JESUS, LEPROSY, SIN AND ME Luke 5:12-16, Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45 December 9/10, 2023

I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets. Hosea 12:10 (KJV)

When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him - Matthew 8:1 (NIV)
Recognized that Jesus was his (v.12) Covered with Leprosy (NAS), Full of Leprosy (CWSB)
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers (lepra) - Matthew 10:8 (CWSB)
Leprosy is a picture of
Sin is deeper than The priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean. - Leviticus 13:3-4 (NASB95)
Sin brings separation of
But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your

not hear. - Isaiah 59:2 (NASB95)

Sin always The priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy. - Leviticus 13:8 (NASB95) The leprous covering ultimately winds up ...the mark is a leprous malignancy, it is unclean. "So he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or any article of leather in which the mark occurs, for it is a leprous malignancy; it shall be burned in the fire. - Leviticus 13:51-52 (NASB95) Jesus' response to sin (leprosy) is (v.13) Filled with compassion. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man - Mark 1:41 (NIV) To be declared "Clean" required a (v.14)Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed ...hyssop, and shall dip them...in the blood of the bird that was killed ...and he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, - Leviticus 14:4-9 (KJV) No one was ever declared until Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. - Leviticus 14:1-4 (KJV) The leprous man had to recognize his The leprous man had to recognize his not The Trigger: He came and Jesus as ... a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." - Matthew 8:2 (NKJV) The Point: When I come to Him, recognizing my need, worshiping Him as Lord, asking to be cleansed He is already Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, saying... - Matthew 8:3 (NASB) Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, and said - Mark 1:41 (NASB) Faith was evidenced by a desire to (v.14)Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news.

- Mark 1:45 (The Result, v.17)