

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“LEPROSY, SIN, AND CLEANSING”

MARK 1:40-45

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1. Why did the leper disregard all laws and approach Jesus?
2. In evangelism, how can we help sinners to see their desperate condition before God?
3. Why is the word “cleansing” used in Mark 1:40-42 instead of “healing?”
4. How does the nature of leprosy, with its insidious beginnings, its slow progress, its destructive power, make a powerful symbol of sin and moral depravity?
5. How does forgiveness and holiness go together? If we are forgiven of sin, do we have a responsibility not to continue in it?
6. How does Mark 1:40-45 help you to understand what Christ did for you by going to the cross?

Main point: The compassionate Savior trades places with an outcast leper so that we see His loving sacrifice to redeem us and lead us to be compassionate toward others.

“As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.”

Leviticus 13:45-46

“My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.”

Isaiah 53:11

Jesus said, “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you”

John 15:3

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21