

JESUS CLEANSSES A LEPER

Luke 5:12–16

¹² And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on *his* face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

¹³ Then He put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And He charged him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.”

¹⁵ However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ So He Himself *often* withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

MAIN POINT

When you respond to Jesus with humble and confident faith, you will find deliverance from your sin and shame.

I. Helpless Sinners

A. Problem

1. Two types of leprosy
 - a) Tuberculoid (less severe)
 - b) Lepromatous (more severe)
2. To be a leper was to be an outcast (cf. Lev. 13:1ff)

B. Extent

1. Luke’s medical diagnosis: *full of leprosy*
2. Without a miracle, the man was doomed to a painful death

II. Willing Healer

A. Expression of Faith

1. The leper's belief: *Christ has power to heal*
2. The leper's implicit appeal: *Will you show me mercy?*

B. Response of Christ

1. Statement: *I am willing*
2. Command
 - a) To the Disease: *be cleansed*
 - b) To the Healed Leper: *follow the ceremonial cleansing (cf. Lev. 14:1ff)*

C. Spread of Fame

D. Response of Humility