



Jesus Heals the Leper

Historical Background

Luke 2: 22-40

Children's International Version

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People feared leprosy. It was a debilitating, progressive disease, there was no known cure and people thought it was contagious. Lepers were regarded as unclean and had to live in rural isolation, separated from family and friends and denied contact with those who didn't share their miserable condition.

Jesus defied convention, allowing the leper to approach him and touching him. And the man was healed. It's a demonstration of the all-embracing love of God which excludes no-one.