



Silverdale Baptist Church
It's All About Jesus ~ Jesus: The Healer ~
Luke 5:12-16 ~ 01/27-28/2024

Big Idea

Jesus heals us of our sins.

Getting Started

Literally or figuratively, when have you had to step into someone's mess and clean it up?

Leprosy was the worst thing that could happen to someone in the ancient Jewish world. Lepers were outcasts from the community. They were the walking dead. Everything they touched was unclean. It is hard for us to imagine the leper's sense of rejection. They were dead to their family, but the grief was never-ending. They were dying every day. It was a constant grieving process for them and the family.

In Luke 5, we have the first account of Jesus cleansing a leper. Imagine the faith it took for the leper to believe Jesus could do what had never been done.

| HAVE SOMEONE READ LUKE 5:12-16 AND LEVITICUS 13:45-46.

Learn

1. The Life of a Leper

*There came a man **full of leprosy**. (Luke 5:12)*

*"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.' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. **He is unclean**. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp. (Lev 13:45-46)*

What would it be like to be a leper?

How does Lev. 13:45-46 help us understand Luke 5:12-16?

2. The Demonstration of Faith

*When he saw Jesus, he **fell on his face** and begged Him, "Lord, **if you are willing**, you can make me clean." (Luke 5:12)*

What is Luke's description of the man who approached Jesus?

Describe the man's faith.

3. The Compassion of Jesus

*And Jesus stretched out His hand and **touched him**, saying, "I am willing; be clean." And immediately, the leprosy left him. (Luke 5:13)*

Jesus could have spoken healing from a distance, so why do you think He touched the leper?

In the video clip from The Chosen, the disciples yell at the leper to stay away. But Jesus walks toward him and touches him.

In this world, with the spiritual leprosy around us, who are you like? Jesus? Or the disciples?

4. The Uncontainable Joy

*He charged him to **tell no one** ... (Luke 5:14)*

*But the man went out and **talked about it everywhere**. (Mark 1:45)*

But now even more the report about Him went abroad (Luke 5:14)

Jesus told the man to "tell no one," but he told everyone. Why?

"Here's the irony. Jesus told this man to keep quiet, and he told everyone. But then Jesus dies for us and rises from the dead, and He has told us to tell everyone! And we keep quiet." – Pastor Tony

5. The Portrait of the Gospel

- Salvation: The Incurable is Healed

- Sacrifice: Blood is Shed So You Can Be Clean

*“Go and show yourself to the priest, and make an **offering for your cleansing**, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” (Luke 5:14)*

- Substitution: Jesus Takes Our Place

*But now, even more, the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him ... So Jesus would withdraw to **deserted places** to pray (Luke 5:15-16)*

*Jesus could no longer openly enter a town but was out in **desolate places** (Mark 1:45)*

How is this story a portrait of the gospel?

Apply

What is your leprosy? What is your uncleanness that leaves you feeling like you could never be accepted?

Have you surrendered to the gospel and asked Jesus to heal your spiritual leprosy?

Spiritual lepers surround us. How will you enter their world and touch them with the gospel?

Pray

Father, sometimes we are less like Jesus than we want to admit. We shy away from people with spiritual leprosy, fearing that by getting too close, we will contaminate ourselves. Forgive us for our hardheartedness and our lack of faith. Lord, give us the faith, the courage, and the opportunity to engage with the lost around us so that we can introduce them to Jesus, our healer. In Jesus name, amen.