



# DIVINE HEALING

Sunday, March 31, 2019 | Mark 2:1–12 | **“Theology of Divine Healing”**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

There are two extremes to avoid in this topic: that God always heals and that God never heals. However, we cannot look at healing in and of itself. The act of divine healing must be put into the larger context of what God has done, is doing, and will do for the whole world through Christ. Only then will we rightly pursue God for his gift without abandoning the giver.

Sunday, April 7, 2019 | 1 Cor. 12:4–11, 27–31; James 5:13–18 | **“Healing is the Work of the Church”**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

If we’ve put divine healing in its proper context, then it is clear that divine healing isn’t not just an internal blessing for God’s people. Rather, healing is a gift given to the church for the sake of the world. To use older biblical language for the healing of the nations. The church is meant to be the conduit of God’s blessing to the world. Healing is a part of our witness about Jesus.

Sunday, April 14, 2019 | Genesis 3:8–21 | **“Sources of Illness”**

*Palm Sunday*

All illness results from sin, but not all illness is because of sin, and certainly not all illness is sin. Part of the context for understanding divine healing is to recognize that we have an enemy who is seeking to disrupt, corrupt, and destroy God’s purposes. We can’t attribute everything to the Devil, but we can’t discount his role either. Just as we must reject sin we must reject the Devil as well. Through Jesus we have authority over the Devil and his works.

Sunday, April 21, 2019 | Mark 6:1–6; 1 Cor. 11:27–32 | **“Things that Prevent Healing”**

*Easter Sunday*

Divine healing isn’t magic. We do not wield Jesus’s name like an incantation, guaranteeing a prescribed result. Healing is a part of our relationship, rooted in the grand story of God. As a result there are things in our lives that will block healing. In fact, God may be using our suffering to get our attention. The believer must examine themselves in the areas of unbelief, disobedience, unforgiveness, and sin not to make God heal, but to be in right relationship with the healer.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 | Mark 5:1–20 | **“Healing the Whole Person”**

*Season of Easter*

God is not a service provider. As a result he is not interested in only healing a foot, curing cancer, or any other one-off act. God is about restoring all things. That means he is only interested in healing all of us. Not just who we are today, but our entire past, present, and future. God doesn’t undo what has happened to us, what is happening to us, or what will happen to us. Instead, if we will give it to him, he will redeem it and heal it. As C. S. Lewis notes, heaven works backwards in us.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 | John 21:15–23 | **“Healing our Pain”**

*Season of Easter*

Healing, redemption, and restoration are not simply things we enjoy as individuals. God is all about the community. When God heals us totally that includes our relationships with each other and institutions. Many of us have been through painful experiences in churches. God desires to heal those experiences too. We want to take time to seek him for healing, particularly in this area which is so painful.