

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #7 – Jesus Cleanses a Man with Leprosy

- **Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-14**
- **Leviticus 13:1-8**
- **Mark 1:40-42**

In each report of this miracle the scriptures mention only Jesus and the leper. This was apparently a private miracle. Many of the miracles of Jesus were not recorded in the gospels. This miracle; however, was recorded to make known to others that Jesus was no respecter of persons. It matters not **who** we are, **where** we are, **when** we are, **what** we are or **why** we are; we have a friend in Jesus. Every individual man or woman God has created is on the same and equal level with Jesus.

This leper came to Jesus and bowed down before Him. According to Luke's version he said, **"Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."** The leper had not doubt about Jesus' ability to cure him. He was, however, uncertain as to whether Jesus would be willing to do so.

In that day many thought that leprosy was God's punishment for sin. So, the leper's hesitancy had to do with his belief that his sins had brought forth God's punishment. His question was more like this . . . **"Will Jesus help so great a sinner?"** Jesus was compelled to heal this leper to establish His healing grace and delivering mercy for whomever repents and confesses his/her wrong doing. He makes known through this miracle that God cares!

Jesus was moved with compassion, put forth His hand and cleansed the leper. The word compassion takes us into the heart of God. Jesus Cared no matter what the leper's past sins.

- **Mark 1:43-45**

Although leprosy was incurable, there were many different types of skin diseases which were classified as leprosy, but may not have been. When one thought he had been cured of his skin disease, the Old Testament law was that he had to go to the Priest to be examined. Then the

leper was to give a thank offering at the temple. Jesus adhered to the law by sending the man to the Priest. Jesus also told the leper who had been cleansed, “**don’t tell anyone.**”

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