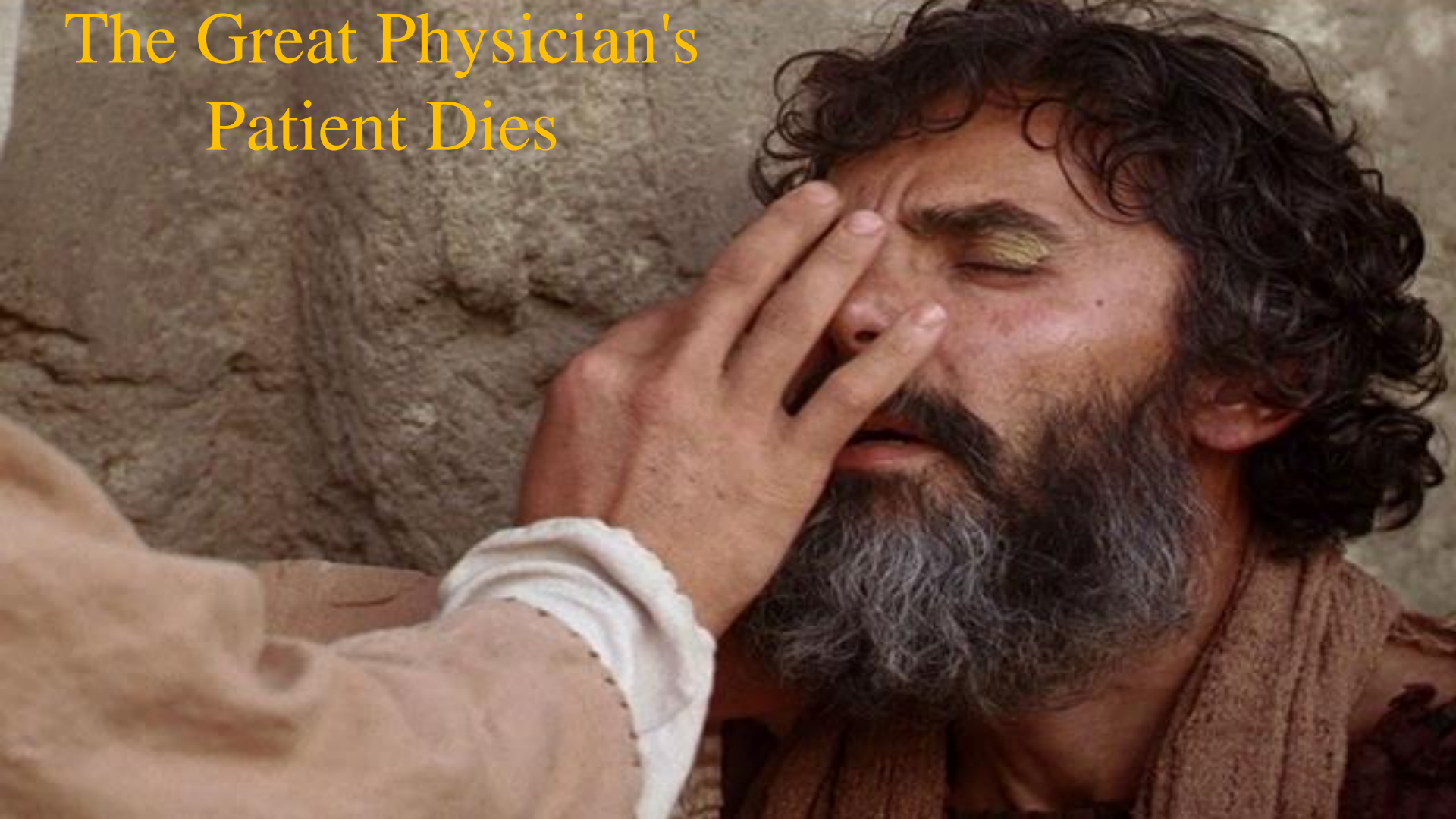


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John 11:1-16

There are few people you trust more than your doctor. You trust doctors will make a correct physical assessment of your health and know what to do. Jesus portrays Himself as a physician., Jesus is the Great Physician

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In Mark 2: 17 He says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." In fact, Jesus is the Great Physician

The Master Physician

In Luke 5:12-15, He acted as **dermatologist** when He cured a man of leprosy.

In Luke 13:10-13, He acted as **orthopedist** when He cured the crippled woman.

In Mark 5:25-34, He acted as **hematologist** when He healed the woman with an issue of blood.

The Master Physician

In John 4: 46-54, He acted as **pediatrician** when
He healed the nobleman's son.

In Matthew 8:5-13, He acted as **neurologist**
when He healed a man with palsy.

The Master Physician

In John 9, he acted as **ophthalmologist** when he healed a blind man.

In John 11, he acted as post-mortem resuscitative specialist, when he resurrected Lazarus.

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JESUS, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

I. Jesus' Friends Get sick (vv. 1-4)

Lazarus is the Hebrew short-form of Eleazar

They make an appeal based on Jesus' love for
them

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JESUS, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Simple appeal without instruction (they don't tell
Jesus how to fix it)

phileo - brotherly love, friendship love (Your
close pal, the one You love like a brother, is
sick)

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JESUS, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

"He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

"Everyone dies of his last disease." –

Dr. Walter Martin

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JESUS, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

"Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly
upward" (Job 5:7).

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"The love of Jesus does not separate us from the common necessities and infirmities of human life. Men of God are still men. The covenant of grace is not a charter of exemption from disease." --C.H. Spurgeon

THREE WAYS GOD USES SICKNESS

God uses sickness for our Benefit

Deeper intimacy with Christ

Greater understanding of His Word

THREE WAYS GOD USES SICKNESS

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes"

(Psalm 119:71).

God uses sickness for the good of others

Bolsters their faith

II. Jesus' Foresight Gets Seen (vv. 5-7)

Jesus knows when Lazarus is dead

Jesus loved them agapaó - divine, complete love

God's delays are not God's denials

II. Jesus' Foresight Gets Seen (vv. 5-7)

Delays do not prove that He is not on time; they
prove that we are not on time

We don't know the big picture

They want a resuscitation; Jesus wants a
resurrection

II. Jesus' Foresight Gets Seen (vv. 5-7)

"'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts'" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

WHAT GOOD COMES FROM DELAYS?

Mold our errant wills to conform to His perfect will (i.e., Egypt to Canaan an eleven-day journey, took forty years)

Build faith (i.e., Abraham's promised son)

WHAT GOOD COMES FROM DELAYS?

We must learn to interpret circumstances by the love of Christ, rather than interpreting the love of Christ through our circumstances, or we will never understand our circumstances and we will always doubt God's love.

III. Jesus' Followers Get Schooled (vv. 8-16)

The Disciples' Hesitation

Sunlight represents Jesus' earthly ministry as prescribed by the Father

Night is the end of Jesus' Ministry.

You are invincible until God is done with you.

III. Jesus' Followers Get Schooled (vv. 8-16)

Sleep a euphemism for death

Not soul sleep – "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Sleep is temporary; resurrection is like waking
up

III. Jesus' Followers Get Schooled (vv. 8-16)

I am glad (glad for the death of the one He
loves)

Lazarus is a believer – "Precious in the sight of
the Lord Is the death of His saints"

(Psalm 116:15).

III. Jesus' Followers Get Schooled (vv. 8-16)

Jesus knew He would raise Lazarus from the
dead

Jesus knew the disciples' faith would grow

Thomas' Declaration

Not words of doubt, but words of love,
faithfulness, courage, and loyalty; Thomas is
willing to die for Christ

Thomas is honest (See John 14 in the upper
room)

"If God had answered every prayer of mine, I would have married the wrong man seven times." --Ruth Graham

God always answers prayers

Sometimes the answer is no

Sometimes the answer is wait