

Made Whole

Matthew 8:1-4

8 *When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."*

From a huge multitude to a hurting man ...

Likely exhausted from several days of teaching, Jesus nonetheless breaks from the _____ to care for the _____.

Far too often, we look to Jesus to _____ us from our sins *only*, but not to make us _____.

The truth is – Jesus cares for ____ – _____ of me.

What part of *me* needs healing?

A profound prayer of faith ...

"If you will, you can."

I know God is _____.

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What are *my* prayers like?

A moving act of mercy ...

Don't underestimate the impact of this moment: *"Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him ..."*

Jesus didn't _____ to touch him for him to be physically healed (Mt. 9:6-7; Mk 10:52; John 5:8-9). That touch was for _____ reasons.

That touch showed _____.

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Who do *I* need to demonstrate the love of Jesus?

Two interesting commands ...

"Say nothing ..."

"Go, show yourself ..."

The former:

1) *Speaks to the _____ for Jesus' healing: The man's well-being, not Jesus' fame as a miracle worker*

2) *Reveals a bit of Jesus' _____ regarding miracles done among the Jews*

The latter:

1) *Forces the religious leaders who had _____ Jesus to deal with the _____ of Him*

2) *_____ a lonely, discarded man back to _____ and community*

Conclusion: Am I Whole?