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**Week 17 – JESUS HEALS THE SICK (Matthew 8:1-17, pp. 131-137)**

In the readings for this week, we see multiple instances of Jesus healing the sick and dying. In His work as a healer, Jesus values the human body and affirms its importance and place in the life of the world to come.

**Why are our bodies so susceptible to illness and decay?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why does Jesus bother to heal the human body?** \_\_\_\_\_

“Jesus knows that the spirit and the body are not two separate pieces. They are, instead, a united whole.” (CFM, 133) **How should the people of God understand the body?** \_\_\_\_\_

Many people have a negative disposition toward the flesh, which is rooted in an ancient gnostic heresy. **How does this negative idea about the flesh show up in our world?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What happens to Christians when they die?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where does the resurrection fit in?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How should Christians seek to honor the body in life and in death?** \_\_\_\_\_

The circumstances surrounding Jesus' healing of the sick and the manner in which He heals reveals something important about the nature of faith and the authority of Christ.

**How does Jesus heal the sick in this text?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What does Jesus' use of touch to heal show about Him?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What does Jesus' use of His Word to heal teach us?** \_\_\_\_\_

Both the leper and the centurion demonstrated faith in Christ. The leper's faith is simple. **Describe what He believes:** \_\_\_\_\_

The centurion's faith is based partly on His own experience of authority. **What does his interaction with Jesus show us about His faith? What does He actually believe about Jesus?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the Centurion's understanding of Jesus' authority help us face trials and doubts in life?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Based on this passage, how should we define faith?** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Next Time:**

Week 18 – Nicodemus's Visit (John 3:1-21, pp. 139-145)