

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Touched By God"
Mark 1:40-45
Study-5

All 3 Gospel's record this miracle of the cleansing of a Leper. (Matt 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16)

Why Did Jesus Perform Miracles?

1. Jesus Wanted To Meet Human Need
2. The Miracles Were Additional Credentials To Prove Jesus is "The God Who Serves" (Isa. 29:18-19; 35:4-6)
3. The Miracles Were "Sermons In Action, Living Parables"

The Thought Of Our Passage: "A Desperate Person Appealing To Jesus In Faith/Humility Is In The Position To Be Touched By God"

- 1. Verse 40 – The Desperate**
- 2. Verses 41-42 – The Servant**
- 3. Verses 43-44 – The Instructions**
- 4. Verse 45 – The Blabbermouth**

1. Verse 40 – The Desperate:

Mark 1:40

Mark 1:39

Casting Out Demons – God's Servant's Power To Deliver From Cruelty Of Sin.

Cleansing Of Leprosy – God's Servant's Power To Deliver From The Defilement Of Sin.

Matt 8:1 Luke 5:12

In the last 20 years, over 15 million people have been cured of this disease. Approximately 6.5 million people World-wide have leprosy.

"Leprosy" is now called "Hansen's Disease"

There are 3 Types of Leprosy:

1. "Nodular," or "Tubercular Leprosy"
2. "Anesthetic Leprosy" – "Called Progressive Death."
3. "Leprosy Proper"

Leviticus 13-14

Deeper Than Skin (Lev 13: 3)

Starts As A Little White Spot, Then Spreads (Lev. 13:5-8)

Defiles And Separates (Lev. 13:44-46)

Fit Only For The Fire (Lev. 13:47-59)

Religiously – Leprosy was used by Isaiah as a picture of sin (Isa. 1:4-6)

Socially – Lev. 13:45-46

Economically – They could not work because of being defiled.

Physically – The outlook was a slow lonely death; Daily becoming more crippled.

Mentally – They had no one; they were out, all alone.

Leprosy is a description of sin – It is never said that the Leper was healed but that the leper was cleansed.

The very Laws that condemned Leprosy lacked the ability to remove it, as the Law could not remove sin from the sinner. Romans 8:3

4 Things Notable About This Man's Approach To Jesus:

1. Leper Came In Desperation: Mark 1:40 – "a leper came to Him," – (Leper/Sinner)

Luke 5:12 – "full of leprosy;"

John 6:37

Matt 5:3-4

2. Leper Came to Jesus Begging: "beseeching Him," – "to call near, invite, invoke call for, desire, entreat, pray"

Romans 10:9-10

3. Leper Came In Humility: "falling on his knees before Him," – "the act of imploring aid, and of expressing reverence and honor"

Psalm 51:17

"Men will Not Be Lost Because They Are Too Bad, But Because They Are Too Proud!"

1 Peter 5:5

4. Leper Came To Jesus in Faith: "saying to Him, 'If You are willing, You can make me clean.'"

There were people whom God did not heal because of a greater purpose.

Only hope for his life was a miracle! The only answer was a miracle from Jesus! Romans 10:13

2. Verses 41-42 – The Servant:

Mark 1:41

"And moved with compassion," – Literally, "Gripped with compassion, or He was gut wrenched"

"He stretched out His hand, and touched him," – Literally, "He took hold of"

Mark 1:42

(Physical) "immediately the leprosy left him"

(Spiritual) "and he was cleansed."

1 John 1:7

3. Verses 43-44 – The Instructions:

Mark 1:43

"He sternly warned him" – "This was an in your face command; order"

Mark 1:44

One's Testimony is great and has its place, but should never replace a changed life.

Lev 14:1-32

4. Verse 45 – The Blabbermouth:

Mark 1:45

Some Have Good Motives For Disobeying God's Commands, But It Will Always Result In The Hindering Of God's Plan.

Application:

1. "Cleansing Of Leprosy Reveals That Jesus, God's Servant, Has Power To Deliver From The Defilement Of Sin."
2. "The Leper Approached God On His Terms: He Came In Desperation, In Humility, Requesting In Faith For Jesus To Cleanse Him, And Jesus Did."
3. "One's Testimony Is Great And Has Its Place, But Should Never Replace A Changed Life."
4. "Some Have Good Motives For Disobeying God's Commands, But It Will Always Result In The Hindering Of God's Plan."