

## Luke 5: Jesus and the Pandemic

- ↳ **Luke 5:12-15**, Let's be reminded of Luke's purpose in writing this synopsis of the life of Christ: to prove that Jesus was the eternal God in human flesh. His miracles and His healing of all the diseases are one more demonstration that He is God.
  - ↳ The study of this disease is worth our time because it bears some startling similarities and implications for our current pandemic. Leprosy is one of the oldest pandemics known to man. **Luke 4:27** "many lepers in Israel" It's a global disease and today it effects a significant portion of our population.
  - ↳ Today, the disease is better known by the name Hansen's disease; named after the guy who fully described and quantified the illness. Turns out that it is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the skin and internal organs. It's an anesthetizing disease, the nerves die, and the person doesn't know when they are injuring themselves.
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### 1. Leprosy is, by far, the predominant illness of the Bible.

- ✓ Leviticus contains the most thorough handling of it with 1 ½ chapters dedicated to either the diagnosis or the cleansing of the disease. A full 11% of Leviticus is used to discuss this disease to almost the complete exclusion of all others. Most of the famously sick in the Bible were lepers.

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  - ✓ Communicable. ugly, leprosy deforms the body, as does sin the soul.
  - ✓ Makes us unclean, separated people and only gets worse.
  - ✓ Makes us numb. Sin deadens us to what is good and right and makes us open to more sin.

**Kills us, leprosy was just a long drawn out death sentence; any and every sin places us on death row.**

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