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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE SIX: Healing Peter's Mother-in-law (Mt. 8:14-15; Mk. 1:29-31; Lk. 4:38-39)

SURVEY

Upon hearing that she was suffering from a high fever, Jesus visits the home of Peter's mother-in-law and raised her from the bed of affliction. The grateful woman then began to wait upon the Savior and His disciples.

SIGNIFICANCE

- This is the first of two occasions proving Peter was a married man. For the other, see 1 Cor. 9:5.
- It is the first miracle to be recorded by three gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).
- This miracle is followed by numerous occasions where Jesus performed mass healings.

Note:

1. After healing Peter's mother-in-law (Mt. 8:16)
2. After healing a leper (Lk. 5:15)
3. After healing a man with a withered hand (Mt. 12:15)
4. After hearing of John the Baptist's death (Mt. 14:14)
5. After walking on the water (Mt. 14:35)
6. After healing a demon-possessed girl (Mt. 15:30)
7. Prior to His sermon on divorce (Mt. 19:2)
8. After His temple cleansing (Mt. 21:14)

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- Upon being healed, she immediately began serving Jesus as did the maniac of Gadara (Mk. 5:18). We have been saved to serve! Paul would later link both these together in his epistle to the church in Ephesus:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:8-10)