

The True Marks of an Apostolic Healer

Introduction

- Last week we learned that a true apostle of Christ had two primary characteristics:
 - First, they had actually _____ the resurrected Christ, physically, after His resurrection from the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:4-9
 - Second, they demonstrated the validity of their apostleship through the manifestation of miraculous _____ and wonders. Hebrews 2:3-4; Mark 16:20; 2 Corinthians 12:12
- There are men today who claim to be apostles and have the apostolic sign gifts. It seems that the number one gift that they purport to have is the apostolic gift of _____.
- Let's put them to the Biblical test. Jesus said that His apostles would actually do _____ works than He did. John 14:12

First, Jesus and the apostles went where the _____ people were.

Matthew 9:35; Acts 5:15

Second, Jesus and the apostles healed _____.

Matthew 8:13; Mark 5:29; Luke 17:14; Acts 3:7-8, 9:32-34

Third, Jesus and the apostles healed _____.

Matthew 8:14-15; Acts 4:14, 16

- When Jesus and the apostles healed, there were no "lying symptoms" to ignore.

Fourth, Jesus and the apostles healed _____.

1. Many times in the Scripture, the Bible is careful to note this. Matthew 4:23-24, 9:35; Mark 6:56; Acts 5:15-16, 28:7-9
2. Unlike healers today, they did not leave long lines of _____ people who had to return home in their wheelchairs.

Fifth, Jesus and the apostles healed _____ disease.

1. They didn't just heal lower back pain, headaches, heart palpitations, arthritis, and other non-visible ailments.
2. They healed legs crippled from birth, withered hands, palsy, blind eyes, deaf ears, leprosy, etc.
3. Their healings were undeniably miraculous. Matthew 15:31; Acts 4:16
 - Jesus took an _____ that had been cut off and healed it. Luke 22:50-51
 - Peter healed a man who had been crippled and in bed for _____ years. Acts 9:34

Sixth, Jesus and the apostles performed the ultimate of all healings, they raised the _____.

- And they did it in front of _____ of people. John 11:38-45; Acts 9:36-43, 20:7-12

In Conclusion:

1. We have seen from the Bible six characteristics of a true apostle's healing ministry.
2. Despite the claims being made today, nobody is exhibiting these six characteristics from God's Word in their healing ministries.
3. If a person wants to conveniently disregard the six things that typified the Biblical sign gift of healing, that is fine, but they should not call themselves an apostle and claim to have the sign gift of healing.
4. Why is this important to look at and study? Because so many people today are living under _____ and condemnation because they did not receive their healing.
5. There are others who are filled with false _____ and end up devastated with their faith in God being undermined.
6. Christian – do not despair. Paul called this dispensation “the sufferings of this present time.” Paul said that though our outward man perish, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.
7. We have a hope that extends far beyond the physical healing of these corruptible, mortal _____. 2 Corinthians 4:17