

### I. The Desperate Leper

- A. The leper's pain  
**Mark 1:40** And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."
1. Physical pain
  2. Social pain  
**Leviticus 13:45** "The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.'
  3. Spiritual pain
- B. The leper's faith  
**Mark 1:40** And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."
- C. The leper's request  
**Mark 1:40** And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."

### II. The Compassionate Jesus

- A. Jesus' heart  
**Mark 1:41** Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean."
- B. Jesus' response  
**Mark 1:41** Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean."
- C. Jesus' touch  
**Mark 1:41-42** Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." <sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.
- D. Jesus restores  
**Mark 1:43-45** And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.