

“Come As You Are”

Read Mark 1:40-45

⁴⁰A leper came to Jesus. And he fell down on his knees before him, beseeching him and saying, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

⁴¹Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand, and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing. Be clean.”

⁴²And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

⁴³And Jesus sternly warned him, immediately sending him away, ⁴⁴saying “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

⁴⁵But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the news to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city. He stayed out in unpopulated areas, but they were coming to Him from everywhere.

Study Questions

- 1) Describe in your own way the miracle of healing that Jesus did here.
- 2) Jesus instructed the man he healed to follow the stipulations of the Law of Moses for being healed of leprosy found in Leviticus 14:1-7. What was required here?
- 3) How did this ceremony look forward to Jesus’ sacrificial death? Identify the meaning of the symbols in Leviticus 14:1-7 with the cast of characters, places, etc., yet to come.

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| –Leper | –Death of 1st bird |
| –Priest | –Earthenware vessel |
| –1st bird | –Running water |
| –2nd bird | –Blood of 1st blood |
| –Wood | –Sprinkling of blood 7 times |
| –Hyssop | –Pronouncement of cleansing |
| –Red thread | –Setting the live bird free |

4) Read John 8:36. Have you been set free?

5) How does one who had been set free from certain death react? Have you shared your personal testimony with anyone in the past week, month, year, decade? Isn’t it time?