

**IF YOU GET COVID-19
MARK 1:40-45 / 7-29-20 / WED / STREAMING**

I. DOES GOD CARE ABOUT PEOPLE WITH COVID-19 TODAY?

- A. This leper wasn't sure that Jesus cared about him as we learn from verse 40.
1. First, he felt the need to beg Jesus for healing not sure Jesus cared—**40a “A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees.”**
 2. Second, he may have questioned Jesus' concern, but he didn't question Jesus ability to heal him—**40c— “you can make me clean”.**
 3. Third, He did, however, question whether Jesus wanted to heal him—**40b— “If you are willing”.**
- B. Why did this man doubt whether Jesus cared about?
1. First, he may have questioned Jesus' concern because no one else was concerned about him.
 2. Second, he may have questioned Jesus' concern because he felt unworthy and unclean about himself.

II. GOD DOES CARE ABOUT PEOPLE WITH COVID-19 TODAY.

- A. Jesus' first response to this man's request for healing is puzzling as we see in verse 41--
“Jesus was indignant.”
1. Some N.T. manuscripts say Jesus was filled with compassion, not anger.
 2. If Jesus was in fact angry, what was his angry about?
 - a. First, Jesus may have been angry at the disease itself—**Exodus 15:26.**
 - b. Second, Jesus may have been angry because this man had to break the religious law of the day about socially distancing himself from others.
- B. Jesus' second response to this man's request for healing erases any doubt of whether he cares—**41— “He reached out his hand and touched the man, ‘I am willing’ he said. ‘Be clean!’” 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.**
1. Jesus did care about this man and He cares about us too.
 2. However, God doesn't heal everyone. Why not?
 - a. First, unfortunately far too many people today don't ask for God's healing because they don't know and love Him—**James 4:2.**

4:2--You do not have because you do not ask God.

- b. Second, sometimes God doesn't heal us because he has another purpose or plan for our problem—**Isaiah 55:9**.
- c. Third, whether God heals us or not, make no mistake about what He thinks about you—**1 Peter 5:7**.

III. WHAT DOES COVID-19 TEACH US TODAY?

- 1. First, bad things can happen to good people—**Matt 5:45**.

5:45--He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

- 2. Second, no one is immune from hardship—**John 16:33**.

16:33 In this world you will have trouble.

- 3. Third, God has a purpose for everything even if we don't know it—**Proverbs 19:21**.

19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

- 4. Fourth, God cares about you even if no one else does—**Matthew 10:29-31**.

- 5. Fifth, something good can come from something bad—**Gen. 50:20**.

50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.