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**Jesus Has The Authoritative Power To Heal**

Matthew 8:1-4

**Key Truth:** The ministry of Jesus was not limited to his authority to speak of heavenly things. Jesus also has full authority to heal every type of disease.

1. The principal interchange of faith:

A. Faith is the highway we must travel for healing.

B. Faith is not being deterred by obstacles.

C. Faith says if I can just get to Jesus.

2. Jesus responds with a Divine interaction of compassion.

A. The leper represented those that are marginalized.

B. The leper didn’t come to dictate or impose his will on

Jesus.

C. Jesus healed the leper with His authoritative power.

3. Jesus’ authority works in harmony with the Mosaic

law.

A. Jesus instructed the leper to show himself to the

priest as a testimony to His identity and authority.

Leviticus 13:1-3 (ref)

4. Our response to Jesus’s authoritative healing is important.

A. The leper was instructed not to tell anyone.

1. Jesus didn’t want people coming to Him just for a

miracle only.

B. Jesus commands us now, to share our physical and

spiritual healing. Matthew 28:19-20

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray to God to give you more boldness to tell others how King Jesus healed you and made you whole.

**Food For Thought:**

Read Matthew 8:1-4: What did it mean in Jesus’ day to be a leper physically? socially? spiritually?

What did Jesus’ physically touching the man communicate to onlookers? to the man with leprosy?

Who are some people today that often get treated as outcasts, unwanted, or ones to be avoided?

*Leviticus 14:1–9* describes the process for ceremonial purification for the people of Israel, and *14:10–32* outlines the intricate details for making offerings to the Lord. Scan these complex requirements to get an idea of what was required for purification. And then, against this backdrop, read David’s psalm of contrition and plea for God to cleanse him from his sin in *Psalm 51*.

What does *51:1–2, 7–10* say about how God cleanses us?

What does God desire from us when we sin, according to *51:16–17*?

As David declared, God will never “reject a broken and repentant heart” (Psalm 51:17)!