

**The Miracles of Jesus**  
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Miracle: “A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up.”

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

**Miracle IV – Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-Law**

- **Matthew 8:14-15 ; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39**

Jesus leaves church and stops by Peter’s home for dinner. Upon arriving at Peter’s home, they were told that his mother-in-law was sick with a fever.

The picture of Jesus in this miracle contrasts with that in the miracle account which immediately preceded it. There Jesus was described as the Son of God with great authority. In this miracle we see more of His humanity. The writers suggest that He was not aware that Peter’s mother-in-law was sick until He entered the house. Jesus healed the noble man’s son 20 miles away by speaking a word of healing. In this miracle He walks into the house and then went to her bedroom to heal her.

- Matthew says “And He touched her.”
- Mark says He “took her by her hand and lifted her up.”
- Luke says “And He stood over her and rebuked the fever.”

Each writer chose to emphasize different details of the miracle in order to highlight a certain characteristic of Jesus.

Luke, who was a physician, interested in medical details, said she had a great fever. He further said, Jesus rebuked the fever.

The Greek word “*rebuke*” is “*epetimesen*.” It means a commanding word spoken by God or His spokes42693man or woman, by which evil powers were forced to submit. Just as the demon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> miracle was an evil power bent on harming humankind, so is sickness an evil power permitted by God to test our faith, our resolve, our resilience. For us to understand this is for us not to get angry with God. It is God’s will that we are in good health.

- **III John 1:2**

When Peter's mother-in-law was healed, "*she ministered unto them.*" all three of the gospels said she "*ministered unto them.*"

**Miracle V – Jesus Heals Many Sick at Evening**

- **Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 1:32-34; Luke 4:4-41**

The people came to Jesus in the evening as the sun was setting. This was the Sabbath, their day of rest. Their days were from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. Our days are from 12:00 a.m. Friday to 12:00 a.m. Saturday. The Jewish leaders had proclaimed that it was against the law to be healed on the Sabbath. The people did not want to break the Jewish law so they waited until sunset which would be been Sunday.

- **Luke 13:14**

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