

17. How does Mark develop the idea of Jesus' increasing popularity (*Mark 1:28, 34, 37, 45*)?

**Reflection Questions:** Have I seen myself as a *leper* in need of healing? Have I seen my own sinfulness, guilt, and corruption? How can I show Jesus' compassion to those around me? Who can I tell of His grace?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*By His Word alone He might have healed the leper; but He applied, at the same time, the touch of His hand, to express the feeling of compassion. Nor ought this to excite our wonder, since He chose to take upon Him our flesh, that He might cleanse us from our sins.*

John Calvin

*Blessed indeed are those who have learned that they are spiritual lepers, bad, wicked, and sinful creatures! To know our disease is one step towards a cure. It is the misery and the ruin of many souls that they never yet saw their sins and their need.*

J.C. Ryle

*There is absolutely nothing in the Bible to suggest that the miraculous was ever intended to be the ordinary experience of the church. Indeed, miracles would cease to be miracles if they occurred all the time.*

Mark Rayburn

*Until you awake to the fact that your nature itself is evil, until you realize that your trouble is that you yourself are wrong, and that your whole nature is wrong, until you realize that, you will never have felt the need of a Savior.*

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*The nature of leprosy, with its insidious beginnings, its slow progress, its destructive power, and the ultimate ruin it brings, makes it a powerful symbol of moral depravity. If we see ourselves with spiritual eyes, we see that from the work of Christ we would be decaying forms of walking death.*

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The Lord and the Leper

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. The Request of the Leper (40)

2. The Response of the Lord (41-44)

3. The Reaction of the Leper (45a)

4. The Results for the Lord (45b)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. What do Matthew (8:1-4) and Luke (5:12-16) add to Mark's account of this miracle (*Mark 1:40-45*)?
3. What were the social and religious implications of having leprosy according to *Leviticus 13:1-3, 45-46*?
4. What do the following verses say about leprosy?  
*Numbers 12:10* —                      *2 Chronicles 26:16-21* —  
  
*2 Kings 5:1-27* —                      *Luke 17:11-19* —
5. Why does the leper begin with, *If you are willing...* (*Mark 1:40*)?
6. Why does the leper say to Jesus, *you can make me clean* (*Mark 1:40*) instead of *you can heal me*?
7. Why was Jesus *moved with compassion* (*Mark 1:41*)?
8. Did Jesus heal this man by His touch or by His word (*Mark 1:41*)? Explain.
9. Why didn't Jesus become unclean after touching the leper (*Mark 1:41*)?
10. How does Mark portray Jesus as fully human in the following verses?

*Mark 1:41; 3:5* —

*Mark 10:33-34* —

*Mark 2:25* —

*Mark 15:34* —

*Mark 10:14* —

*Mark 15:36* —

*Mark 10:21* —

11. Why does Jesus tell the healed leper to tell no one about what had happened to him (*Mark 1:43-44*)?
12. Why would the leper immediately disobey Jesus and tell everyone what Jesus had done for him (*Mark 1:45*)?
13. Why do we frequently disobey Jesus and not tell everyone what Jesus has done for us (*Matthew 28:19-20*)?
14. Why does Jesus tell the healed leper to show himself to the priest and to follow the law of Moses (*Mark 1:44*)?
15. If the leper did present himself to the priests, how do you think they responded to what he told them?
16. How did Jesus and the leper exchange places?
17. How does Jesus exchange places with us? Use Scripture.