

## Reaching Out With Jesus

Luke 5:12-32

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Luke 5:12-16

- Jesus reached out to touch the person that was **untouchable**.
  1. The Leper was **humble**.
  2. The Leper was **contrite**.
  3. The Leper was **reverent**.
  4. The Leper **exercised faith**.
  5. Jesus **touched** him. (v.13)
  6. Jesus **cleansed** him.
  7. Jesus **charged** him to follow the law.

Luke 5:17-26

- Jesus reached out to help the **incapable**. Note the participants.
  1. The Religious Pharisees and scribes were standing by, or **sitting by**.
  2. The **incapable** paralytic was in need of help.
  3. The four faithful Friends were **active** not passive.
  4. Jesus saw the **faith** of the four friends.
  5. The disciples saw Jesus' compassion for the **helpless sinner**

Luke 5:27-32

- Jesus reached out by associating with the **social outcasts**.
  1. Jesus' called the tax collector and the tax collector **followed**.
  2. The tax collector called **his friends** to his home to meet Jesus.
  3. The Pharisees called the disciples (and Jesus) **on the carpet**.
  4. Jesus called the sinners to **become righteous** and the (self) righteous – he called **sinners**. Often religion is not helpful!

What is the main point?

What is Jesus demonstrating with this trilogy of outreach stories?

Fishing for men means we will:

- Reach out with Jesus to the **untouchable** - Like Lepers
- Reach out with Jesus to the **incapable** – Like the helpless
- Reach out with Jesus to the **outcasts** – like proud religious people, like culturally rejected people and like grossly offensive people.