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“Discover” | Mark 1:40-45

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40 And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” 41 Moved with pity (σπλαγχνισθείς from splanchnizomai, indicates a pity so great that one is moved to meet another’s need. Jesus’ entire life on earth shows that He is God. And that God cares.), he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 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.” 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.

The Point: The ultimate discovery is that Jesus can change your life, most likely, in an unexpected way.

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- Leprosy is a picture of sin
- Leprosy brought anguish at all levels: physical, mental, social, and religious. It serves as an illustration of sin.
- The Rabbis regarded leprosy as humanly incurable. Only twice does the Old Testament record that God cleansed a leper (Num. 12:10-15; 2 Kings 5:1-14).
- They had to live alone.
- They could not be touched by anyone.
- When they walked they had to cover their upper lip and say, “UNCLEAN” out loud so that no one would come near them.

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Cleansing from Leprosy is a picture of Jesus

Read: Lev. 13-14

2 Birds, scarlet yarn, hyssop

Then, the Priest made atonement

I. Jesus can change the life of the person that least expects it

He knew He could but wasn't sure He would.

He asks the ultimate question: "I know you can but will you?"

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II. Jesus can change the life of the person who least deserves it

He recognized he deserved nothing.

III. Jesus changes the life of a person who is desperate for it

Realize it's not what you can do it's what God can do.

His need led him to be freed!

He came kneeling but left running

He came pleading but left proclaiming

He came needing but left having

He told him to tell no one and he told everyone!

He told us to tell everyone and we tell no one!

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He sends his word and heals

Psalm 107:20:-“He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.”

John 15:3-“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.”

John 17:17- “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

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