

## Message Notes

Was Jesus the healer of all things?

## Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

### A Mythbusters Christmas

#### Mythbusters Christmas #4: Was Jesus the healer of all things?

When Jesus doesn't heal NOW.

Common myth theologies

- Retribution Theology
- Prosperity Theology

Foundational Truths

1. God is the one who heals
2. God Loves you more than you can imagine
3. God is always at work for "the good" and your good

Observations of how Jesus responds to sickness, suffering and healing

- Jesus raising Lazarus
- Jesus response to J the B in prison

Gospel application:

How do you respond to sickness and suffering, either your own or those around you?

- Like Martha?
- Like Mary?
- Like John?

Have you tried to earn God's healing?

Do you need to receive God's love for you?

**Bible passages:**

**Romans 5:8**

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**Romans 8:28**

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

John 11:1-43

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See also: Luke 7:18-23, 28





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My New Years Resolution?

I'll probably keep it at  
1280x1024 like always.

Thanks for asking.



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# MYTHBUSTERS

**'Mythbusters' plans to 'go out with a bang' in 2016**  
October 21, 2015



Week 1: Was Jesus fully God?

Week 2: Was Jesus fully man?

Week 3: Was Jesus King of the Jews?

Today: Was Jesus the healer of all things?



# Was Jesus the healer of all things?

Isaiah 61:1-2

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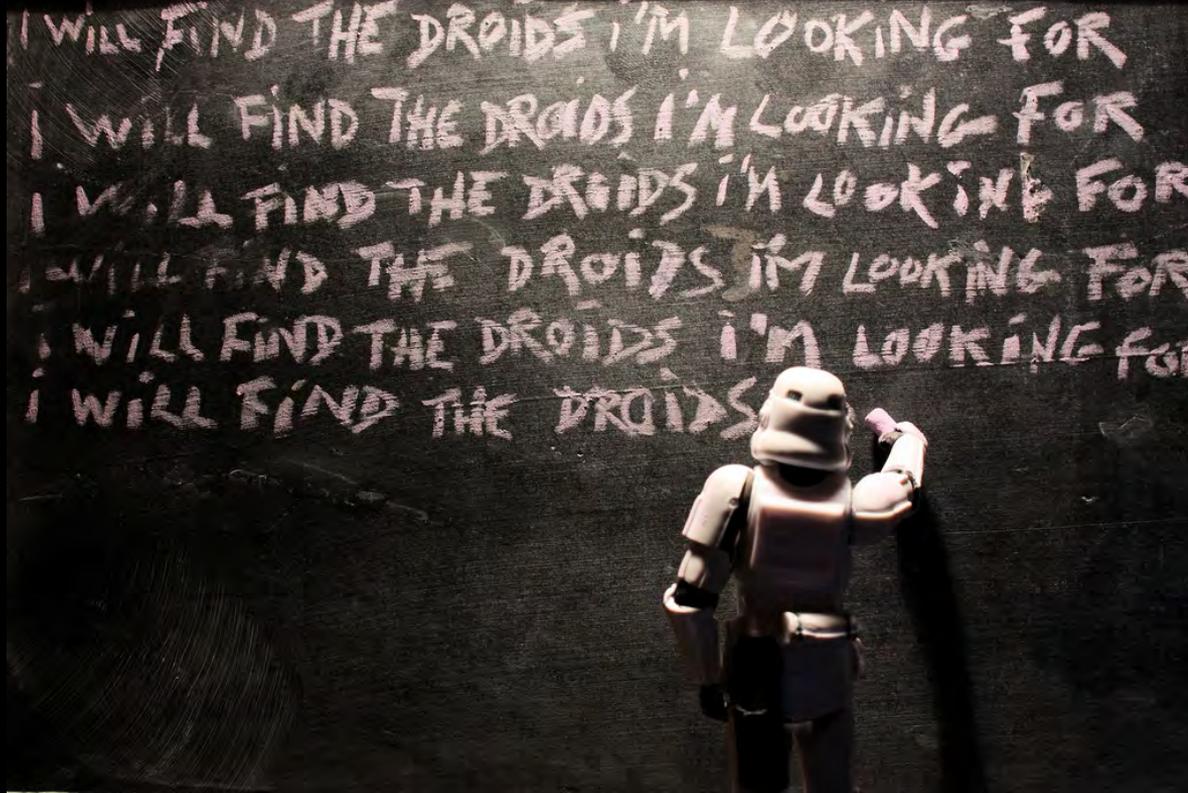
# Myth - Theologies

John 9:1-7

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

**Retribution Theology**

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## Prosperity Theology

Myth - Theologies

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Retribution

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# Foundational Truths

## #1 God is the one who heals

- Leper in Galilee Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-15,
- Roman Centurion for Paralyzed Servant, at Capernaum Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:2-10,
- Demoniac in Synagogue, at Capernaum Mark 1:23-28, Luke 4:31-37
- Peter's Mother-in-Law, Sick with a Fever at Capernaum Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39
- Paralytic at Capernaum Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 2:3-12, Luke 5:17-26
- Man with a Withered Hand at Synagogue at Capernaum Matthew 12:10-13, Mark 3:1-7, Luke 6:6-11
- Dead Son of the Widow of Nain Luke 7:11-16
- One or Two Demoniacs at a Tomb Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-15, Luke 8:26-39
- Jairus' Daughter at Capernaum Matthew 9:18-19; 23-26, Mark 5:22-24; 35-43, Luke 8:40-42; 49-56
- Woman With Issue of Blood at Capernaum Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:24-34, Luke 8:43-48
- Deaf Man with Speech Impediment in the Region of Decapolis Mark 7:31-37
- Blind man at Bethsaida Mark 8:22-26
- Two Blind Men at Capernaum Matthew 9:27-31
- Other Women and Mary Magdalene Healed of Evil Spirits and Infirmities in Galilee Luke 8:2, Mark 16:9
- Mute Demoniac in Galilee Matthew 9:32-34, Luke 11:14-16
- Blind, Deaf Demoniac in Galilee Matthew 12:22-24
- Few Sick Persons Healed in Nazareth Mark 6:5, Matthew 13:58
- Gentile Woman's Demoniac Daughter, in the Region of Tyre and Sidon Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30
- Epileptic Son Near the Towns of Caesarea Philippi Mark 8:27, Matthew 17:14-21, Mark 9:17-29, Luke 9:37-42
- One Blind Man Approaching Jericho of Judea Luke 18:35-43
- Blind Bartimeus Leaving Jericho Mark 10:46-52
- Two Blind men Departing from Jericho Matthew 20:29-34
- Woman With a Spirit of Infirmity, in Galilee Luke 13:11-13
- Man with Dropsy Healed by Jesus as He Journeyed to Jerusalem Luke 13:22 Luke 14:1-4,
- Ten lepers Between Samaria and Galilee Luke 17:11-19
- Samaritan Leper Between Samaria and Galilee Luke 17:15-19
- Servant's Ear Luke 22:50-51, John 18:10, at Garden in Jerusalem
- Nobleman For His Sick Son Who Was at Capernaum John 4:46-54
- Infirm Man at Pool of Bethesda at Jerusalem John 5:2-15
- Man Born Blind at Jerusalem John 9:1-12; John 9:35-37
- Lazarus at Bethany Near Jerusalem John 11:19-28; John 11:39-44

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## #1 God is the one who heals

**John 21:25**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

# Foundational Truths

## #2 God loves you more than you can imagine

### Romans 5:8

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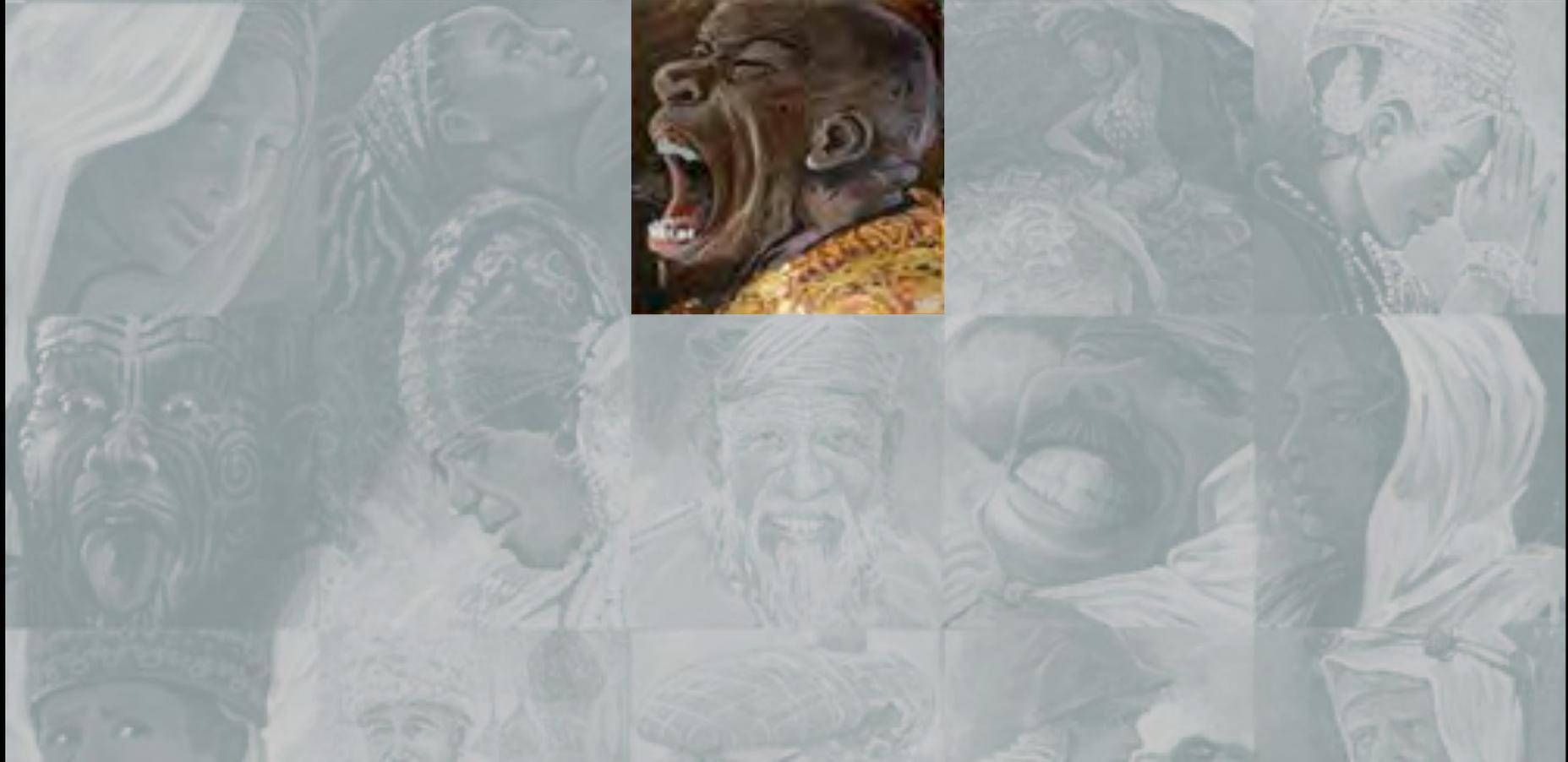
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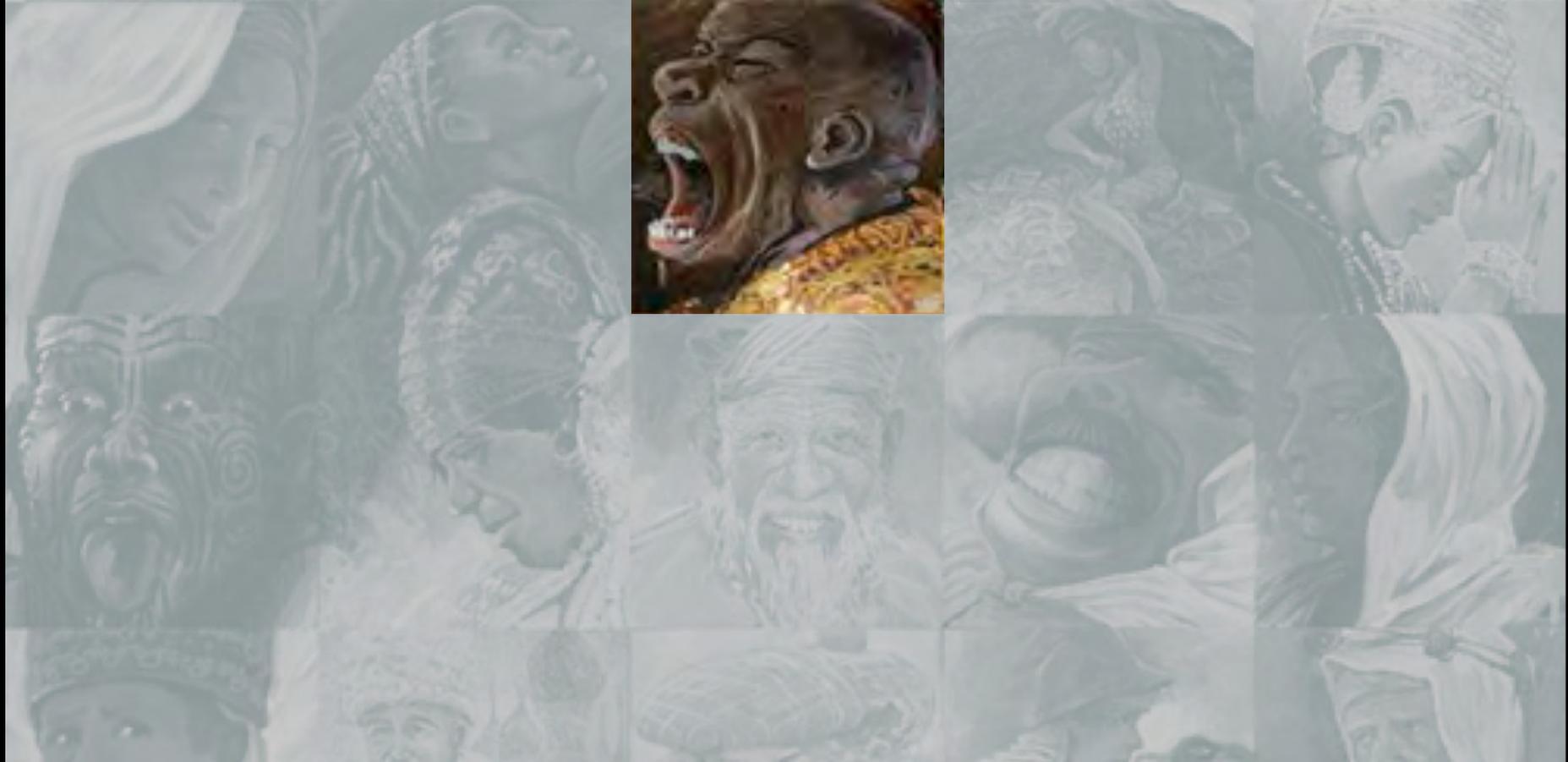
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# Lazarus...

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# Jesus has a plan

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# He waits to go... why?

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<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

<sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

# Lazarus' need

## John 11

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

# Jesus' response to Lazarus' death...

Jesus is calm – no panic, not frantic

Jesus does more than just healing

- Teaches Martha
- Enters into Mary's pain

Not in response to a recipe

Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?

- To glorify God
- So others would believe
- For the good of Lazarus

# John the Baptist in prison

Luke 7:18-20

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<sup>21</sup> At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>23</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

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# Jesus response to John's doubt

Luke 7:28

<sup>28</sup> I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

# Summary

Jesus' healing didn't require specific words or spiritual contortions

Jesus is doing more than just healing

Jesus doesn't heal everyone he encounters  
- nor does he heal every one today

The doubting John moving toward Jesus was met with a loving response

# Gospel Application

How do you respond to sickness and suffering?

Have you tried to earn God's healing?

Do you need to receive God's love for you?

Do you need healing – health or a greater need?