

Gospel of Matthew 8: 1-3

A leper came to Jesus and bowed low in front of him. "Sir," he said, "if you want to, you can cure me." Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him and said **"Of course I want to heal you! Be cured!"** And his leprosy was cured at once.

Not even once did Jesus say "No" to someone who asked for healing. He healed everyone who asked for healing, which means he wants to heal me.

Never once did Jesus say "This sickness is your cross, you must carry it bravely."

Rather, Jesus regarded sickness in the same way as a parent regards sickness in their

child: something to be overcome, something to be healed, as soon as possible. What parent would ever want their child to be sick? We make a big mistake when we think that God would ever want someone to be sick. God, just like a good parent, wants his children to be well!

