FROM EAST AND WEST

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Matthew 8:11



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Matthew 8:16-17

¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

Isaiah 53:4-5

- ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 - and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:12

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Matthew 9:6

⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷ And he rose and went home.



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When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

⁵ When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him."

You want me to come and heal him?

⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Matthew 8:14-15

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever.
He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.



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Psalm 107

- Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
 - ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
 - ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Psalm 107

- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- ¹⁰ Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons,
- ¹⁷ Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
- ²³ Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;