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The King and His Glory / Healing; Faith; Mercy; Grace / Matthew 8:14–17

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Pre-sermon Comments

Hebrews 4:14–16 LSB

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us take hold of our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things like *we are*, yet without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:21–23 LSB

21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:24–25 LSB

24 And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Sermon Text

Matthew 8:14–17 LSB

¹⁴ When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. ¹⁵ And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and *began* waiting on Him. ¹⁶ Now when evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill ¹⁷ in order to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."

Review

Matthew 1:1 LSB

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matthew 1:16 LSB

¹⁶ And Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

Nine proofs or evidences that Jesus is the Christ ([Matthew 1-8](#))

- The Unmatched lineage
- The Unforgettable birth
- The Unique Affirmation (Magi)
- The Underhanded Betrayal (Herod)
- The Unconventional Coronation (John the Baptist)
- The Unscrupulous Temptations

- The Underwhelming Geography
- The Unprecedented Teaching
- The Unimaginable Miracles
- **You Must Come With Bold Confidence**
- **You Must Discern His Great Authority**
- **You Must Come With Reverent Worship**
- **You Must Come With Humble Submission**
- **You Must Come With Expectant Faith**
- **You Must Display a True Faith**

Sermon Proposition and Outline

In Matthew 8:14-17, we see three seemingly contradictory characteristics in our Lord. You must acknowledge that He is:

Your Compassionate Healer

Your Conquering Hero

Your Crucified Champion

He Is Your Compassionate Healer

Matthew 8:14 LSB

When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever.

The Apostle Peter

Matthew 16:22-23 LSB

22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You.”

23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

John 18:10–11 LSB

10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?”

Matthew 26:75 LSB

75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, “Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and cried bitterly.

John 21:15–17 LSB

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.”

16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.

Peter’s Wife

1 Corinthians 9:5 LSB

Do we not have authority to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

Matthew 8:14 LSB

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Parallel Accounts

Mark 1:29–30 LSB

29 And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Jesus about her.

Luke 4:38 LSB

³⁸ Then He stood up and *left* the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her.

Matthew 8:15 LSB

¹⁵ And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and *began* waiting on Him.

Matthew 8:3 LSB

³ And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 14:14 LSB

¹⁴ And when He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

Matthew 8:15 LSB

¹⁵ And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and began waiting on Him.

Mark 1:31 LSB

³¹ And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she began waiting on them.

Luke 4:39 LSB

³⁹ And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she stood up and *began* waiting on them.

Romans 8:28 NASB95

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Discussion Questions

Pastor Brandon mentioned that suffering is common to all of us. Which types of suffering listed (sickness, family conflict, finances, persecution) are most relatable to your life right now?

Read [Hebrews 4:14–16](#). What does it mean that Jesus is our “great high priest” who can sympathize with our weaknesses?

Pastor Brandon emphasized the *personal* nature of Jesus’ miracles. Why do you think it’s important to remember that Jesus’s healing ministry involved *real people* in specific situations?

According to [Hebrews 10:22–25](#), how should Christians respond during trials rather than isolating themselves? How have you seen this lived out (or not) in your church?

Why do you think we often tend to “hide from God” during suffering instead of drawing near?

Jesus healed a leper, a Gentile slave, and now Peter’s mother-in-law—a woman. What does this progression tell us about how Christ views social status and marginalization?

Pastor Brandon noted that those from “privileged” groups were often blinded by self-righteousness. How can we guard against that attitude in ourselves or our church?

Pastor Brandon listed several attitudes needed to approach Jesus in prayer: bold confidence, discernment of His authority, reverent worship, humble submission, expectant faith, and true faith. Which of these do you struggle with the most?

How has knowing Christ as your “Compassionate Healer” changed the way you view your suffering?

[Hebrews 4:16](#) urges us to draw near to the throne of grace with confidence. What does it practically look like for you to draw near to Jesus in your current circumstances?

He Is Your Conquering Hero

Matthew 8:16 LSB

¹⁶ Now when evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill

For all practical purposes Jesus banished sickness and disease from Palestine during the course of His earthly ministry. ~ John MacArthur

Matthew 8:16 LSB

¹⁶ Now when evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill

Colossians 1:17 LSB

¹⁷ And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together.

Romans 8:37–39 LSB

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any

other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He Is Your Crucified Champion

Matthew 8:17 LSB

¹⁷ in order to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, “HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

Isaiah 53:4 LSB

⁴ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah is much more than a prophet: He is an evangelist who presents Jesus Christ and the Good News of the Gospel. Isaiah’s “Servant Song” about Jesus ([Isa. 52:13–53:12](#)) is quoted or alluded to nearly forty times in the New Testament. ~ **Warren W. Wiersbe**

Acts 2:23 LSB

²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of lawless men and put *Him* to death.

Zechariah 12:10–11 LSB

¹⁰ “And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.” ¹¹ “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zechariah 13:1 LSB

¹ “In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

It is, however, from [Isaiah 53](#) that Jesus seems to have derived the clearest forecast not only of his sufferings but also of his subsequent glory. ~ **John Robert Walmsley Stott (English Preacher)**

Chapters 52–53 demonstrate conclusively that the servant cannot be identified fully with Israel or Isaiah, for the servant atones for the sin of Israel. ~ **Thomas Schreiner**

Matthew 8:17 LSB

¹⁷ in order to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, “HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

Communion

Isaiah 52:13–Isaiah 53 LSB

¹³ Behold, My Servant will prosper; He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as many were appalled at you, *My people*, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men. ¹⁵ Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand. ¹ Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? ² For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should desire Him. ³ He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our peace *fell* upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But Yahweh has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to

slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living, *That* for the transgression of my people, striking *was due* to Him? ⁹ So His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ But Yahweh was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If You would place His soul *as* a guilt offering, He will see *His* seed, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of Yahweh will succeed in His hand. ¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore, I will divide for Him a portion with the many, And He will divide the spoil with the strong; Because He poured out His soul to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

2 Corinthians 5:21 LSB

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 John 1:9 LSB

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Luke 22:14–21 LSB

¹⁴ And when the hour had come, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ “For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰ And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup

which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.²¹ “But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Me on the table.

Discussion Questions

What images or emotions come to mind when you hear the phrase “conquering hero”?

How does that image change when applied to Jesus?

Read [Matthew 8:16](#). What stands out to you about Jesus’ power and compassion in this verse?

What does it mean that “He healed *all* who were ill”? What does this reveal about His divine authority?

Why do you think people waited until sundown to come to Jesus?

What does this tell us about their cultural context—and their faith?

[Matthew 8:17](#) connects Jesus’ healing ministry with [Isaiah 53:4](#). Why is this significant?

What does this fulfillment tell us about God's faithfulness and plan?

[Isaiah 53](#) speaks of the Suffering Servant. How does knowing that Jesus bore your griefs and carried your sorrows impact your relationship with Him?

Why is it important that Jesus is both the conquering hero and the crucified champion?

Which aspect do you personally tend to focus on more—and why?

[Romans 8:37–39](#) says we “overwhelmingly conquer through Him.” What battles—spiritual, emotional, or physical—do you need to trust Jesus to conquer in your life right now?

The Gospel

God

Created and owns everything

[Gen 1:1](#)—*In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth*

[Psalms 24:1](#)—*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.*

Is Perfectly Holy

[1 John 1:5](#)—*This is the message we heard from Him and announce to you that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.*

[Matt 5:48](#)—*Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Requires perfect obedience to His Law

[James 2:10](#)—*for whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

Man

Has broken God's law

[Rom 3:10,23](#)—*there is none righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Will pay the eternal penalty for his sin

[Rom. 6:23](#)—*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*

Cannot save himself by his good works

[Titus 3:5](#)—*He saved us not based on works which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.*

Christ

Came to earth both as God and sinless man

[Col 2:9](#)—*For in Him the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form*

Demonstrated God's love by dying on the cross to pay sin's penalty

[Rom 5:8](#)—*But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*

[2 Cor 5:21](#)—*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Rose from the grave and is alive today

[1 Cor 15:4](#)—*And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures*

Sinners

Must repent of all that dishonors God

[Isa 55:7](#)—*Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

[Luke 9:23](#)—*if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.*

Must believe in Christ as Lord and Savior

[Rom 10:9](#)—*that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.*

Will you repent and believe in Christ?

[Acts 17:30](#)—*therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance God is declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.*

Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brandon or Pastor Keith if you have any questions about this sermon or if you would like to know how to follow Christ.

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Additional Quotes

Jesus himself first drew the connection in [Luke 22](#), quoting [Isaiah 53:12](#). He told his disciples, “I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘*And he was numbered with the transgressors.*’ ~ **John F. MacArthur**

Also known as the “evangelical Prophet,” Isaiah spoke much about the grace of God toward Israel, particularly in his last 27 chapters. The centerpiece is Isaiah’s unrivaled chap. 53, portraying Christ as the slain Lamb of God. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

The reason for pardon is not in the penitent, but in the Pardoner.
Unknown Depths And Heights, Volume 53, Sermon #3068 - [Luke 23:34](#) ~
Charles Spurgeon

I may be called Antinomian or Calvinist for preaching a limited atonement; but I had rather believe a limited atonement that is efficacious for all men for whom it was intended, than a universal atonement that is not efficacious for anybody, except the will of man be joined with it. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The term *communion*, therefore, represents not only our communion with the Lord but also our communion with one another. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**

When Peter refers to Jesus as God’s “servant,” as he does in verse 13, he uses the word for servant that occurs in the Septuagint (Greek) translation of [Isaiah 52:13–53:12](#), where the coming servant of God (52:13) is described as the one who would be “pierced for our transgressions [and] crushed for our iniquities” (53:5). The concept of the “servant of the Lord” was well-known in Israel

because of [Isaiah 53](#) and other texts. So when Peter used “servant” and then went on to speak of “the Holy and Righteous One”—another title for the Christ that also appears in Isaiah—it is pretty clear that he was thinking of these chapters. He was teaching that Jesus is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament Scriptures. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

[Isaiah 53](#) debunks their hypothesis because of the detailed way it perfectly presages the most epic event (the crucifixion of Jesus) that happened nearly two hundred years *after* the earliest extant scroll of Isaiah. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

[Isaiah 53](#) is the prophecy that explains what makes the forgiveness of sins possible. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

[Isaiah 53](#) was written at least seven hundred years before the event it describes. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

Seven hundred years before this Roman officer gave his command, God had declared through Isaiah that his Son should be “numbered with the transgressors” ([Isa. 53:12](#)). ~ **Arthur Walkington Pink**

One commentator rightly says [Isaiah 53](#) “speaks so eloquently of the work of Christ that even the inclusion of his name could add but little more to the extent of its disclosure of him.” ~ **John F. MacArthur**

Polycarp, the second-century church father and disciple of the apostle John, referred to it as “the golden Passional of the Old Testament.” Augustine called the entire book of Isaiah “the fifth gospel,” and that name applies particularly to chapter 53. A collection of John Calvin’s sermons on [Isaiah 53](#) is titled *The Gospel According to [Isaiah](#)*.⁶ Martin Luther declared that every Christian ought to have the whole of [Isaiah 52:13–53:12](#) memorized. ~ **John F. MacArthur**