



Jesus and the Outcast

Mark 1:40-45

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40 ¶ And a leper *came to Him, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, and touched him, and *said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. 43 And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away, 44 and He *said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."



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45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news about, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

BIBLE

What is Outcast for us?

- Every culture has those they tend to look down on
 - Much of this is the result of sin and pride
 - Some is from fear
 - Some is just feelings of superiority
- Jesus was the door-buster when it came to these...
 - Look at the disciples!
 - Look at His miracles!
 - Look at His Church, then and now!

Jesus the eternal Changer

- Jesus in the Galilee... preaching and freeing (39)
- A time for Jesus!
 - People are made NEW when Jesus is around!
- The great TRAGEDY of His Time... Leprosy!
 - Molds(cloth & homes), skin diseases, rashes, wounds
 - WALKING DEAD!
 - Banished, outcast, dreaded
 - Healed by GOD ALONE!

Ministry Changer

- He CAME to Jesus...
 - A man CONDEMNED...
 - How did he get to Jesus?
 - How much abuse, stoning, threats, insults...
 - Shame, pain, embarrassment all secondary...
- He BESEECHED Jesus – *parakaleō!* - unheard of!!!
 - **UP CLOSE AND PERSONEL?**
- He FELL ON HIS KNEES before Jesus
 - Humility

Prayer Changer

- Listen to his request...
 - Make me CLEAN! Not just “healed”...
 - Inward and outward needed the change
 - “If you are willing...” faith in the GOD nature of Jesus
- And the MAN nature responds!
 - “moved with compassion” yearn, bowels, sympathy
 - And Jesus does WHAT? Touch HIM???
 - **Why?**
 - BE CLEAN!

Life Changer

- Listen to His COMMANDS:
- Tell NO ONE?!
 - Some would see this healing as “Divine favor”
 - Some would ask “Why him?”
- Obey God!
 - Go and do the OT sacrifices... “get the paper!”
 - Testimony to the priests...