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Abstracts

How Jesus healed a Man with Leprosy

The healing of a Man with leprosy in Luke 5:12-16 demonstrate Jesus compassionate and caring nature. Touching of lepers was forbidden because according to the Levitical law it makes one ceremonially unclean. The healing of a leper could raise a religious criticism because it involves issue of religious purity and impurity. Leprosy is regarded as contagious skin disease and those who get infected with it were socially ostracized or quarantine from society. It is noticeable skin disease because it disfigures the skin as it spread through the body. The purpose of getting the infected person to live outside the camp is to prevent the disease from spreading but unfortunately some believed that those who get infected are cursed by God and the victim is forced to live in awful religious stigma of being unclean. When we look at Jesus healing ministry, we can see that anytime he heals people, some get upset because they are either religious minded or live with wrong perception as to how God operate or deal with man. For the leper to approach Jesus and humbly fall to the ground and ask Jesus to make him clean if he is willing shows how great his faith in Jesus was. Jesus touching of the untouchable shows that God's love is unconditional and amazing. Jesus told the man after he was healed to go and show himself to the Priest and offer the sacrifice that Moses commanded for his cleansing as a testimony to them because he is law abiding. Jesus did not come to break the law but to fulfill

it. Jesus focus was to help the people to understand the laws of God and seek to do what is written in it.