

“Messiah Has Come to Rescue Us”
Matthew 8: 1-17

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Verse 1- 4

Messiah rescues a leper with a touch

Jesus breaks into the chaos and heals spiritually, emotionally, and physically

No Jewish leper had ever been healed in Israel

Rabbinic traditions say Messiah would be noted for 3 miracles:

- 1) Healing a leper**
- 2) Casting out a demon from one who is deaf and cannot speak**
- 3) Healing a blind man from birth**

What we can learn from the leper:

The leper approached Jesus worshipping = *right attitude!*

The leper trusted Jesus,
“if you are willing, you can make me clean”

A TOUCH >

A WORD >

HEALED!

The leper is a picture of sin; he was an unclean, outcast from society

We are as the unclean leper; we are sinful, dirty, filthy, outcast from God

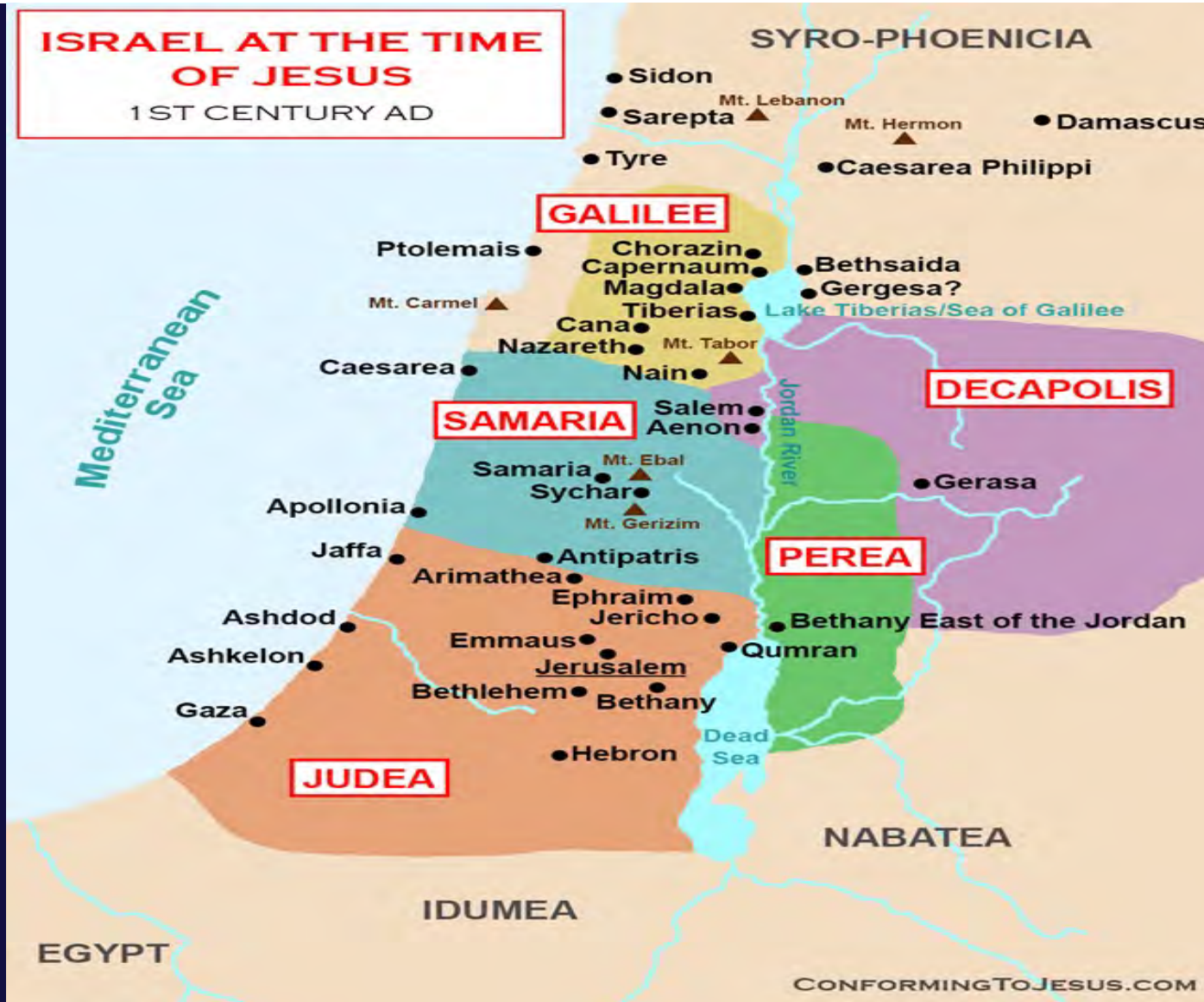
When we come to Jesus, just as the leper, Jesus washes us white as snow!

Verse 5 - 13

**Messiah rescues, *with a word*,
from a distance**

ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

1ST CENTURY AD





The centurion trusts Jesus:

“only speak a word, and my servant will be healed”

Jesus then stings the self-righteous and prejudiced:

1) Stinger #1:

“He marveled, and said to those who followed, Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel”

2) Stinger #2:

“Many will come from east and the west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven”

Prejudiced Jews are learning the Gospel is for everyone!

3) Stinger #3:

“But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”

Who are the sons of the kingdom?

Unbelieving Jews who trusted in their pedigree, their heritage, their ethnicity, and not in the Messiah

God is not a respecter of persons! He is not a face looker! God sees the heart!!

Verse 14 - 15


Messiah rescues a mother in need

What do we see?

Jesus being warm, tender and caring; He is willing to get involved without being asked

What do we need to know when suffering?

*Jesus does care, even when we think He doesn't, in the "**where are you Jesus**" times!*

A person wearing a bright yellow raincoat with the hood up is seen from behind, standing on a boat. They are looking out at a dark, stormy sea under a heavy, grey sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**"He who dwells in the secret place of the
Most High shall abide under the shadow of
the Almighty. I will say of the Lord,
"He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."**

Psalm 91: 1-2

Learn from Job – Job 23: 8 -14

Job certainly felt, *“Where are you, God?”*

Job teaches us that we will not understand the ways of God

We simply do not know all the why’s?!

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.
As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9



You are here.



Our greatest need is to know God and to trust Him through it all!

TO BE RESCUED BY THE MASTER!!

Turn to the chaos calmer, our rescuer – *turn to Jesus!*



Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Your rescue is sure – *HOLD ON!*





Verse 16 - 17

**Messiah rescues from the chaos of the
sin curse**

Jesus would heal all sickness, spiritual, emotional ,
and physical -

*“He cast out the spirits with a word, and
healed all who were sick”*

The Atonement: *“He Himself took our infirmities
and bore our sickness”* – Isaiah 53: 4

Is there now a guarantee of physical, emotional, and
spiritual healing in the atonement?

1 Peter 2: 24 *will help us*

The subject: Jesus bearing our sins

The result: You were healed
(*Aorist tense = already occurred*)

The focus: Our sins – spiritual healing occurred,
it was done at the cross
(*This is not a now, physical focus*)

What I can say with assurance?

- *I am healed spiritually now*
- *I will be healed physically and emotionally in God's Kingdom*

THINK JESUS > THINK RESCUE!



Rescue me from my consequence of sin

Rescue me from separation from God,
forever in hell

Rescue me from the grip of Satan

Rescue me from the devil's work,
sin, disease, death, and chaos

Full rescue from sickness, emotional and relational distresses is coming – *done deal!*

We still experience the fallout from the distresses of life while here

We are not whole yet; we still have a sin nature to deal with

While here, the more I yield to the Holy Spirit, the less I will act like the old me

Our transformation will not be complete until we are in heaven and glorified (*state of perfection*)

Hold on

YOU ARE ALMOST HOME!!

. then we will be like Him
1 John 3: 2

REMEMBER:

MESSIAH HAS COME TO RESCUE US!