

Jesus Cleanses the Untouchable

Luke 05: 12–16

(Mt. 8:1-4; Mk. 1:40-45)

1 *Jesus was confronted by a desperate man, an untouchable*

- a. He was full of leprosy
- b. He saw Jesus:
Fell on his face
and called Jesus Lord;
he begged for cleansing

2 *Jesus cleansed the untouchable*

- a. Jesus touched him and said,
“I am willing”
- b. The leper was cleansed

3 *Jesus charged the newly cleansed man*

- a. To tell no man:
Boast not;
watch being prideful
- b. To rush to obey God

4 *Jesus made an impact*

- a. His fame spread rapidly
- b. The crowds thronged to hear Him and to be healed by Him
- c. He withdrew into the wilderness to pray

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.”

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

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.”

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.