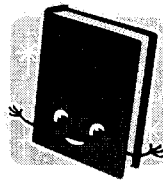


# Jesus Healing Words and Ours

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Ever had questions regarding the healing miracles in the new testament? What might have happened? Ian Cowie's book shed some really fresh light on the familiar stories.

He looks at the Gospel accounts and those in Acts giving us a fresh translation from the Greek. Then he breaks down each narrative into: "Background", "Patient", "Who took the initiative?", "Questions it raised for Jesus" and "Questions it raises for us", as well as some General Notes on each. Cowie's original translation offers a feather fresh insight, ending each story with some concise conclusions.

Some Key thoughts on the deaf mute: Mark 7:31-37 Pg 61-64

- The Sensitivity of Jesus; Taking the man away to a quiet place for healing
- That as a deaf mute he would have never heard the words of Jesus before
- The Initiative in the healing is taken by others, "They", not Jesus, nor the mute.
- Cowie translates "sigh" or "groan" as 'grunt' 7:34, to indicate the effort of the act?
- Jesus is lifting his face to heaven in prayer! -do we too often bow our heads in our prayer?
- Jesus often uses few words in his ministry - unlike us sometimes?
- At a time when such healings were said to be commonplace Jesus was keen not to be seen as just another 'Healer'. Only later would the man understand what it had been fully about.  
For us who may seek healing, it is not for us to decide the form of treatment. People were demanding laying-on of hands; this does not take place.

Conclusions:

Sometimes healing involves far more costly involvement than just giving the laying-on of hands.

Touch did play an important part in this work, but it was to communicate rather than to heal. It was the Word of Authority once again that healed.

People with similar symptoms may require to be treated in quite different ways.

This a challenging and informative read especially to those whose have an interest in the healing ministry. The way the book is broken down story by story in short sections allows the reader to stop and reflect before reading on without losing the thread which is why, as yet, I have not finished reading it.

Unfinished as it is I highly recommend it.

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