

JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY

Luke 5:12-16

Key Verse: 5:13

"Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' And immediately the leprosy left him."

Study Questions:

1. How does Luke describe the man whom Jesus met in one of the towns (1a)? What do you know about leprosy and its physical effects on the leprosy patient? About its social effects (Lev 13:45-46) Put yourself in the place of a leper. How would you feel about yourself?
2. What did this leper do and say when he saw Jesus? What did he believe about Jesus? Why did he think that Jesus received him?
3. What did Jesus do? How did he demonstrate the mercy of God? Think about the meaning of God's mercy (Ex 33:19; Ro 2:4). What is the significance of Jesus' touching the leper?
4. What is the significance of Jesus' words, "I am willing"? Of the words, "Be clean"? In what ways does leprosy resemble sin? (Ps 51:7,10) What happened when Jesus said, "Be clean"?
5. Read verses 14-16. Why did Jesus tell the leper to go to the priest and get a certificate? How could this help restore his social relationships? What happened when Jesus healed the man with leprosy? What did Jesus do after healing the leper? Why is prayer important?