



Big Idea: Jesus came to cure the unclean.

1.) The Spiritual Significance of LEPROSY

- Leprosy rendered the afflicted person ceremonially unclean, shut off from religious and social contact with God's people.
- God uses the **PHYSICAL** ailments of the human body to illustrate much deeper **SPIRITUAL** ailments of the human soul (John 9:39).
- The ailments of the physical body give a visible picture of the spiritual sickness of the soul.

2.) Leprosy gives a physical picture of spiritual IMPURITY

- Leprosy is an outward sign of the debilitating death that sin produces in people's lives (Isaiah 64:6, Revelation 3:17).

3.) Leprosy gives a physical picture of ALIENATION from God.

- In ancient Israel, lepers served as sober symbols of the spiritually dead.
- The leprous man in Mark 1 is a vivid image of the true spiritual condition of unforgiven sinners (Eph. 2:12, Isaiah 59:2, Psalm 32:3-4).

4.) **CALL UPON** Christ in your uncleanness.

- Desperate in his sickness and his separation from society, the leper risked everything on the single hope that Jesus could make him clean.
- **Christ has unique POWER to cure the unclean—not just lepers in ancient Israel, but sinners in the here and now (Isaiah 1:6).**

- **Christ is WILLING to heal all who call on Him by faith (2 Peter 3:9).**
 - Those who refuse to call upon Jesus for healing are those who prefer the sickness of their sin (Luke 13:34).
 - The **RESPONSIBILITY** for the unrepentant sinner's ruin can fall only upon the hardness of his own heart (Ezekiel 18:32).

- **Would you be healed today? (Matthew 11:28, 1 Peter 5:7)**
 - The very Savior who lifted the leper out of His disease has every power to save you from the spiritual leprosy of sin.
 - He is willing and able to save. Are you ready and willing to trust Him today?