

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 7

Read Mark 1:40 – 45

Introduction: *Leprosy parallels sin, which progressively rots its victims and leads to their death. In Scriptures, leprosy is a type of sin. Society ostracized the leper and required that he warn those who approached him of his condition by crying out, "Unclean, unclean." Yet we find this man kneeling at the feet of Jesus, expressing faith in the ability and the power of Jesus to cleanse him of his leprosy. To him, his healing was simply a matter of willingness on the part of Jesus. Compassion caused Jesus to reach out and touch the man. In doing so, He made Himself ceremonially unclean. But He also extended a loving touch to someone who probably had not felt human touch for years. Then Jesus said those glorious words, "I am willing be cleansed."*

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1. What three things did the leper do in seeking a healing from Jesus?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

2. According to Mark 1:40 what did the leper say to Jesus as he knelt before Him? What was this leper implying as he bowed before Jesus? (Compare with Matthew 8:2 – 4 and Luke 5:12 – 15)
 - Have you ever had a time when you came desperately to the Lord, begging Him in prayer? (If comfortable, please share that time)

3. According to Leviticus chapters 13 and 14, Jewish leaders declared people with leprosy unclean. Who would we consider “*unclean*” in today’s society?

4. According to Mark 1:41 what was the reaction of Jesus towards this man? What did Jesus do and say?
 - Why was Jesus “*moved with compassion*” in the following Scriptures?
 - Mark 6:32 – 34

 - Mark 8:1 – 3

 - Mark 9:20 – 29

5. The very nature of God is to show compassion and mercy. What do we learn from the following verses about God’s nature?
 - Exodus 33:18 – 23

 - Psalm 86:15

 - Luke 10:25 – 37

6. How has the Lord shown compassion to you?