

I am busy reminding us of this vital message that I quoted a few years ago when I told you about this statement made famous by the great Missionary Hudson Taylor:

“Christ is either Lord of all, or is not Lord at all”

Over the next few weeks I want to look at this statement, and in my final sermon in this series I am going to ask the question: SO WHAT?? If I have managed to convince you of the significance of the quote of Hudson Taylor, WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS.

IN THE FIRST WEEK I asked the question **WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO REALISE THAT JESUS IS LORD OF ALL? - Acts 10**

For Peter it took a VISION FROM HEAVEN

For CORNELIUS it took being introduced to JESUS

For those with Peter from Joppa, it took the image of the coming of the Holy Spirit. PERHAPS GOD HAS SENT THE PANDEMIC TO POINT US TO HIM.

OR MAYBE SOMETHING WORSE IS COMING!!!

Two weeks ago we looked at:

FIVE REASONS WHY I PREACH JESUS IS LORD

THE BIBLE DECLARES HIM LORD.

THE BIBLE SPOKE OF HIS LORDSHIP PROPHETICALLY.

HIS LORDSHIP OVERRIDES THE CREATION ORDER AND THE LAW.

HIS LORDSHIP GIVES HIM POWER TO SAVE.

THE DAY IS COMING WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE WILL CALL HIM LORD!!!

LAST WEEK we looked at:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DEMONS

DEMONS ARE REAL

DEMONS HAVE A LEADER

DEMONS UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL TRUTH

DEMONS OBEY JESUS.

THIS WEEK I want us to begin to look at specific areas where Jesus is Lord:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASE

The last two years have reminded us how susceptible we are to disease. An unseen enemy, with the power to mutate, has had us all living in fear.

Over 390 million cases worldwide. Over 5.7 million deaths worldwide.

3.62 Million cases in SA and over 95000 deaths.

But it's not those statistics that scare us.

It's the fact that everybody here knows someone who has died.

It's the fact in our small congregation three members have died

It's the fact to our beloved Elder, Ronnie died

DISEASE HAS TOUCHED US ALL

Mark 5:24-34 (NIV) Jesus Heals a Sick Woman

v24 So Jesus went with him (Jairus). A large crowd followed and pressed around him. v25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. v26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. v27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, v28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." v29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. v30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" v31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' " v32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. v33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. v34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

1) FIRSTLY, DISEASE IS DAMAGING.

1. DISEASE DAMAGES PHYSICALLY.

*v25 And a woman was there who had been subject to **bleeding for twelve years***

Have you ever known a person who has had a long-term illness? It is one of the most painful things to watch. I watched my own father battle with leukaemia for more than five years.

2. DISEASE DAMAGES EMOTIONALLY.

v26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors

Medical Practitioners can sometimes make things worse when it comes to disease.

At times, Medical Practitioners, may raise the hope of a person without having a true cure for some illnesses.

SADLY, the "CHURCH" has been at least equally, if not worse at raising peoples hopes when it comes to healing.

The number of FAKE HEALERS doing the rounds is growing as the years go by. People flock to these so called "Healing Crusades" and are often left with long term disappointment.

My own father had a similar experience.

3. DISEASE DAMAGES SOCIALLY.

*v27 When she heard about Jesus, **she came up behind him in the crowd***

Have you ever wondered why she came up from behind Jesus?

According to Lev 15:19-31, when a women had her normal issue of blood, she was not allowed to leave the home for seven days until she washed everything she touched or wore, because blood was considered unclean. SHE COULD NEVER LEAVE THE HOUSE BECAUSE SHE WAS PERPETUALLY BLEEDING.

COVID HAS CONDEMNED US TO OUR HOUSES!!!

4. **DISEASE DAMAGES SPIRITUALLY.**

*v25 And a woman was there who had been subject to **bleeding for twelve years***

HER BLEEDING PREVENTED HER FROM ENTERING THE TEMPLE PRECINCT.

I wonder how many people have rejected God because of Disease. I know some Doctors who have rejected God, because they say that "if God were good, he would not allow suffering."

5. **DISEASE DAMAGES FINANCIALLY.**

*v26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors **and had spent all she had***

Medical care is EXPENSIVE. 50% is spent in the first 65 years and the other 50% in what you live over 65

Many a person/family has destroyed financially because of medical expenses.

My mothers sacrifice regarding money.

Since disease is destructive, it must be part of the fall, for only the THIEF COMES TO STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY
DISEASE IS DAMAGING

2) **SECONDLY, DISEASE IS DESTROYED BY JESUS.**

1. **THE DISEASE IS NOT DESTROYED BY THE WOMEN.**

*v29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and **she felt in her body that she was freed** from her suffering*

The Phrase "**she felt in her body that she was freed**" is in what is known as the Perfect Passive tense.

What the word means is "THE HEALING WAS DONE TO ME AND I PLAYED NO PART IN HOW I WAS HEALED"

Many today are being told that you only need to look inward for healing. Now, while God has implanted within us, amazing capacities to be healed and restored, IT IS ONLY GOD WHO ACTIVATES THE HEALING.

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind - John 9:1-3 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. v2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" v3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "**but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.**"

2. **THE DISEASE IS DESTROYED BY JESUS.**

*v29 **Immediately her bleeding stopped** and she felt in her body that **she was freed from her suffering***

One of Marks favourite words to describe the miracles of Jesus is "**Immediately**". (11 times)

Mark 1:34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

*Mark 1:42 **Immediately** the leprosy left him and he was cured.*

Mark 3:10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

Mark 6:13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark 6:56 And wherever he went--into villages, towns or countryside--they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

*Mark 10:52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." **Immediately** he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

HEALING TOOK PLACE BECAUSE JESUS WAS THERE

3. **NOT EVERY DISEASE IS DESTROYED**

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The point the disciples were making is very valid. JESUS we many places with many large crowds. Now while there were times when people touched Jesus by merely touching Jesus, IT DID NOT HAPPEN EVERY TIME

Many wonder why God does not heal everybody.

While God is not the author of disease, God does use disease for different reasons:

1. Receiving Glory when healing occurs.
2. Teaching Perseverance - James
3. Causing repentance – David and Bathsheba
4. Proving Faithfulness - Job

So far we have seen:

DISEASE IS DAMAGING

DISEASE IS DESTROYED BY JESUS.

3) **THIRDLY JESUS DESTROYED THE WORST DISEASE.**

*v32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. v33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. v34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. **Go in peace and be freed** from your suffering."*

Can you imagine what the Women must have felt like when she realised that JESUS WAS TRULY LOOKING FOR HER.

v32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus wanted to find this woman?

It wasn't because he didn't have enough power left to heal everybody else

It wasn't because he wanted to catch the women out, for breaking the law

It wasn't because this had not happened before.

It wasn't because the women had not been healed.

It wasn't because he wanted some payment for his services.

There is one simple reason:

HE WANTED THE WOMEN TO PUBLICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS LORD SO SHE WOULD RECEIVE ULTIMATE HEALING WHICH ONLY JESUS CAN GIVE. HE SAID:

Go in peace and be freed from your suffering

SO FAR WE HAVE LEARNED THAT

DISEASE IS DAMAGING

DISEASE IS DESTROYED BY JESUS.

JESUS DESTROYED THE WORST DISEASE

CONCLUSION

JESUS IS MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN HEALING
THE TRUE DISEASE CALLED SIN

I can't offer you physical healing, but I can
show you what you need to do to be healed
from sin!!!