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Matthew 8:1-4

Jesus Can Make Anyone Clean

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Nine Miracles

Matt. 8:1-4 Cleanses the leper
Matt. 8:5-13 Heals the centurion
Matt. 8:14-17 Heals Peter's mother-in-law
Matt. 8:23-27 Calms the sea
Matt. 8:28-34 Heals demon-possessed
Matt. 9:1-8 Heals paralytic
Matt. 9:18-26 Heals official's daughter
Matt. 9:27-31 Heals blind men
Matt. 9:32-34 Heals demon-possessed

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The Leper's Faith-Filled Approach

Matthew 8:1-2
When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. 2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if **You are willing**, You **can** make me clean."

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Jesus' Willingness and Power

Matthew 8:3-4
Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

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Applications

1. We should understand the significance of being "unclean" before God.
2. We should know that Christ alone has the power to make anyone clean!

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The Problem of Being "Unclean"

Leviticus 5:2
Or if a person touches any unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean beast or the carcass of unclean cattle or a carcass of unclean swarming things, though it is hidden from him and he is unclean, **then he will be guilty.**

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The Problem of Being “Unclean”

Leviticus 13:45-46

As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, “**Unclean! Unclean!**”⁴⁵ He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. **He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.**

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The Problem of Being “Unclean”

Revelation 21:27

and **nothing unclean**, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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Only Christ Can Make Us “Clean”

Matthew 23:25–26

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! **For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.** ²⁶ You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

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Only Christ Can Make Us “Clean”

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since we *have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

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