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*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him. Matthew 4:23-25*

These words paint one of the most beautiful pictures in scripture. God as man, reaching out to the human race suffering under sin, and changing lives for the better! We see a compassion and tenderness in these verses that resonate in our hearts as we long for a taste of love like that.

This description of Jesus comes right after His baptism (Matthew 3), His forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4), and the calling of His disciples. Through His baptism, Jesus demonstrated His commitment to the renewal of the human race. Fortified with forty days of Prayer with His Father, and surrounded with friends who could assist and encourage, Jesus set about doing good to all who needed Him – one person at a time.

As gently as Jesus healed the people in His day, He is waiting to heal each one of us. To remove our fears and anxieties, our blindness and selfishness, and every sin that would separate us from Him. His compassion toward known sinners and wretchedly demon-possessed individuals stand as a testimony to how He would deal with each of us today. Let Him into your heart! Seek Him in the morning, at noon, and at night. He can change your life, and instill in your soul the knowledge of salvation.

*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11*