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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE SEVEN: Cleansing a Leper (Mt. 8:2-4; Mk. 1:40-45; Lk. 9:12-16)

SURVEY

A leper approached Jesus, knelt, and begged to be delivered from his leprosy. Filled with compassion the Savior touched him which resulted in immediate healing.

SIGNIFICANCE

- This is the first of at least six miracles where Jesus was moved with compassion. For the others, see miracles 11, 14, 19, 23, and 32.
- It is the first of five miracles where Jesus told the recipient not to broadcast what had been done. For the others, see 16, 17, 22, and 24.
- It is the first of two miracles involving a leper. See also miracle 31.

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- It is ironic to note:
 1. Back then, Jesus commanded these individuals not to spread abroad His fame, but they did.
 2. Today He commands us to do this, but we don't (see Mt. 28:19-20).
- He ordered the cured man to present himself to the priest for the Mosaic cleansing (see Lev. 14:3-4, 10, 22). This excited request from a healed leper doubtless caused much confusion and amazement in the temple among the priests. Up until this point there was no need for the cleansing ceremony, for no Israelite had ever been healed of leprosy until Jesus came (with the single exception of Miriam—see Num. 12:13-15; Naaman, of course, was a Syrian—see 2 Kings 5:1, 14).