

“The Untouchables”

Intro:

- Do you remember a TV show from the 1960s called “The Untouchables.”
 - The main character was named, “Eliot Ness.”
 - The untouchables were a group of federal agents who went after criminals during the Prohibition Era in this country.
 - The most famous of these criminals was none other than Al Capone.
 - The crimes committed by Al Capone and the likes of him were the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages, gambling, prostitution, extortion, and murder to name just a few.
- The reason this particular group of men were called “the Untouchables” is because they would not take bribe like the majority of politicians, judges, and police officials would to look the other way.
 - The Untouchables headed by Eliot Ness were the only ones who did their job by enforcing the law against the lawless.
- This morning I want us to take a look at another group of untouchables.
 - They were untouchable for another reason.
 - They possessed some kind of physical ailment.
 - Some of these ailments would eventually lead to the person’s death.
 - Therefore, the rest of society wanted nothing to do with them.
 - We will see that no one but one man, the man Christ Jesus would having anything to do with them and have compassion on them.
 - One touch of the Master’s hand and they were healed.
- So, let now together of some of these untouchables.

I. UNTOUCHABLE # 1 - THE MAN WITH LEPROSY

- **Mark 1:40-45**
 - There is no cure for this disease.
 - No one could touch him because leprosy is very contagious.
 - If a leper saw someone approaching him then he had to cry out, “Unclean, Unclean!”
 - The leper was cast out by society.
 - Leprosy is a terrible disease because it eats a person literally from the inside, out.
 - We have here a man no one could help.
 - A who was literally an “**untouchable.**”
 - Only one touch from Jesus and we are told in Mark 1:42, “**...immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.**”
 - This man’s healing was instantaneous.
 - There was no waiting around, no waiting for a second touch or follow-up treatment- Amen!
- What does this leper picture?
 - The leper pictures the condition of every sinner.
 - Hopeless without a cure and on their way to hell.
 - The sinner’s sin is like the leper’s disease.
 - Sin eats the sinner or defiles the sinner from the inside out.
 - **See what Jesus said about what defiles a man in Mark 7:14-23.**

- o A sinner's sin does not just effect himself but like leprosy it effects those he comes in contact with.
 - o The Bible warns us **"One sinner destroyeth much good"**
 - My friend a sinner cannot cure or save himself.
 - o His good works won't save him.
 - o His church membership won't save him.
 - o His baptism won't save him.
 - o His turning over a new leaf won't save him.
 - o Trusting in His religion won't save him.
 - o Placing His trust in man like the pope won't save him.
 - o Only Jesus Christ can save some one from going to a sinner's hell.
 - o The Bible tells us in **Acts 4:12**, **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."**
 - Please notice the result of the leper being cure in **Mark 1:45**, **"But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter."**
 - o This man pictures the sinner who gets saved and get a good case of the **"Can't Helps Its"**
 - o He can wait to tell others what Jesus has done for him
 - o Can't wait tell others how Jesus saved him from going to a sinner's hell.
- II. UNTOUCHABLE # 2 – THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD.**
- **Mark 5:25-30.**