

JESUS IN PETER'S HOME

Mark 1:29-39

Peter's home was in the city of Capernaum at the far end of the Sea of Galilee. Perhaps when he and his brother Andrew went away to fish they were gone several days or even weeks at a time, so it may be that he did not know the trouble that was in his own home on that first Sabbath morning after he had left his boat to go with Jesus. Together they went into the Jewish church or "synagogue" and Jesus preached. The people listened in wonder, for never had they heard anyone explain the Scriptures as he did. When the sermon was over, something happened that made them wonder still more. A poor man had come into the church who had some terrible disease of the mind that doctors could not cure, but Jesus could, and did, heal him.

Peter asked Jesus to go home with him. How proud he must have been to be taking home that dear Guest, but how surprised and troubled he must have been when he found that his wife's mother was very ill with a fever. Surely that was not the time to have company! But Jesus was not the kind who ever added to anyone's troubles. He always took away the trouble instead. So in Peter's house he quietly walked into the room where the sick woman lay and took her by the hand. Then quite suddenly she was well. Jesus

