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## The Names of Love - Part 20 – Physician

Luke 4:23, “Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

The Name of God in this passage is Iatros; The Lord Our Physician.

One of the most frequently used names about Jesus came because of what Jesus did. He performed more healings than any other kind of miracle during His time here on earth. In fact, Jesus often met the physical needs of people before He told them of their spiritual need. This is a good lesson for us all. When we meet someone’s physical needs, it lets them know that we care about them. Everywhere that Jesus went, He first met physical needs and then spoke to them about spiritual needs. He fed the five thousand and then spoke to them of their spiritual needs and how they could be met. Matt. 11:5, “The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.”

Multiple times during Jesus’ ministry, He was questioned about His claims of forgiving sins; Matt. 9:2-8, “Some men brought to Him a paralytic man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!” Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’”...So He said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” And the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to human beings.”

Why did Jesus heal so many people everywhere He went? Because He loves people. He wants to meet their needs on every level. His compassion was always at the forefront of what He did. Matt. 9:35-36, “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Dear Iatros, You are our Physician and You care for our needs on every level. Help us to trust in You and call upon You in our times of need; no matter what they might be. Nothing is too difficult for You. Thank You for loving us so much that every need we have, You can supply. In Jesus Name, Amen