

The Spleen of Jesus

MARK 1:40-45



Mark 10:40-46

- ⁴⁰ Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."
⁴¹ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."
⁴² As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³ And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

Introduction

- **To follow Jesus we must have His:**
- **Mind – Philippians 2:5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus
- **Example – 1 Peter 2;21** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:
- **Words – 1 Timothy 6:3** If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness

Introduction

- To follow Jesus we must have His:
- **Spleen** – Greek word translated “compassion” is from the word for the spleen.
- It is translated – pity, sympathy, bowels, tender mercy
- It was thought that the area below the ribs was the seat of emotions, feelings (gut feelings)
- Heart = feeling love and affection; Spleen = much deeper, more intense emotions

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Leper

Scripture

- Mark 1:41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Leper
- Scattered Sheep

Scripture

- Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Leper
- Scattered Sheep
- Sick

Scripture

- Matthew 14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Leper
- Scattered Sheep
- Sick
- Hungry

Scripture

- Mark 8:1-2 ¹ In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples *to Him* and said to them, ² "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Leper
- Scattered Sheep
- Sick
- Hungry
- Blind

Scripture

- Matthew 20:33-34 ³³ They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." ³⁴ So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Death

Scripture

- Luke 7:12-13 ¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Death
- Forgiving

Scripture

- **Matthew 18:26-27** ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Death
- Forgiving
- Prodigal Returns

Scripture

- **Luke 15:20** And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

When we see the “spleen” of Jesus

When

- Death
- Forgiving
- Prodigal Returns
- The Lost

Scripture

- Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

Application for us

- **We must have the spleen of Christ**
- **Philippians 2:8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection (bowels – KJV) of Jesus Christ.**

Application for us

- We must have the spleen of Christ
- Don't shut up your spleen
- 1 John 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart (bowels – KJV) from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Application for us

- We must have the spleen of Christ
- Don't shut up your spleen
- If you have a spleen – love others
- Philippians 1:1-2 ¹ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, (bowels of mercy – KJV) ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.