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Jesus' Transforming Touch

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The Miracle Ministry of Jesus

- “An Act of God that Interrupts Normal Events and Circumstances”

Jesus in Capernaum

- Miracles Proved that Jesus is the Messiah and that God Cares
- Authenticate His Claims, Priority of Preaching the Gospel

My Favorite Miracle “The Cleansing of a Leper”

- Mk 1:40, Lk 17:11 Lepers, Mt 26:6 Simon “Used to be a” Leper

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A Leper Came to Jesus

- Lk 5:12 Full of Leprosy “in the Advanced Stages”
- Bacterial Infection- Perhaps from Egypt

2 Labels and Stigma

- The Walking Dead: Incurable and Terminal
- The Finger of God: Exo 8:19, Num 12:10

Hansen's Disease “250,000 Cases a Year World Wide”

- Results and Nerve Damage “Kills the Pain Sensation”
- Phillip Yancey and Paul Brand “Pain, the Gift Nobody Wants”

Diagnosing Leprosy Go to the Priest not the Doctor

- Lev 13 Diagnosis, Lev 14 Offerings for Cleansing (nobody ever was)
- Examination, Declaration, Isolation

A Type of Sin in the Bible

- Underneath the Skin – Sin Begins in the Heart, in Secret
- Always Comes to the Surface – Misery and Isolation
- Incurable by Human Means

You Can but Will You?

- v41 Jesus Touched Him, Here is the Finger of God

The Man was Cleansed – Was Jesus Defiled?

1. Jesus Touched Unholy People

- Mk 2:17 Those who are well...Don't Need a Doctor"
- What is the Gospel anyway?

2. v42 He Was Immediately CleansedRight Before Their Eyes

- A Miracle Inside and Out

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Don't Tell Anyone? Yeah Right! For 2 Reasons.....

- The Priests and the Procedure Lev 13, 14

1. His Healing is _____

- Jesus Restored His Life

2. For a Testimony to Them

- Reaching Out to the Religious Leaders

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Final Thoughts

1. The Human Race has Leprosy..... and there is One Cure.

2. Jesus Will Touch..... What No One Else Will

3. Go Be a Testimony..... To Them