

Mark 1: 40-45
"There Came a Leper"

Deaf Church
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1. Introduction
 - a. Verse 42 Miracle of healing instantaneous
 - leprosy disease of damaged nerve ends & dying tissue on body, arms & legs
 - * as disease gets worse, fingers & toes fall off
 - b. Miracle of leper having body restored
 - Jesus spoke, "Be cleansed."
 - Immediately leprosy gone & body restored
 - c. This healing spread Jesus' fame everywhere
2. Leper came to Jesus
 - a. Old Testament priest checked out whether person had leprosy
 - lepers must live outside of the city
 - lepers must isolate from healthy people
 - lepers must call out "Unclean" when others approach
 - lepers often lived together
 - b. Leper was very lonely - alone
 - c. Jesus showed love & mercy to outcasts of society
 - many deaf feel like outcasts in hearing society
 - d. Leper told Jesus, "You can make me clean."
3. Merciful Messiah
 - a. Jesus was moved with compassion
 - b. Feelings can motivate action
 - c. Jesus touched the leper
 - lepers did not receive human touch

- 3d. But Jesus touched him
 - Jesus gave touch of human comfort
- e. Jesus gave healing on multiple levels
- f. Jesus told him, "I'm willing."
- g. Jesus healed him

~~4. Human disease lep~~
4. Leprosy Symbol of Sin

- a. Bible uses disease of leprosy as picture of sin
 - b. Sin separates person from God
 - sinner isolated from God
 - c. Sin leaves permanent spiritual mark on sinner
 - d. Sin disfigures human soul
 - leper disfigured by disease
5. Jesus gave Command to Leper
- a. Jesus instructed him to follow the law of Moses
 - healed leper to go show himself to the priest
 - b. Healed leper to tell no one
 - c. Leper's healing was to serve as a testimony to the priests

6. Conclusion

- a. Jesus healed man as requested
- b. Jesus asked for his obedience according to the Scriptures
- c. But healed leper disobeyed Jesus' commands
 - man's disobedience became a hinderance to Jesus' ministry
 - Jesus wanted changed lives
 - * not fame
 - Jesus could no longer enter cities
 - * size of crowds too big
 - Jesus had to live outside
 - Crowds still came to Him