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*Matthew 8:1-4*

Background

* 23 ¶ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. (John 2:23-25)

1 ¶ When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. (Matt 8:1-4)

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12 ¶ And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 13 And he put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. 14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. 15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. 16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. (Luke 5:12-16)

Leper

1. Came to Jesus
2. Worshipped Jesus (Matt 8:2)
3. Asked (Begged) for Healing (Mark 1:40)
4. Believed Jesus was Capable if Jesus Willed (Matt 8:2)

10. Did Not Obey Jesus (Mark 1:45)

Jesus

5. Listened

1. Was Moved With Compassion
2. Touched and Healed Him
3. Charged the Leper To
4. Follow the Law Concerning Leprosy….For a Testimony Unto Them
   1. Tell No Man
   2. Could Not Enter the City Because of the Leper’s Disobedience (Mark 1:45)
5. Withdrew Himself and Prayed (Luke 5:16)

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