

ANNOUNCEMENTS

03.22.2026

STAND 4 JUSTICE DRIVE: Join us in supporting one of our local mission partners in the month of March and help us collect/donate items needed to assemble crisis bags for children affected by sex trafficking & exploitation. A list of items needed and bins will be available each Sunday in the lobby. Monetary donations can also be made online; be sure to put "S4J" in the memo. Please make all donations by Sun. 3/29. Contact outreach@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO KIDS EASTER CONNECT EVENT: All TCCO Kids (birth-5th grade) & their parents/families are invited to join us for a fun and intentional evening learning about the Easter Story on Wed. 4/1 from 6:30-8:00pm. Families will engage together in Easter-themed activities. Our evening will end with an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our TCCO Students. Be sure to bring an Easter basket for each child and register by Sun. 3/29 using the QR code; contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions. (Please bring in donations of plastic Easter eggs filled with peanut-free individually wrapped candy by Sun. 3/29.)

EASTER SUNDAY: Join us for Easter Sunday 4/5 at 9am or 11am! This is a great day to invite your family and friends! We will have powerful worship, a great message, special Easter treats for everyone, a photo op and fun Easter activities for our TCCO Kids! You will NOT want to miss Easter Sunday at TCCO as we celebrate Jesus and all that Easter means to us together as a church family!

BAPTISM SUNDAY: Join us on Sun. 4/12 at 9am & 11am as we celebrate with everyone taking this exciting, important step! If you have never been baptized before or feel your baptism was out of order, don't miss this opportunity! Use the QR code to register no later than Sun. 4/5. Email walter@theconnecting.co with any questions. All TCCO Kids ages K-5th Grade wanting to be baptized, contact elaine@theconnecting.co.

SPRING SHE EVENT: Join us for our next SHE Night on Fri. 4/17, 6:30-8:30pm at TCCO. We have a fun and intentional night planned for you, including refreshments, worship, devotion from Pastor Leann and time to talk and connect with other ladies. Open to ALL ladies 16 & older; invite all the women in your life to join you. Use the QR code to register, by Tues. 4/14. No childcare is provided, however, if that would keep you from attending, please contact one of our staff ladies. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co.

TCCO MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST & WORK DAY: All men 16 & older are invited to join us Sat. 4/18 at 9am at TCCO. Don't miss out on great coffee, pancakes, bacon, eggs, a powerful devotion from Pastor Travis, and a great opportunity to connect & grow together with other men! Use the QR code to register, no later than Thurs. 4/16. Immediately following this event, we will be having a church workday to make repairs and updates to our building. Everyone is invited to stick around and help out! Questions? Contact walter@theconnecting.co.

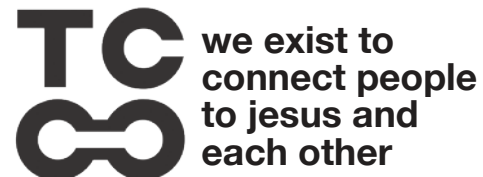


PORTRAITS OF THE SAVIOR

“The Healer”

Week 3

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Romans 5:12 — *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.*

Sin was the thing that entered the world God had created and fractured all of creation.

The beauty of The Gospel is that God did not abandon a broken world... instead He stepped into it!

THE PORTRAIT OF JESUS THE HEALER:

1. The Compassion of the Healer

Matthew 14:14 — *When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

Jesus' Response:

He saw.

He had compassion.

He healed.

Compassion: to be moved in the inner being...to feel something from the gut...to be stirred at the deepest level.

When Jesus healed it flowed out of compassion. The healing ministry of Jesus was not random power on display...it was the heart of God in motion made visible.

Mark 1:40-41 — ⁴⁰ *And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.”* ⁴¹ *Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.”*

Jesus, The Healer moves towards and touches what the world avoids.

2. The Authority of the Healer

Matthew 9:35 — *And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.*

The miracles of Jesus were never just about physical relief...instead they were signs...every physical healing moment was pointing to a greater authority.

Matthew 9:2b — *And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”*

Matthew 9:6 — *But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”*

Jesus heals the body to prove the greatest miracle of all...He can heal the soul.

Romans 3:23 — *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

“Jesus did not come merely to heal the world. He came to deal with the root of what is wrong with the world.” -Tim Keller

Sin separates us from God...but the Healer restores what sin has broken.

Every miracle Jesus performed was more than a moment of compassion. It was a preview of the day when God will undo once and for all everything sin has broken.

3. The Promise of the Healer

Isaiah 35:5-6 — ⁵ *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;*

Matthew 11:4-5 — ⁴ *And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.*

Jesus' miracles and healings were the evidence that the Kingdom of God had arrived, they revealed the heart of God, and they declared that brokenness will never get the final word!

Revelation 21:4 — *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

The miracles of Jesus show us the compassion of God...but the cross shows us the cost of our healing.

Physical healing can restore a body for a time...but only the cross can restore the soul forever.

The greatest healing is not temporary relief from disease...it is eternal reconciliation with our Creator.

Psalms 147:3 — *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*