

Matthew 8:1-4 **Leper Cleansed**

¹ When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. ² And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." ³ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus went throughout all Galilee preaching in the Synagogues, healing and casting out demons. [Mark 1:14, 39, Matthew 4:23, Luke 4:44]
- ✚ A Leper came to Jesus kneeling down and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." [Mark 1:40, Matthew 8:1-4, Luke 5:12-13]
 - ✧ Healings are dependent on the will of God.
- ✚ Jesus touched him and said, "I am willing, be cleansed." [Mark 1:41, Matthew 8:3, Luke 5:13]
 - ✧ Jesus demonstrated His willingness, when He reached out and touched the untouchable unclean Leper, and healed him.
 - ✧ Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. [Mark 1:42, Matthew 8:3, Luke 5:13]
 - ✧ Jesus heals those who come to Him in faith believing.
- ✚ Jesus commanded him to tell no one. [Mark 1:43-44, Matthew 8:4, Luke 5:14]
 - ✧ There was already such a multitude that it was difficult to move around, and time for confrontation with religious opposition had not yet arrived because it was reserved for the appointed time, and for the right place which was in Jerusalem.
- ✚ Jesus commanded him to go and show himself to the priest, and offer the things commanded by Moses for the cleansing of leprosy. [Mark 1:44, Matthew 8:4, Luke 5:14, Leviticus 14:1-32]
 - ✧ This was to keep the Law of Leprosy as well as to be a **testimony to the Priest**. [Mark 1:44, Matthew 8:4, Luke 5:14]
 - ✧ It served as evidence of who Jesus is, so if the Priest was willing to consider the evidence, he would realize that this is the Messiah the Jews were seeking.
 - ✧ Many Priests and Pharisees did recognize the truth, but were afraid to acknowledge it because of their peers in the religious offices of the Jews. [Acts 6:7, John 3:1-2, 19:38-39]
 - ✧ This becomes evidence for us today, as we realize that everything supernatural written in the Old Covenant Law, Psalms, and Prophets, that is spoken of as something Yehowah God does, Jesus did. Healing all our diseases is one of them.
 - ✧ Evidence that Jesus is indeed God, just as John expressed in his Gospel, Epistles and Revelation.
- ✚ The Leper who had been healed proclaimed it freely and spread the matter. [Mark 1:45]
 - ✧ Zeal and enthusiasm in the heart of people can not be contained when God has worked such a great miracle, so Jesus could no longer openly enter the city.
- ✚ Jesus remained in deserted places and the people came out to Him from every quarter. [Mark 1:45, Luke 5:15-16]
 - ✧ Jesus often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. [Luke 5:16]