



The King of the Kingdom

**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

REVELATION 1:6 | MEC | VERSE FOR 2012



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Matthew 8:1-4

¹ 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.



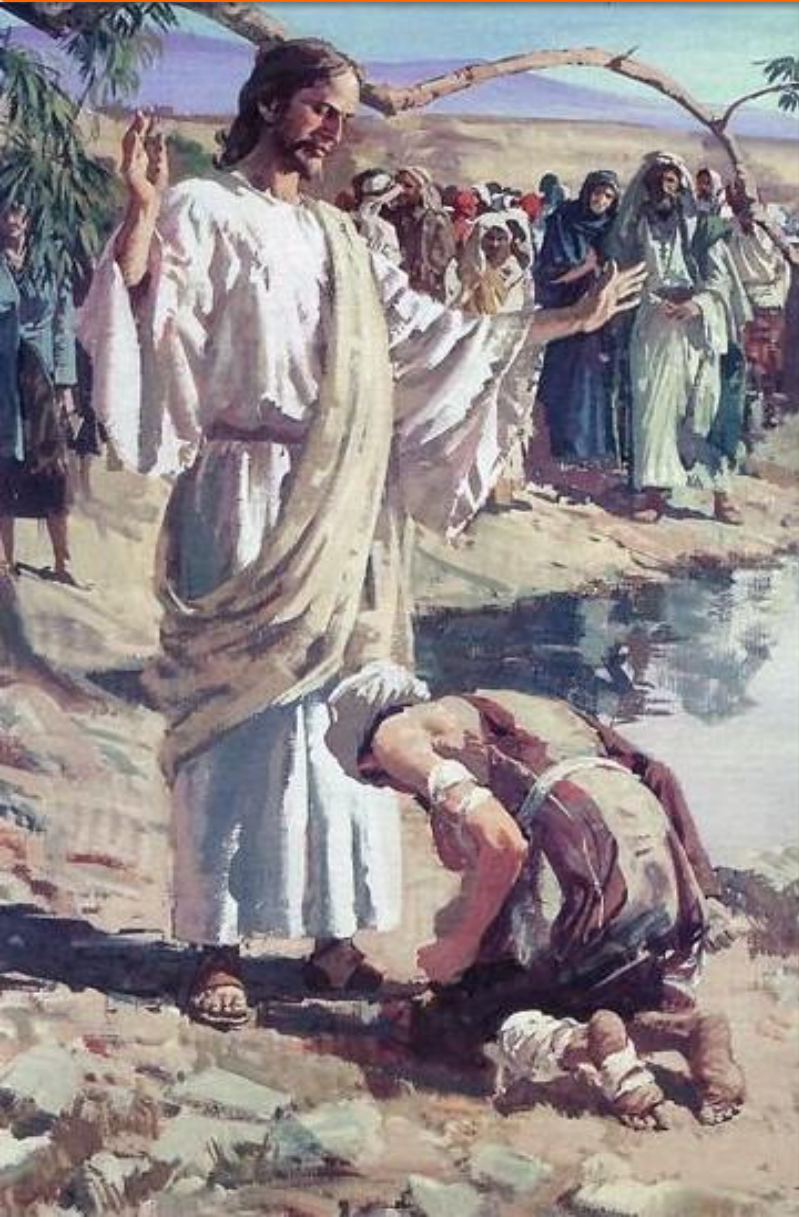
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Matthew 8:1-4

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."



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Parallel Accounts in
the Synoptic Gospels

Matthew 8:2-4

Mark 1:40-45

Luke 5:12-16



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Disgust

Excluded

Fear

Infected

Least

Error

He is *unclean*.
He shall live alone.
His dwelling shall be
outside the camp.
(Leviticus 13:46)





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Marginalised

Ostracized

Shunned

Excluded

Outcast

Rejected



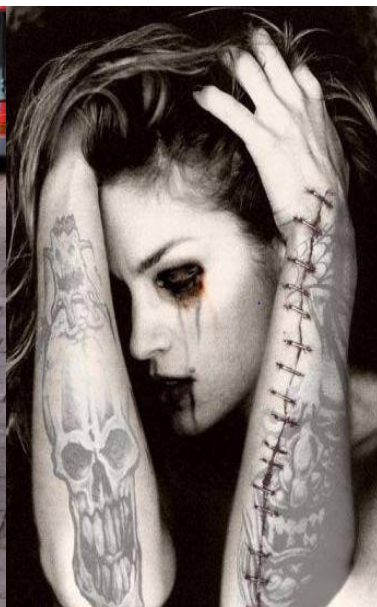
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addicts



hoodies



mental
illness



disabled



vagrants

Contemporary Defilement



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Consider the Leper's
Request of Jesus

Lord,

if you *will*

you *can*

make me *clean*

(Matthew 8:2)



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Consider Jesus' **Reaction** to the Leper

(see Mark 1:41)

1. Moved with pity
(compassion)

(σπλαγχνισθεῖς)

(eg ESV, NRSV, NASB, NKJV, NLT)

2. Moved to anger
(warm indignation)

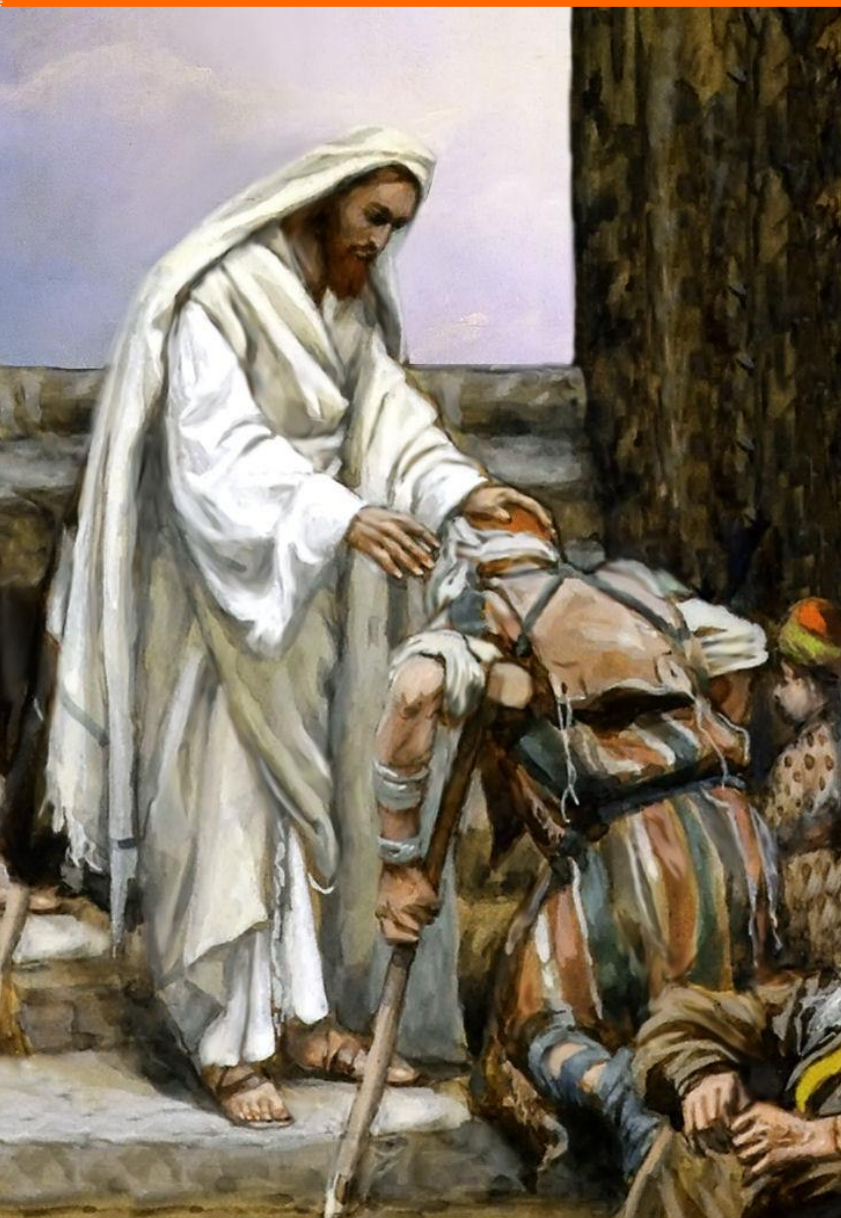
(οργισθεῖς)

(eg NEB, REB, ASV, TNIV)





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Consider Jesus'
Response to the Leper

... He ***touch***ed him ...

... I ***will*** ...

... be ***clean*** ...

(Matthew 8:3)



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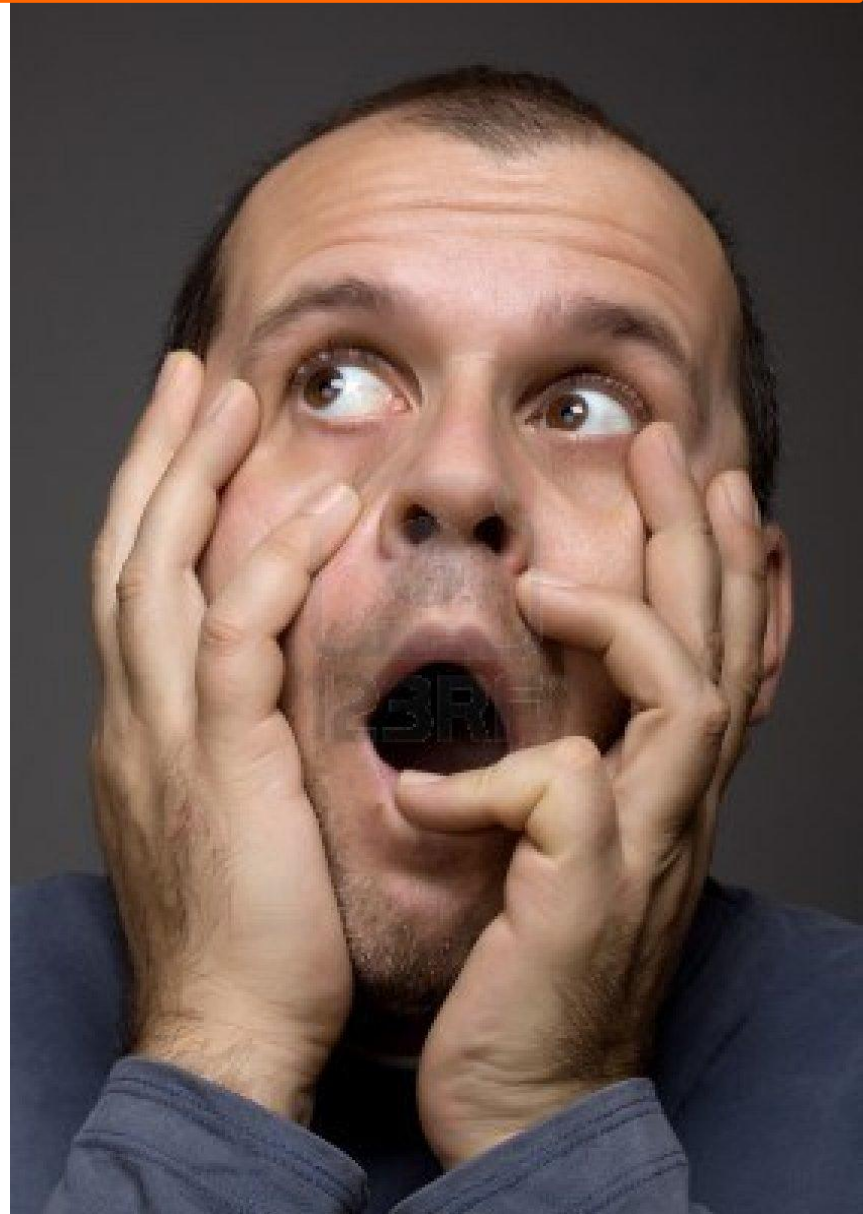
Consider the **Result** of
Jesus' Ministry

... immediate ...

... complete ...

... cleansed ...

(Matthew 8:3)





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Consider the
Repercussions of
Jesus' Ministry

... tell nobody ...

... show yourself ...

... public testimony ...

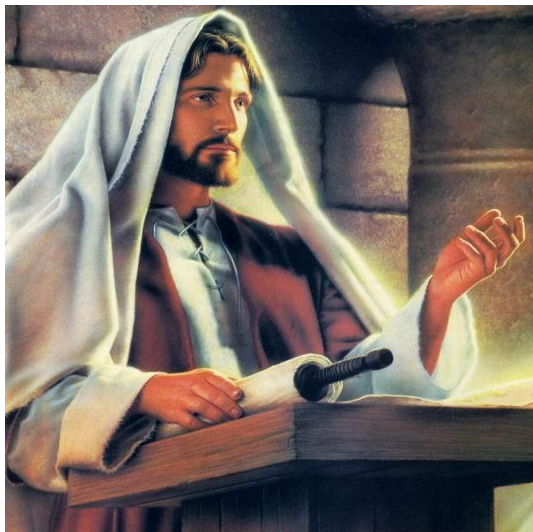
... crowds gathered ...

... Jesus withdrew ...

(Matthew 8:3)



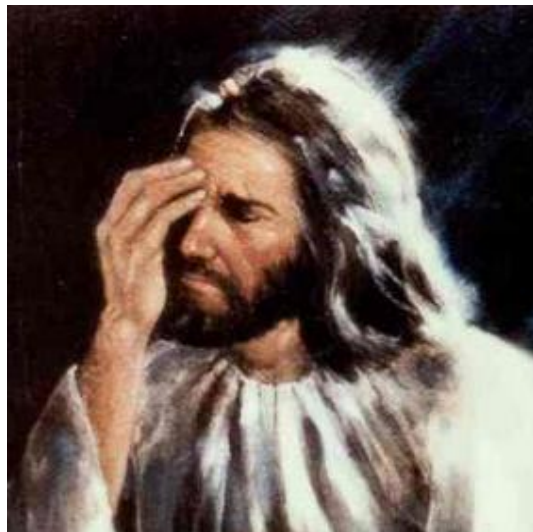
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Authority

Go!

(Matt. 28:18-20)



Affection

Pray!

(Luke 5:16)



Action

Die!

(Phil. 2:5-11)