

## **KINGDOM CREDENTIALS**

If you can legitimately heal EVERYBODY, fame will most certainly follow. There are always plenty of sick people to ensure it happens. Nobody ever denied the miracles of Jesus. Yes, they tried to explain them away, saying such things as they were done by the power of Satan, but no one ever denied them.

### **Matthew 4:24 (NKJV)**

**24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.**

After a few thousand people were healed, the word spread all over the place, even across all borders, even deep into the Gentile area of Syria. The text says His fame went “***throughout ALL Syria.***”

Note verse 24 says they brought to Him “***all sick people***” who were afflicted with all kinds of diseases and torments. They also brought demon-possessed people, showing Christ’s power over the devil who afflicted these people. And they also brought epileptics (cf. Mt. 17:15), and paralytics, “and He healed them.” There was no disease or demon challenge too great!

**Note** that the text makes a clear distinction between demon possession and ordinary physical illness or disease. They are two different things.

There had been occasional healings in past times on rare occasions by a prophet here and there, but this was unprecedented. You see, God used miracles to authenticate His special messengers and their message whenever He introduced some new stage of redemptive history.

But what Jesus did was completely unique. He healed EVERYONE of EVERYTHING, whatever their problem was. You know what that is indicative of? ***THE KINGDOM!*** This was kingdom stuff and the King was presenting His kingdom credentials. In the land of darkness, in Galilee of the Gentiles, the LIGHT was on full bright in perfect fulfillment of the prophetic Scriptures.

### **Matthew 4:25 (NKJV)**

**25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.**

Masses of people – great multitudes followed Him from all over. They came from Galilee, from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan – probably referring to Perea.

“Disease and death must have been almost eliminated for a brief season from...the region.” – **B.B. Warfield**

“He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had **no credentials but Himself.**” (***One Solitary Life -By James Allen Francis – Selected Portion***)

How can one account for this? He had no credentials but Himself, but all that He was about aligned perfectly with the prophetic Scriptures! The only logical explanation is that Jesus is indeed the fulfillment of the divine/human Davidic Messiah prophesied in the OT Scriptures.

His genealogy proves it. His place of birth proves it. His forerunner proves it. His unparalleled “kingdom” miracles prove it. All of this is in exact fulfillment of prophecy, right down to the precise details.

The only question that remains is this: Do you believe it? Do you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? The KINGDOM is coming, and everyone is either going to enter into that kingdom or will be cast out of it – depending on what they do with Jesus in the here and now.

Jesus is the KING Who will reign supreme in the KINGDOM? Will you be there? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will ensure your place in His kingdom. Do it today! Now is the accepted time!