

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
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**NEW SERIES #1**

**“Moments With The Master”**

**“He Touched Me – A Transforming Moment”**

**Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-15; Matt 8:1-4**

The earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was a people centered ministry. I want to begin a new series entitled “*Moments With The Master*”. I want you to see that moments spent with Jesus are powerful, life changing moments.

In the midst of His preaching and teaching ministry in Capernaum, He is interrupted by a single man, a leper. It is this personal encounter that I want to focus in on this morning. While there were great crowds there to be healed, helped and taught, one man managed to get a *Moment With The Master*. Let’s look in on this scene and witness for ourselves the truth -

***He Touched Me - A Transforming Moment.***

**I. THE CONDITION OF THE LEPER - V. 40**

**A. His Disease –**

He was a leper. In the Bible, leprosy is far more than a disease. It is also a type of sin! While no one in this room may be a leper, everyone in this room has problems with sin!

**B. His Desire –**

He makes his way through the frightened crowd and stops within arm’s length of Jesus. He kneels before the Lord and declared to the Lord his desire. What he said to Jesus is very telling of his condition.

**II. THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD**

**“He Touched Me!” - Vs. 41-42; 45**

He shows this man compassion - which depicts the emotions of pity, kindness and love. The word suggests a depth of feeling and literally means, “to feel with.” Remember **Hebrews (4:15-16)**.

**A. As Revealed In His Touch**

It has been years since anyone has touched this man. It had been years since this man had held his wife or children. It had been years since he felt the touch of a human hand upon him. Jesus uses His hand and touches people, the same today as back then, except for one thing: **today, we are His hands!**

What was different about this touch? The leper did not transmit to Jesus the corruption of his disease. Rather, Jesus transmitted to the leper the cleansing of His Deity!

**B. As Revealed In The Transformation**

As soon as Jesus touched him he is made clean. His leprosy instantly departs, and his skin is made a new and as fresh as a baby.

That is what happens spiritually when a sinner feels the saving touch of the Lord Jesus. Instantly, the blackness and deadness of sin is replaced with the life and the glory of God. The sinner is no longer lost, but found. Is no longer dead, but is alive. Is no longer an outcast, but is made a child of God!

**III. THE COMMAND OF THE LAW - Vs. 43-44**

**A. The Demands Of The Law**

He was to get a certificate of cleansing on the basis of a ceremony in **Leviticus 14**

**B. The Desire of the Lord**

Notice what Jesus says that this will be: “*for a testimony unto them*” **V-44b**. I would say that high priest had never seen a leper cleansed.

Jesus Christ is still in the life-changing, soul-saving business. If He is dealing with your heart, you need to know that you do not have to live in your sins for one more minute! Come to Jesus like that leper did, believing Him for your soul’s salvation, everything will forever change in your life.