

**SERMON SERIES:** MARKED  
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## Key Line

“Contagious confidence.”

## Introduction

This past week we began a new series called Marked. From now until Easter, we are going through and discussing how deeply our lives are marked by Jesus. Last week we talked about how Jesus is the good news of the gospel. This week, we are continuing our series by talking about a story of how Jesus healed a man with leprosy and how Jesus wants us to meet him.

- When was the last time you were nervous to meet someone? (A celebrity, a new friend, a job interviewer, etc.)

## Seek the Word

Read Mark 1:40-45.

- What made the fact that the leper came to Jesus significant?
- How did Jesus react when the man met him?
- In verse 45, why did Jesus have to stay outside of the town?
- What does this story tell us about how Jesus cares for people?
- How does this passage help us understand who God is?

## Go Deeper

Our passage this week tells us of a miracle performed by Jesus. Jesus did a lot more miracles than just this one, though! Create a brief list of different miracles Jesus performed. Write down what he did and where in the Bible the scripture is found. This will be a helpful reference in the future. A concordance or the Blue Letter Bible app may be helpful.

## Talk About It

- What parts of your life do you find it easy to bring to Jesus? What parts are hard to bring to him?
- Why is it hard come to Jesus as we are?
- What does it mean to come to Jesus with confidence? How can we do that?
- Where is God calling you to be confident that Jesus can act?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* How deeply are we willing to let our lives be marked by Jesus?

*Challenge:* This week, practice your confidence in Christ through prayer. A relationship with God can only grow when we spend time with Him. When we spend time with Him, we learn to trust

Him and be more confident in Him. This week, create a list of prayers. Each day, pray for one thing on your list.