



Do You Know ~~About~~ Jesus? (Part 8)

The Lord & The Leper

Mark 1:40-45
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SERIES TEXT: Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, the one you sent." - Jesus, John 17:3 CEV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the key to knowing eternal hope, joy and peace in your life.

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THE LEPER

The leper approached Jesus with:

- 1) a sense of need
- 2) a consciousness of helplessness
- 3) a feeling of grief

- "If you are willing, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN." (v. 40b)
- "I am willing," he said. "BE CLEAN!" (v. 41b)
- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to FORGIVE US our sins and to CLEANSE US from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NIV
- Immediately the leprosy left... he was CURED. (v. 42)

THE LORD

- Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man... (v. 41a)
- "The person with such an infectious disease must... cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' ... live alone ... outside the camp" Leviticus 13:45-46 NIV
- "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17 NIV
- Jesus... TOUCHED the man. (v. 41a)

"Quicker than the movement of the human hand was the activity of the Divine power, and the leper was cleansed."

- G. Campbell Morgan

The Great Physician: The Method of Jesus with Individuals

- Absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us. Romans 8:39 MSG

THE LESSON

Jesus healed the leper by gifting him with pain.

"If I had one gift I could give to people with leprosy, it would be THE GIFT OF PAIN."
- Dr. Paul Brand

- For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, **worketh for us** a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Corinthians 4:17 KJV

Pain will either drive you to Jesus or away from Him.

- ...he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news (v. 45a),

“Who would complain if God allowed one hour of suffering in an entire lifetime of comfort? Yet we bitterly complain about a lifetime that includes suffering when that lifetime is a mere hour of eternity.”

- Philip Yancey

*Be Still My Soul: Embracing God's Purpose & Provision
in Suffering by Nancie Guthrie (p. 29, The Gift of Pain)*