

The Leper Cleansed

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The Sermon on the Mount was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus had been teaching multitudes of people. When he finished his teaching he came down from the mountain and still great crowds followed him. There came to him a man who had leprosy, which is a terrible skin disease. It makes the skin rot and eventually may kill the person who has the disease. Lepers were banished from society. They had to live apart from others and if someone came near to them they were to cry, "Unclean, unclean!"

This man, however, approached Jesus and worshipped him saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." Jesus said, "I will, be clean."

Not progressively, but immediately the man was healed and his skin became whole again. Not a sign of the leprosy was left on his body. What a miracle!

Jesus told him to go and show himself to the priest, as was required by the law of Moses when a person with a skin disease was healed. The healed person had to take an offering to be used as a burnt sacrifice to the Lord. He had to wash his clothes, then shave his beard, the hair off his head, and even his eyebrows! Next he had to bathe and go live outside his tent for seven days. Then the healed person had to bring another offering to the priest.

Jesus told him not to tell anyone! His fame was spreading and such great crowds were following him that he could hardly move about. But the healed man told everyone he saw what had happened to him and more and more people came to be healed. Jesus had to go out into the desert places and still the crowds traveled there to see him.

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