

**SERMON NOTES January 17, 2021**  
**Mt.8.16-22 “What Keeps People from Genuine Conversion?”**  
**Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #111**

Jesus here performed mass healings, without regard to **individual** faith or circumstances.

- ❖ Whether the problem was **spiritual** (demon-possessed) ...
  - ❖ **Physical** (the sick, blind, lame) ...
- ... He **healed all**.

Healing was evidence of His **deity** & **messiahship**.

**First**, He was **sympathizing** with man's pain & sickness.

- ✚ Just as surely as then, He now knows the agonies of His children,  
“*for we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses*” (He.4.15).

**Second**, Jesus saw & felt the destructive power of their root cause, which is **sin**.

- ✚ Sin, sickness, & death are all inextricably tied to the **curse**.

**Third**, ultimately all sickness & disease will be **carried away**.

- ✚ The King was offering His kingdom & was previewing its marvelous & glorious elements.

**Fourth**, Jesus healed because of His divine & loving **compassion**.

On the Mt of Transfiguration, Jesus gave three disciples a **glimpse** of His divine glory - through His miracles Jesus gave a vision of His glorious kingdom ... (Re.21.1-4).

Before He established His earthly kingdom that would be **free** of suffering & death, the Messiah Himself would have to **suffer** & **die** to redeem men from sin.

Disease & death cannot be permanently removed until **sin** is permanently removed.

The person who trusts in the atoning work of Christ is **immediately** delivered from the penalty of sin  
The ultimate fulfillment of Christ's redeeming work is yet **future** for believers (Ro.8.22–25; 13.11).

From the beginning Jesus knew that **rejection** would exceed **acceptance**,

Jesus' **authority** was evident

His **teaching** was unique.

- ✚ Some people run from the truth because it exposes their sin, which they do not want to give up.
- ✚ Some people are attracted to Jesus' charisma & power.

They marvel at the wonderful things He says & does, but they **take nothing to heart**.