



“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” (Lk. 5:31-32)

The True Physician



The Purpose of His Mission



❧ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted**, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”
(Lk. 4:18-19; Is. 61:1-2)

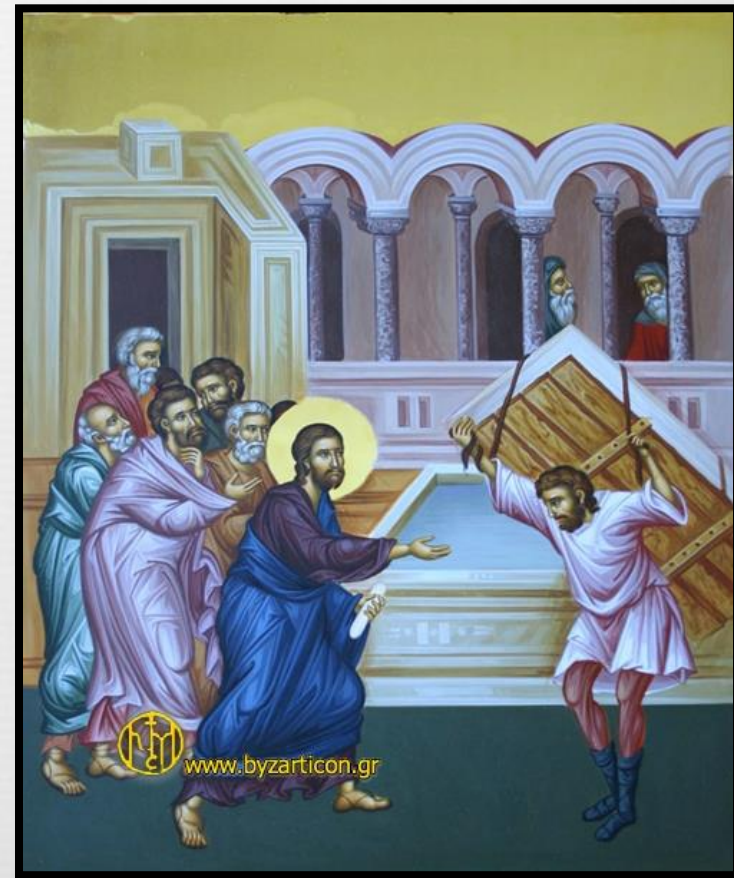
How does He heal?



✧ “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”
(Matt. 4:23)

✧ His teaching heals

✧ His healings teach



The Goal of His Healing Work



- ❧ To ultimately transform His disciples to participants in His Death and Resurrection
- ❧ All of the Lord Christ's healings are provisional
 - ❧ Ex: Healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda
 - ❧ "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." (Jn. 5:14)



The Patients



St. Matthew



✧ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.** But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ **For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.** (Matt. 9:10-13)

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(Matt. 9:12-13)

❧ Being righteous is not simply doing the right thing

❧ **“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.” (Is. 5:21)**

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❧ The sick or sinner

❧ “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”
(Ps. 147:3)

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has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted...” (Lk. 4:18)

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