



The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Six Study Questions -- Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law (Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39)

1. Whose house did Jesus enter immediately after leaving the synagogue? (Mark 1:29)
2. Of the three accounts of this miracle, which gospel writer mentions that Peter's mother-in-law had a "high fever"? (Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39)
 - What occupation did this writer have according to Colossians 4:14?
3. Did anyone make request of Jesus on behalf of Peter's mother-in-law?
4. According to Luke's account, what did Jesus do to heal Peter's mother-in-law? (Luke 4:39)
 - What did Jesus do to quiet the wind and the sea in Luke 8:24?
 - What did Jesus do to quiet and cast out a demon in Mark 1:25?
 - What do these accounts indicate about the power of the Jesus' words?
5. According to Mark's account, what other action did Jesus take to heal Peter's mother-in-law? (Mark 1:31)
 - What happened immediately after Jesus did this?
 - What did Peter's mother-in-law do then?
6. What occurred after this miracle? (Mark 1:32-34)
7. A number of false religious doctrines and beliefs are refuted in part or in whole by the facts surrounding this miracle.
 - ☞ Catholics claim that Peter was the first pope.
 - Was Peter unmarried and celibate? (see also 1 Corinthians 9:5)
 - What requirement is given in Titus 1:6 and 1 Timothy 3:2 regarding whether or not bishops should be married?
 - Would Peter willingly receive worship as Catholic popes do? (Acts 10:25-26)
 - Was Peter infallible? (Galatians 2:11-14)
 - ☞ Some claim to work miracles today. What differences do you see between their claims and Jesus' healing on this occasion?
 - ☞ Some claim that it is degrading for a woman serve in the home.
 - Would Jesus have allowed Peter's mother-in-law to serve if it degraded her?
 - What is said about a woman's work in the home in 1 Timothy 5:14 and Titus 2:4-5?
 - Would you agree that an appropriate response to being blessed is to use our blessings to serve and bless others? (see 2 Corinthians 8:12; 9:8)
8. According to Matthew's account, what Old Testament prophetic statement was being fulfilled by the miracles Jesus performed on this occasion? (Matthew 8:16-17)
 - Can the Lord heal our spiritual and physical infirmities today? (consider Philippians 2:25-27; Hebrews 4:14-16)