thrown in prison and punished.*

*5 But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*Jesus didn't go to the cross for anything He did, He was wounded, bruised and chastised for mankind. Our penalty was place on Him, so that we might have peace with God.*

*The bible says with His stripes we are healed. This was part of the fulfillment, of prophecy, that was taking place as Jesus healed the sick and cast out devils as seen in Matthew 8.*

*Healing from Jesus was not only physical, he was on his way to the cross of Calvary, because God the Father was going to lay on him the iniquity (sins) of us all. The scribes and Pharisees were the teachers of the old testament, they were familiar with the writings of Isaiah, but missed the message.*

**18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. 19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.**

*Many times I get upset when preachers talk about biblical laws that will lead to financial security. I've even heard them talk about making our time on earth like being in heaven. The bible teaches, this world is not your home. The bible teaches not to be conformed to the ways of the world. The Lord, who created the heavens and the earth, came to the earth in the flesh of a man. He was the king and could have had angels to build him the greatest palace of all. He could have had a kingdom that would have put king Solomon to shame, but he didn't. Jesus didn't even have a room with a bed to call his own. He didn't have time to enjoy the simple pleasures of home. He was on a mission to proclaim the Father's will, to preach the kingdom of heaven is coming. He is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.*

**21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.**

*As part of honoring parents, the eldest son was obligated to bury his parents. This verse doesn't mean the man's father just died and he wanted to return home to bury him. If the man speaking, had just lost his father, he would be going through a period of mourning. His father was probably old and not in good health and he could die in the next few years. The man wanted to stay home until his father passes, so he could fulfill his obligation of burying him. This could have taken years. From the time Jesus was baptized by John until his crucifixion was about three years. Jesus had a limited time to accomplish his earthly ministry and would not waste even a moment. Every moment of His time was dedicated to fulfilling the will of His Father.*

**23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to him,**

**and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!**

*Jesus has been ministering preaching and healing all day. He is tired. He tells the disciples, let's get in the boat and go to the other side of the lake, He needs a break. He settles into the boat and lays down and quickly falls asleep from fatigue. This is a picture of the humanity of Jesus. What is more human than to work very hard, to the point of physical exhaustion and needing to sleep. As He sleeps, the wind starts to blow hard and the waves rise. It was not unusual for sudden storms to rise on the lake, but this one concerned the men who made their living fishing. The waves rise to a height where water is coming into the boat. They don't understand how Jesus can sleep through such a storm. They believe the boat might sink and wake Jesus up.*

*Jesus ask them, why are you so afraid. Jesus was on a mission to do the will of the Father. God the Father would not allow anything to interfere with Jesus ministry. Jesus tells them where is your faith, God is in control?*

*Have you ever seen a Christian go through a major trial and not seem concerned? Growing up in Texas, there are many bad storms and tornados. I remember as a child my mother praying for God's protection over her two boys. I've seen her remain calm when we were afraid. When I was older, I would ask her what she thought about the bad storm that hit her home the previous night? She wasn't aware of it, because she slept through it. She wasn't concerned, God was in charge. God would protect her if it wasn't her time. A tornado couldn't hit her house unless God gave it permission. If she were to die in the storm, she would open her eyes in glory and she had no fear. The disciples didn't have that kind of faith yet. Jesus tells them, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith"?*

*Jesus then calmly faces the storm and commands it to stop. The language is similar to a man commanding a trained dog to sit. Jesus looks upon the storm and commands "sit" and there is total calm. The disciples marvel, they still don't comprehend who Jesus is. They don't realize, Jesus is LORD. Friend, how's your faith today? Do you have the peace of knowing that no matter what happens, you have a heavenly home waiting for you?*