



Introduction:

- Over the next several weeks, we are going to deal with some very tough questions that YOU have asked.
- This morning, we're going to tackle the question of healing – specifically, "Why doesn't Jesus heal immediately when sincerely asked?"
- To answer this tough question, let's look at the healings Jesus performed to see what characterized a divine healing. And secondly, we'll see what Scripture says we should do when we get sick.

Characteristics of the Healings of Jesus:

1. They were _____
...at once the man was cured. (John 5:9)

2. They were _____
...he picked up his mat and walked. (v. 9b)

3. They were _____ (Luke 9:24, 25)

Jesus' healings included unbelievers who exercised no faith and did not even know who Jesus was. In other words, Jesus' healings had nothing to do with how great a person's faith was. Normally, the person He healed had little or no faith at all.

4. They were _____

*Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man **accredited by God to you by miracles, signs and wonders**, which God did among you through Him, which you yourselves know.
Acts 2:22 (emphasis added)*

*This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. **God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles...**
Hebrews 2:3,4 (emphasis added)*

Healings (and miracles) were used to confirm to the people that Jesus actually was who he claimed to be; the Son of God.

*Divine healing can be defined as immediate and complete physical or mental restoration that circumvent or interrupt natural laws.
Thomas Edgar, **Miraculous Gifts: Are They For Today?**, p. 127*

5. They were _____

Here a great number of disabled people used to lie... One who was there... when Jesus saw him lying there... (John 5:3-5)

What To Do When Sick (James 5:13-14):

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