

The Healing of Simon's Mother-in-Law and Other Healings (Middle and Upper Elementary)

February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

This week's Gospel gives us a great snapshot of Jesus' public ministry. What did He spend time doing? Proclaiming the Good News! How did He do this? By preaching, praying, healing people of sickness, and casting out demons. In this lesson, students will discuss how Jesus reveals who He is through His works and teaching.

Directions

- A. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.
- B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.
- C. Arrange your students into small groups. Have each group choose one of Jesus' actions from the Gospel reading and then complete the **"For this Purpose Have I Come"** activity.
- D. When they have finished, call on groups to share and discuss their answers.
- E. Conclude by praying the **Scriptural the Rosary: The Third Luminous Mystery—The Proclamation of the Kingdom** which uses this week's Gospel passage as a guide for meditation.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. He goes to the house of Simon (Peter) and Andrew. There, He heals Simon's mother-in-law by grasping her hand and helping her up.
2. Everyone in town who was ill or possessed by demons. Jesus cured many who were sick and cast out many demons.
3. He prayed.

4. He goes to the neighboring towns in Galilee where He preaches and drives out demons.
5. All of these actions are about Jesus preaching and revealing the Kingdom of God. They are all connected to His saving mission for us. Everything in this passage points to God's mercy and desire to reconcile us back to Him. Accept additional reasoned answers.
6. His purpose is to proclaim the Good News to all of Israel.
7. Accept reasoned answers.