

*The Life of the Apostle Peter*  
Study # 4  
Lessons from the Bedside:  
The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law  
Mark 1:29-31

**I. THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS**

**(Mark 1:29 - 30A)**

**A. The Places (Mk. 1:29A)**

1. Synagogue
2. Simon's Home

**B. The People (Mark 1:29B)**

**C. The Privilege (Jn. 14:21)**

**D. The Problem (Mk. 1:30A; Cf., Lk. 4:38)**

**II. THE AWARENESS OF JESUS (Mark 1:30B)**

**A. The Perception (Mt. 8:14)**

**B. The Plea (Mk. 1:30B; Luke 4:38)**

**III. THE ACTION OF JESUS (Mark 1:31)**

**A. The Touch**

**(Mk. 1:31A 10:16; Mt. 8:3, 15)**

**B. The Tenderness**

**(Mk. 1:31B; Heb. 4:15-16; 1 Pet. 5:7; Is. 63:9)**

**C. The Transformation (Mk. 1:31 C, D)**

**1. The Cure**

**(Mk. 1:31C; Mt. 28:18; Acts 10:38; Eph. 3:20)**

**2. The Confirmation (Mk. 1:31D; Lk. 4:39)**

**a. She Arose Immediately**

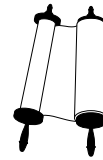
**b. She Ministered to Them (Titus 2:2-3)**

**CONCLUSION: (Rev. 3:20)**

1. About Jesus - He needed no great audience to perform a miracle.
2. About the Disciples - They learned to lean on Jesus.
3. About Peter's Mother-in-law - Those who are healed are to serve.

**THE TEXT OF MARK 1:29-31**  
WITH ADDITIONS INTERPOSED FROM  
MATTHEW 8 AND LUKE 4.

[29] And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30] But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, *was taken with a great fever* And ... Jesus ... saw his wife's mother laid and anon they tell him of her. *and they besought him for her.* [31] And he came and took her by the hand he touched her hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, *and immediately she arose* and she ministered unto them.



**CAPERNAUM**

**CAPERNAUM** [kuh PURR nay uhm] (village of Nahum) -- the most important city on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee in New Testament times and the center of much of Jesus' ministry. Capernaum is not mentioned in the Old Testament, and the Nahum after whom it was named is probably not the prophet Nahum. In all likelihood, Capernaum was founded sometime after the Jews returned from captivity.

By the New Testament era, Capernaum was large enough that it always was called a "city" (Matt. 9:1; Mark 1:33). It had its own synagogue, in which Jesus frequently taught (Mark 1:21; Luke 4:31-38; John 6:59). Apparently the synagogue was built by the Roman soldiers garrisoned in Capernaum (Matt. 8:8; Luke 7:1-10). The synagogue was a center for the Roman system of taxation; for it had a permanent office of taxation (Matt. 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27), and itinerant tax collectors operated in the city (Matt. 17:24). Ruins of a later synagogue cover those of the one where Jesus worshiped, although sections of the latter can still be seen today.

After being rejected in His hometown, Nazareth, Jesus made Capernaum the center of His ministry in Galilee. He performed many miracles here, including the healing of the centurion's paralyzed servant (Matt. 8:5-13), a paralytic carried by four friends (Mark 2:1-12), Peter's mother-in-law (Matt. 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31), and the nobleman's son (John 4:46-54).  
*(Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)*

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**forthwith** (1:29) - Gk., *eutheos*. The same Greek word is translated as "immediately" in verse 31. Evidently, the home of Andrew and Peter was nearby.