

The Cleansing of Jesus

Mark 1:40-45

Context - The fame of Jesus is spreading as he travels throughout Galilee to preach about the Kingdom. People are seeking out Jesus for healing and deliverance.

Main Idea - Jesus cleans us up.

As you observe Jesus healing the leper....

1. _____ **His cleansing (vs. 40-42)**

A. This leper was an outcast and had to cry out “unclean” to any who would approach him. And yet Jesus touched him.

B. Jesus will cleanse the vilest sinner who repents and believes on him.

2. _____ **His request for silence (vs. 43-44)**

A. Many observations have been offered as to why Jesus would ask people to stay quiet. One of the strongest is that Jesus did not want to hasten the coming of the cross.

B. While there were many requests in the Gospels for silence after a healing, there is no request on silence from the followers of Jesus today.

3. _____ **the news (vs. 45)**

A. The cleansed leper could not help but to share the exciting news of his healing with anyone who would listen.

B. There is an irony in this passage where the leper is now on the inside with family and friends and Jesus is on the outside in lonely and desolate places. This is a picture of the substitution of Jesus for our sins.