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Week 04: Touch That Brings Healing

“A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. ‘If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,’ he said. **41 Moved with compassion**, Jesus reached out and **touched him**. ‘**I am willing**,’ he said. ‘**Be healed!**’ **42 Instantly** the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed. **43** Then Jesus sent him on his way with a stern warning: **44** ‘Don’t tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the

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law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.’ **45** But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn’t publicly enter a town anywhere. He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him.”

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Isolation Study in 1940's





**Firefighters Know the
Power of Touch**

**Jesus is the Servant
Son of God**



Mark 1:1 (NLT) — “This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, **the Son of God**. Every event and every sermon recorded was chosen to drive this theme home.”

Mark 10:45 (NLT) — “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Jesus Heals a Leper

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1. The Dreaded Disease

Leprosy:

- Caused great misery
- Generic term for any skin disease
- This form is now “Hansen’s Disease”



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3 Forms of Leprosy:

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Leviticus 13:45–46 (NLT) — “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!’ **46** As long as the serious disease lasts, they will be ceremonially unclean. **They must live in isolation in their place outside the camp.**”



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2. A Passionate Plea

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This Man Risked Everything to Approach Jesus

He Came with
Deep **HUMILITY**



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He Came to Jesus
in **FAITH**





3. A Sympathetic Savior

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Compassion

- Different than “pity”
- Compels **ACTION**



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John 3:16 (NLT) — “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”



Jesus was Stirred to **ACTION**



“Jesus stretched out His hand and **TOUCHED** him...”



The man was healed **IMMEDIATELY...**

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4. A Disobeyed Directive

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Jesus told the leper **NOT** to tell **ANYONE...**

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1. He disobeyed Jesus
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3. **His message confused Jesus' mission in the minds of the crowds**

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What Does **God** Want **You** to
Take Away from This?

Application for Our Own Lives:

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- Touch the untouchable

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2. **The leper's story is also about sin and salvation**



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“He Has No Hands But Ours”

John 8:34 (NLT) — “Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.’”



What Jesus Did for the Leper, He Can Do For You

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