

# Luke 4:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him.** The phrase *dynontos de tou hēliou* (δύνοντος δὲ τοῦ ἡλίου, the sun setting) marks the end of Sabbath restrictions. People had waited until Sabbath ended (sunset Saturday) to carry their sick to Jesus. The phrase *poikilais nosois* (ποικίλαις νόσοις, various diseases) emphasizes the diversity of conditions—Jesus healed all types of illness.

**And he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.** The phrase *heni hekastō autōn* (ἐνὶ ἑκάστῳ αὐτῶν, each one of them) emphasizes Jesus' personal attention to each individual. Despite the crowds, He took time to lay hands on each person individually. The verb *etherapeuen* (ἐθεράπευεν, healed) is imperfect tense, indicating continuous action—He kept healing, one after another, showing both power and compassion.

## Historical Context

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Sabbath law prohibited carrying burdens (Jeremiah 17:21-22, Nehemiah 13:19), so people waited until sunset (when Sabbath officially ended) to transport their sick to Jesus. This created a massive healing service at Peter's house as crowds converged after sunset. Jesus' willingness to minister to each person individually, despite exhaustion from teaching and earlier miracles, demonstrates His compassion and tireless service. The laying on of hands was a gesture of blessing

and identification, showing Jesus' personal involvement in each healing. This marathon healing session revealed both Jesus' supernatural power (no human could sustain such ministry) and His shepherd's heart.

## **Related Passages**

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## **Study Questions**

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1. What does the crowd waiting until sunset reveal about their commitment to both Sabbath law and seeking Jesus?
2. How does Jesus' individual attention to each sick person (despite massive crowds) demonstrate His compassion and concern for individuals?
3. What does Jesus' tireless healing ministry teach about His divine nature and servant heart?

## Interlinear Text

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Δύνοντος	δὲ	τοῦ	ἡλίου	πάντες	ὅσοι	εἶχον		
was setting	Now		when the sun	all	they that	had		
G1416	G1161	G3588	G2246	G3956	G3745	G2192		
ἀσθενούντας	νόσοις	ποικίλαις	ἤγαγον	αὐτούς	πρὸς			
any sick	diseases	with divers	brought	him	unto			
G770	G3554	G4164	G71	G846	G4314			
αὐτούς	ὁ	δὲ	ἐνὶ	ἐκάστω	αὐτούς	τὰς	χεῖρας	ἐπιθεῖς,
him		Now	one	every	him		his hands	he laid
G846	G3588	G1161	G1520	G1538	G846	G3588	G5495	G2007
ἐθεράπευσεν	αὐτούς							
and healed	him							
G2323	G846							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 5:23** (Parallel theme): And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

**Acts 19:12** (Parallel theme): So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

**Acts 5:15** (Parallel theme): Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

**Mark 3:10** (Parallel theme): For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

**Matthew 11:5** (Parallel theme): The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

**Matthew 14:13** (Parallel theme): When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

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