

Luke 5:12-15

Jesus: Compassion and Power

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Leprosy – known today as Hansen’s Disease, but in Bible times the term was used to define a variety of related conditions... Leviticus ch13.

In the Bible leprosy is often used as a picture for sin...

Isaiah 1:4-6, speaking of the wickedness of Judah:

*The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints.
From the sole of the foot even to the head,
there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises
and putrefying sores...*

Leprosy is defined as being deeper than the skin... *Lev 13:3.*

So is sin.

Jer 17:9...

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

Matt 15:19...

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Leprosy spreads and defiles... *Lev 13:7-8.*

So does sin.

Leprosy causes a man or woman to become separated and unclean... *Lev 13:46.*

So does sin.

Isaiah 64:6...

But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Those with leprosy were looked upon as being dead already... *Num 12:12.*

So are sinners.

Eph 2:1... we were dead in trespasses and sins.

1. This man needed to be changed

so he came to the one Man he believed could change him.

2. We all need to be changed

and we must come to the one Man who can change us.

3. Jesus has the compassion and power to change us

“If you will...”

“I will...”

and Jesus reaches out and touches the man.

Christ alone has the compassion and the power to do anything about our lost and sinful state.

The Bible says that God has demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us... *Rom 5:8*

The Bible says that as He died on the cross Jesus, who was without sin, became sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him... *2 Cor 5:21*.

There stands One ready to deal with your sin.

If you will... He will.