

**Cleansed
Let's Go
Mark 1:40-45
2-28-21**

Malachi 4:2 – “But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.”

I. Desperate to be Clean.

Mark 1:40 – “And a leper came to Him, imploring Him, and kneeling said to Him, ‘If you will, you can make me clean.’”

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| 1. Were thought to be “cursed by God” | 6. Must keep their hair unkept |
| 2. Were terminal outcasts | 7. Could not go to the temple |
| 3. Could not be touched | 8. Must cover their faces |
| 4. Must stay 50 paces from other people | 9. Must continually cry out “unclean” |
| 5. Must wear torn clothes | 10. Represented our inner disease |

Leviticus 13:45 – “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.’”

Mark 1:41-42 – “Moved with pity, He stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.”

Jeremiah 17:9 – “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

II. Living a Cleansed Life.

Mark 1:43-44 – “And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.’”

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT) – “Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when He judges the world.”

Mark 1:45 – “But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to Him from every quarter.”

John 4:24 – “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Walking Clean:

1. Believe I am Clean.

1 Corinthians 6:11 – “And such were some of you (sexually immoral, idolaters, thieves...). But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

John 15:3 – “Jesus said, ‘...you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.’”

2. Admit that daily cleansing is needed.

John 13:10 – “Jesus said to him, ‘The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean...’”

1 John 1:7 – “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Discuss how it is going with the 40 Days of Revitalization through prayer.
(Use 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 as a prayer in your group)
2. Read Mark 1:40-45. What did the Lord show you?
3. How would you describe being spiritually “unclean”?
4. Who are the Lepers or unclean in our society that could use our prayers and attention?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 John 1:7-9 and Psalm 51:10. What is still needed daily even though God says we are completely cleansed in our relationship with Him?
6. Why did Jesus actually touch the Leper? What does that say about His ministry and our ministry?
7. Pray for His people to proclaim The Good News of Jesus Christ to see others be forgiven and cleansed in Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:9).