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LOVING THE MARGINALIZED

Healing of the Leper

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."

Luke 5:12-13 NIV

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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."

Luke 5:14-16 NIV

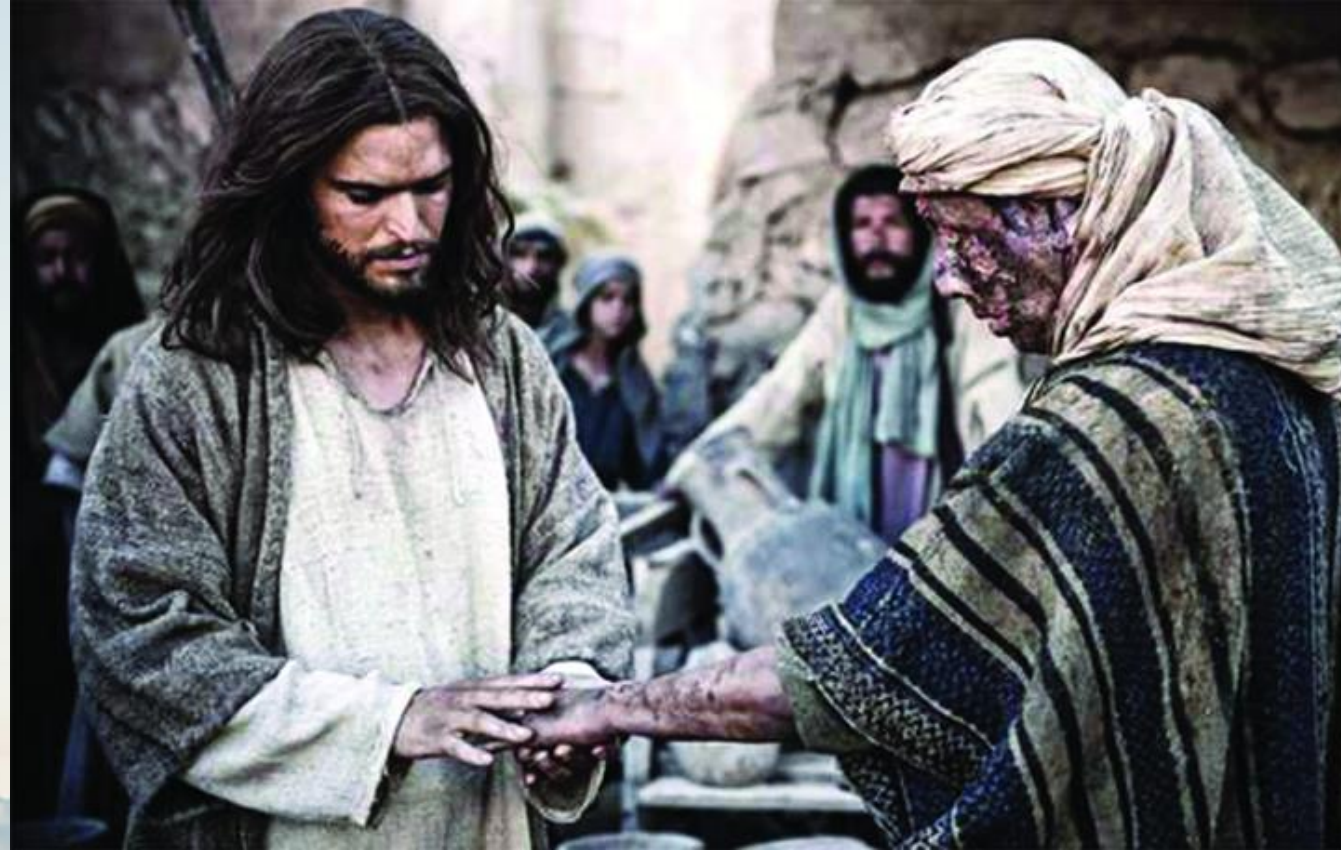
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“The idea of loving the poor, not just giving alms here and there but loving the poor, is a Christian idea. It came from nowhere else but Christianity.”

Peter Brown
Historian Professor
at Princeton University



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“Those who suffer from a serious skin disease must tear their clothing and leave their hair uncombed. They must cover their mouth and call out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’”

Leviticus 13:45 NLT

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²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Luke 5:20-21 NIV

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²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.” Luke 5:22-26 NIV

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Jesus heals him of the real problem



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Receiving forgiveness is easy

But forgiving someone's sins is impossible



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"He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed." 1 Peter 2:24 NLT

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."
2 Cor 5:21 NLT

The work of forgiveness is infinitely harder than receiving it

Help Change People's Hearts toward God

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**Jesus is passionate and willing to give us his grace
eager to forgive and eager to bless
even to an unformed, imperfect
desire for forgiveness**