

He Came Down the Mountain (Matthew 8:1-17)

Introduction (8:1): Jesus' care: The good shepherd leaves the 99 to find the one

I. A deplorable leper (8:2-4)

Lepers were unclean and ostracized (Lev 13:45)

This leper's humble confidence

Those who touched a leper became unclean

Why did Jesus touch this leper?

How was He not ceremonially unclean?

Jesus healing a leper bears witness to His Messianic claim

Jesus' willingness to heal this leper ... and to save you

II. A noble, but marginalized Gentile Centurion (8:5-13)

An honorable man who recognizes his unworthiness

This Centurion's humble confidence and Jesus' willingness to heal

A man under authority and with authority

What makes Jesus marvel? (Mark 6:1-6, 2 Cor 13:5)

Jesus heals the servant due to the faith of another (intercession)

III. A woman (8:14-15)

Women were marginalized in Judaism

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law in an act of sovereign grace

IV. Application: Come down the mountain! (8:16-17)

1. Jesus embraces the "deplorables"

Who are the marginalized, ostracized, hated people in your life?

2. Visit and pray for the sick because Jesus still heals