

## Matthew 14:34-36 Made Perfectly Whole by Jesus

Introduction: Upon hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus and His disciples crossed to the east shore of Galilee to be alone. However a great crowd gathered and Jesus fed them with five loaves and two fish. That night the disciples were caught in a storm and Jesus walked on the water to their boat. Our text finds them the next day in the land of Gennesaret ministering to the people. Gennesaret is a small section of Galilee, a small plain on the western shore surrounding Capernaum.

### I. The record of His ministry in Gennesaret.

- A. Verse 35 says that the men brought the sick to Jesus.
  - 1. Mark says that Jesus was traveling thru the cities and villages.
  - 2. The men were going ahead of Him and gathered the sick along the streets to await His arrival.
- B. Verse 36 says that they sought to touch Jesus even so much as the hem of His garment.
  - 1. Not that they were especially trying to touch the hem.
  - 2. But they were touching Him anyway they could, even if it were but the hem.
- C. Verse 36 says that as many as touched were made perfectly whole.
  - 1. Note that this included all who touched Jesus. (Not one exception.)
  - 2. Note also that each one was made perfectly whole. (Not 50% -- 90% -- 95% or even 99%, but 100%.)

### II. The lessons from this text.

- A. Note that the people were afflicted with sickness and disease.
  - 1. But all mankind is afflicted with something far worse than disease; man is afflicted with sin.
  - 2. The Bible teaches that all mankind is guilty of sin.
  - 3. The text implies that they had all manner of disease and even so mankind is guilty of all manner of sin.
  - 4. Some are guilty of lying, some stealing, some adultery, some drunkenness, some murder, but all are guilty.
  - 5. One does not have to have but one disease to be sick, and one does not have to be guilty of but one sin to be guilty of breaking the whole law.
- B. Note that just as those sick people needed to be healed, even so every sinner needs to be saved.
  - 1. The sick were in danger of being crippled or blinded or being confined to bed, or maybe even of death.
  - 2. But the lost sinner is in danger of hell. (Hell is just as real as death is.)
- C. Note that Jesus is the answer to man's need.
  - 1. He was the answer to the need of those sick people. (He healed all who touched from all affliction making them perfectly whole.)
  - 2. Even so He is the answer for the lost sinner. (He will save all who trust in Him, Acts 16:31, Romans 10:13, John 1:12.)
  - 3. And He will cleanse from every sin, 1 John 1:7; Isaiah 1:18.

Conclusion:

- 1. Let every lost sinner in this building trust in Jesus right now and be saved.
- 2. Christian friends cannot we be just as concerned about the unsaved as those men were about the sick?

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