

BEYOND SUNDAY

We Believe — 3.30.25

One Lord, Jesus Christ — Mark Tumney

JESUS CHRIST, FULLY GOD AND FULLY HUMAN

In this study, we reflect on the healing ministry and divine nature of Jesus Christ and how that's reflected in the Creed. Through the story of the leper in Mark 1, we see that Jesus not only forgives sin but personally enters into our brokenness to restore us.

MARK 1:40–42 (NIV)

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the story about the orphaned baby or the leper impacted you the most, and why?
2. Can you recall a time when you felt spiritually isolated or distant from God? How did that feel?
3. Why do you think Jesus touched the leper instead of just speaking a word of healing?

4. Read Mark 1:40–42. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' willingness to engage with the "untouchable"?

5. The message said sin is not just lawbreaking, but alienation. How does that change your understanding of your relationship with God?

6. What do you think it means that salvation began at the incarnation, not just the cross?

7. Why is it essential that Jesus is both fully God and fully human? What difference does that make for your faith?

8. Are there areas in your life where you still feel like you're "outside the camp," like the leper—unclean, unworthy, or unseen?

9. How would it change your day-to-day life if you truly believed Jesus has already brought you into full relationship with the Father?

10. What is one specific way this week you can either receive Christ's healing more fully or extend His touch to someone else?