

"The Power of Touch"
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Jesus Cleanses a Leper

"And there cometh to him a leper, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And being moved with compassion, he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean" Mark 1:40-42 (ASV).

- A leper was among the first healings Jesus performed.
- This man was an outcast.
- This was the very type of person Jesus had come to heal.

The Works of Jesus

"Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples and said unto him, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them" Matthew 11:2-5 (ASV).

Jesus Accomplished the Works of the Father.

"But the witness which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me" John 5:36 (ASV).

Jesus touched many people when He healed them.

- Peter's mother-in-law was healed when Jesus touched her hand. Matthew 8
- He touched the eyes of blind men and healed them. Matthew 8
- He put his fingers into the ears of a deaf man and returned his hearing. Mark 7:33
- He touched the lifeless hand of a girl on her deathbed and raised her from the dead. Mark 5:23

Jesus touched many people that He healed, but Jesus DIDN'T HAVE TO touch people to heal them. All Jesus had to do was speak and people would be healed

Ten Lepers

"And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to

return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well” Luke 17:12-19 (ESV).

God is Love.

“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him” 1 John 4:8-9 (ASV).

“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him” 1 John 4:15-16 (ASV).

- We are called imitate the love of Jesus.
- Jesus calls us to be people who are determined to touch people who need to be touched with the love of God.

Today you may need His TOUCH of forgiveness and healing in your own life.

“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working” James 5:14-16 (ASV).