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Physician, Heal Yourself - Part 3 in BioDivine series

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SUMMARY

This message reframes the words “Physician, heal yourself,” which Jesus spoke, using a proverb that was already widely known. In Luke’s gospel, Jesus anticipated a challenge to what He declared. He shows how “heal yourself” isn’t an insult or a taunt; it’s an accidental prophecy that reveals the heart of the gospel: union, not separation. Today we confront what is called functional Docetism: the habit of spiritualizing Scripture to avoid its real-world implications. When the gospel is reduced to metaphor, expectation shrinks. But when Scripture is taken seriously, the incarnation, resurrection, and indwelling of Christ are revealed as tangible, bodily realities. Jesus does not announce a distant salvation or a postponed wholeness; He declares a present reality fulfilled in and through embodied human life. Healing, provision, and transformation are not favors God might grant from a distance; they are the natural fruit of Christ caring for His own body.

ICE BREAKER

Have you ever stopped listening to advice because the person giving it clearly didn’t live it?

KEY VERSES

Luke 4:18–23, Acts 9:4–5, Ephesians 5:25–32, Genesis 2:23, John 17:20–23, John 3:3–8

SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION

- Christ heals because we are His body. Healing is not persuasion. It is identity.
- Scripture consistently presents humanity as inseparable from Christ. Harm, healing, provision, and care are shared realities, not distant transactions.
- God does not heal as an external benefactor; He heals as an owner restoring what belongs to Him.
- The incarnation is about bodies. Jesus did not take on flesh to abandon it later, but to redeem, indwell, and glorify human bodies as the living temple of God. The good news is not about escaping the body for heaven later. It is about divine life fully expressed in human bodies now. Jesus didn’t come to show us how to survive until eternity — He came to show us what eternal life looks like when it takes on flesh.
- The gospel was originally preached with the assumption that hearers had already received its fruit. Ministry flows from inheritance, not effort.
- Expectation shapes experience: What we believe the gospel is for directly affects how we live, pray, and engage the world.