

Jesus Heals

Chapter 14 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will reflect on accounts of Jesus' spiritual and physical healing and how those accounts relate to their own lives.
- The participants will consider ways to bring Christ's healing to others.

Content Summary

1. Miracles are special signs of God's power shown in Jesus and in human history. Miracles helped people to have faith in Jesus. In most cases, miracles relieved suffering and are signs of the love and compassion of the Kingdom.
2. Jesus healed people from a variety of social backgrounds.
3. Often Jesus tied his healing actions to faith in him.
4. Jesus often cured a person's body to improve that person's soul.
5. The main work of Jesus was to cure spiritual evils.
6. Jesus is a "doctor" who cures the illnesses that afflict our souls—pride, laziness, self-seeking, bad desires. Jesus wants us to find peace in him.
7. In the Gospels, Jesus seeks out people who need healing of soul. He reconciles sinners with God and their human community.
8. In the Gospels, Jesus also heals the souls of those who are close to him.
9. If we desire healing; are sorry for our sins; seek reconciliation with God, the Church, others, and ourselves; and show that desire through prayer, the Eucharist, and acts that show our sorrow, Jesus will heal our souls. He does this especially through two Sacraments: the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
10. Jesus passes on to us the mission of healing, especially through the Works of Mercy.
11. The Corporal Works of Mercy concern the well-being of the body: for example, the need for food, drink, and clothing. The Spiritual Works of Mercy concern the well-being of the soul: for example, the need for advice, encouragement, and forgiveness.
12. When we do the Works of Mercy, we help to heal the wounds of those around us. Mostly we do this through our friendship, respect, concern, and prayer.

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