

May 7, 2017
Luke 5:12-16

THE COMPASSION OF JESUS

I. Introduction: What Does God Look Like?

II. Leprosy: A Terrible Disease

- Physically
- Socially
- Spiritually

III. A Wonderful Approach

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."
Luke 5:12

- Leper comes to Jesus with confidence
- Leper comes to Jesus with humility

IV. A Favorable Response:

¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.: Luke 5:13

¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Luke 5:14

V. Lessons To Be Learned:

- Jesus was a man of compassion.
- Jesus love and compassion go beyond skin deep to the soul to cleanse us.
- Compassion are the deepest feelings we are capable of.
- The Mission of the Church is to demonstrate Compassion.

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of May 7th to 13th
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Open It

1. If you could see one obvious miracle performed before your eyes, what would you want to see?
2. *When was a time you were treated as an outcast or reject by other kids when you were growing up?
3. When have you helped someone that no one else was willing to help?

Explore It

4. *What did the leprous man do when he saw Jesus?
(5:12)
5. How did the man present his request for help to Jesus?
(5:12)
6. *In what way did the man's words to Jesus show belief in Christ? (5:12)
7. What did Jesus say to the sick man? (5:13)
8. *How did Jesus treat the sick man? (5:13)
9. Did Jesus respond to the man's request? (5:13)
10. What was the result of Jesus' first words to the man?
(5:13)
11. What were Jesus' orders to the man after he had been healed? (5:14)
12. To whom was the healed man supposed to show himself? Why? (5:14)
13. Why was the man to report to the priest? (5:14)
14. Besides showing the priest that he was healed, what else did Jesus tell the man to do? (5:14)
15. In spite of Jesus' request that the man not tell anyone, what resulted from this healing? (5:15)
16. What was Jesus' response to His popularity? (5:16)

Get It

17. How did the sick man regard Jesus?
18. In what ways do the words and actions of the sick man provide a pattern for the way we ought to approach Christ with our needs?
19. *Being affected with a disease that made him an outcast, what must it have been like for the man to have been touched by Jesus?
20. What are some of the ways in which Jesus still manages to touch people who are sick and in need today?
21. *How important is it for us to imitate the private life of Jesus?
22. How well do your present prayer habits match the man's willingness to approach Jesus?

Apply It

23. *What person or people in your life could most benefit from a caring touch from you in Christ's name?
24. What times in the next week can you set aside to listen to God and tell Him your needs?