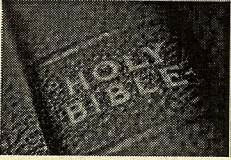


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Leprosy

Jesus delivered the greatest sermon ever. It is simply known as the Sermon on the Mount. The crowds were astonished with His teachings. He introduced radical ideas to the people in the sermon.

Love your enemies

Do not pray with vain repetition

Do not tell others of your good deeds

Do not worry about your food, drink or clothing

Let Heaven be the treasure of your heart

In Matthew's account of the events, when Jesus came down from the mountain, He saw a leper. Within this society a person with leprosy was unclean and to be avoided. A leper was required to cover his mouth and yell out, "unclean, unclean." The disease was contagious with no cure.

What Jesus does is shocking. He reaches out, touches the man and heals him.

There are several other accounts of Him healing people without touching them or even seeing them. He healed the centurion's servant without meeting him.

However, He reached out to touch the man with leprosy. He did not have to touch him, but He did. As long as he had been afflicted with this dreaded disease, no one would have dared to come near him. No one but another with leprosy would have touched him.

This magnificent show of love and mercy would have shocked the people around Him.

This gives me great hope – and a wonderful reason to love Jesus even more.

Harold Mustin

