

# God Time – Jesus Our Healer

Monday: John 4:49-53

Tuesday: John 5:5-14

Wednesday: John 9:1-7

Thursday: Matthew 8:2-4

Friday: Matthew 20:30-34

## Keep It Active

1. Work on memorizing the memory verse for this week.
2. Spend some God time reading your Bible daily (even if you start with 10 minutes a day).  
Watch for opportunities this week to pray for others in alignment with what you are reading, even those that are not immediately in your presence.

## Diving Deeper

What is the deal with faith healing?

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus calls us to Him, and in doing so, He wants us to understand the burdens that He can free us from. When we live a life that is controlled by the world, we begin to see that the yoke offered by the world is a heavy burden – one that is demanding, filled with chaos and provides no real hope. But Jesus says, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* (Matthew 11:28-30) Jesus is saying that by accepting His yoke, He will walk with us and share the load. The burden is light because He will help us through the demands of others and the world, as well as help us reorder and transform our lives to give us freedom from these worldly demands.

We live in a world that is built around a recognized and defined pattern as we go through life looking for direction and purpose. We finish junior high, go directly into high school, and prepare for the day when we can leave home to attend a university that is designed to redirect our thinking and typically change us into something that meets the expectations of the world. We get a job, get married, have children and pass the baton to our children as the cycle begins all over again. We find the world has a greater influence on each generation, and we move farther and farther away from who God desires us to become.

Jesus recognized the hypocrisy and burdens created by those who in accordance with the demands of the world. He came so that we might have hope and find a way to break the grip that the world has on us. He came not to judge the world but to save us and reconcile us to God. When Jesus started His ministry, He made a simple call – *“Come and Follow Me.”* (Matthew 4:19) It was an unexpected call, one that was not anticipated, but one that led these fishermen to drop everything they had and follow Jesus. It is apparent that they had previously listened to Jesus teach and were drawn to Him by His humble spirit, His passion to help others and the truth that He taught. They followed in obedience to His call and began a life changing relationship with Jesus. That is what Jesus seeks from us. He desires a personal relationship that leads us to a renewed life as a helper called to work for a higher and more eternal end. He desires us to be healed, and when we answer His call, we begin a journey that will lead us away from our former life and into a new life that brings opportunity and challenges as we work to build the Kingdom of God. When Jesus says “Come to Me,” it is the only way to break the hold and grip the world has on us. Our journey is no longer controlled by the patterns of the world, but by the life changing, transforming power of Jesus Christ. He is asking us to put our faith on Him as He heals us and frees us from the shackles and burdens that are weighing us down.

1. Who do you want to follow? The world or Jesus.
2. Who do you live for? What do you live for?
3. Have you fully walked away from your former life?
4. Have you fully accepted the power of Jesus to heal you?

