

THE SERVANT KING'S TOUCH *(Mark 1:29-45)*

Mark reveals to us the heart of the healer and the powerful touch of the Lord Jesus' hand. No matter your condition, Jesus has a heart for you and desires to touch your life. Jesus came to give His life for us so that we can have eternal life with the Father.

I. WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE LEPER'S CRY (v. 40)

1. The hope in this leper was so stirred by the presence of Jesus that he broke all social conventions and even Jewish law to see Jesus.
2. Leprosy was regarded as a divine punishment by the Jewish nation.
 - Lepers were outcast and required to live in isolation, forbidden to touch anyone.
 - He came, knowing his condition and seeking healing by faith.
3. Leprosy, though not caused by moral depravity, is a good illustration of what sin is like.
 - Like sin, it's deeper than the skin, it spreads, it isolates, and it destroys.
 - People without a saving relationship with Jesus are spiritual lepers!
 - You cannot experience divine help and comfort unless you have a relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - We cannot have that relationship unless we have first come to the place of repentance.

II. WE CAN RECEIVE THE LORD'S COMPASSION (v. 41)

1. Jesus had compassion for the leper.
 - A better translation for "pity" in verse 41 is "compassion." It means *felt in his stomach*.
 - He felt the weight of this man's condition.
2. Jesus touched the leper.
 - The word means more than superficial touch. It means "to take hold of."
 - He reached across all barriers to touch this man's life.
3. Jesus promised the leper.
 - His desire and command: "I will. Be clean."
4. Jesus touched humanity. He is a God who comes down to minister to us.
 - The incarnation: Jesus took on flesh for us.
 - Jesus felt the weight of our sin; He became sin for us.

III. WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE LORD'S HEALING TOUCH (vv. 42-45)

1. Jesus not only wanted to let this man know He cared and loved him, but He wanted to heal him.
2. Jesus' touch brought immediate cleansing.
3. This is what Jesus can do for you.
 - His cleansing of sin is immediate in a second of belief.
 - His healing is complete – your spiritual debt is forgiven, and your shame is removed.

Do you need Jesus' healing touch today? If so, here's what we must do to experience it: Repent and receive His forgiveness. He then tells us to join His church in telling others about what He's done for us.