

Intro.

Leprosy

I. Balance

A. Healing (Romans 8:19-22)

B. The gospel

1. The goal

2. Repent and believe (Mark 1:15)

II. The leper

A. Covered (Luke 5:12)

B. Between cities?

C. “If You are willing...”

A. Wasn't a plea

B. Acknowledged his condition

C. Humble

D. Acknowledged Jesus' authority

III. Jesus' response

A. Compassion [splanchnizomai] - to be moved as to one's bowels

B. Touched him

Hope

C. Cleansed him

Relief

D. Stern warning

Cleansing (1 John 1:7)

1. Tell no one

C. Our response

2. Go to the priest

1. No deals

E. Make an offering

2. No excuses

IV. The lepers response

3. Humility

Disobedience (Matthew 7:26)

4. Believe in Jesus (John 11:25; Romans 10:9-10)

A. Told everyone

B. Changed Jesus' itinerary (Romans 8:28)

C. People came from everywhere

1. Looking for healing

"I acknowledge that I am a sinful person. I acknowledge that deep down inside I am diseased with sinfulness. I am, as the Scripture says, 'dead in trespasses and sin.' (Ephesians 2:1-3) And so I come to you, Lord, as a diseased and depraved sinner. I can bring nothing in my own hands that would in any way ingratiate me to You, and I am at your mercy. Forgive me, cleanse me, take me. I trust in Christ for the cleansing I need."¹

2. Received healing

a. Physically

b. Spiritually

V. Application

Action Point: _____

A. Our interaction with those less fortunate (Romans 3:23)

B. The living God brings:

Next week: Mark 2:1-12

Restoration