

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.



Naaman Bathes in the Jordan

Darmstadt, Germany ca. 1360 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Psalm 30:2

Joy in Water

Washington National Cathedral



Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 30:5b



Ullswater, early morning, John Glover, ca. 1824

Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.

1 Corinthians 9:25



Self-Control Wayne Stratz, Margaret Almon, Suzanne Halstead, 2011

So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air;

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Getting Ready– Global Race for the Cure Participants

L'Enfant Plaza, 2014



A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean."



Priest reaching out to help a man with leprosy, Basílica de São Francisco das Chagas, 20th century

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

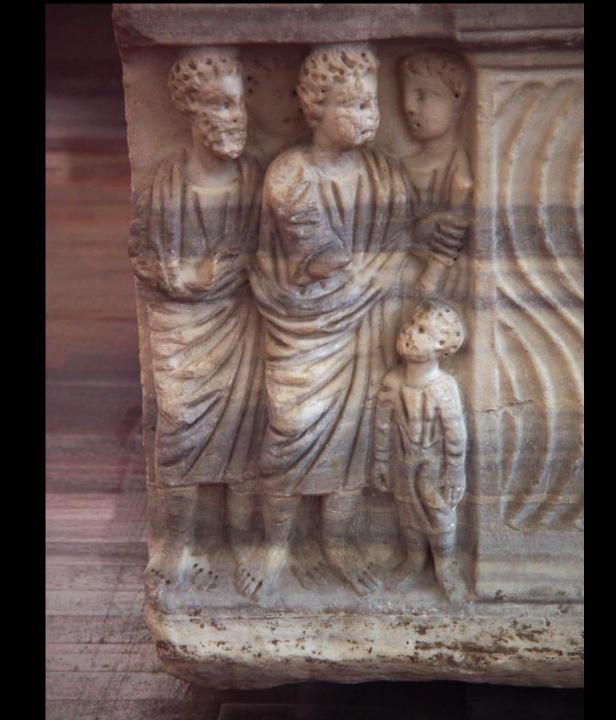


Healing of a Leper, Niels Larsen Stevns, 1913

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Christ in the Act of Healing

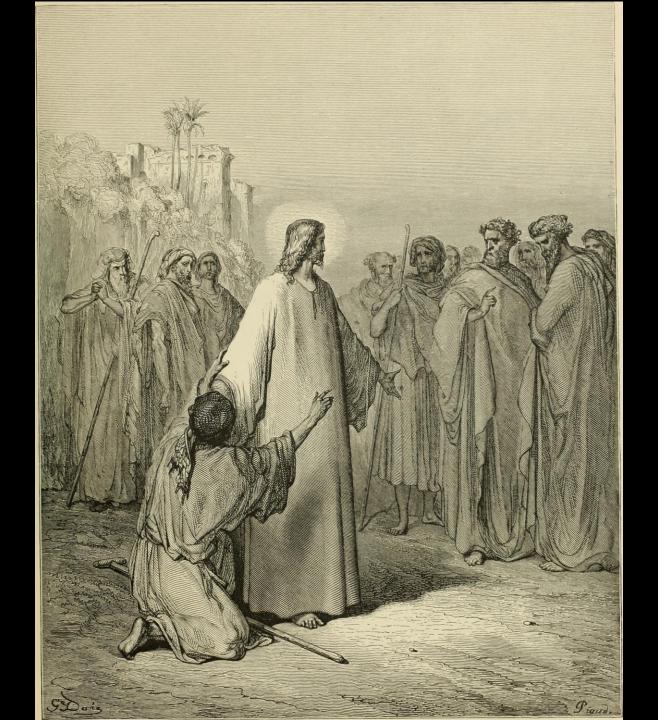
Vatican City, 3rd-4th centuries



After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,

Jesus Cured the Leper

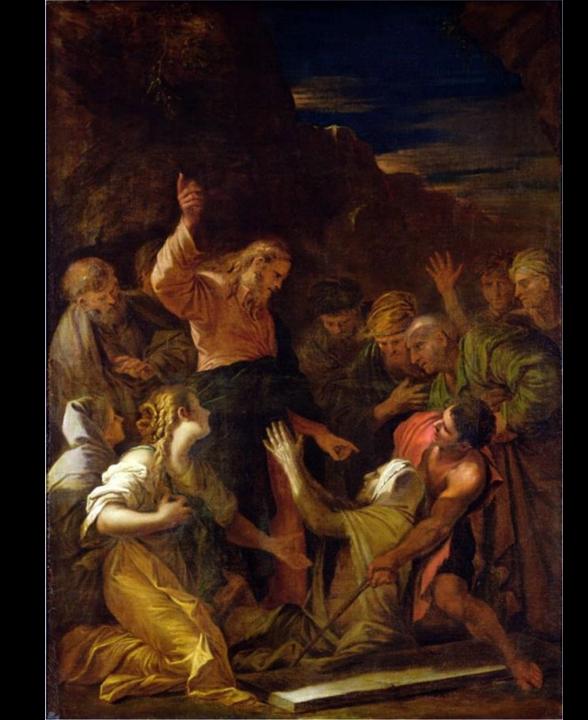
William A. Foster, 1891



Saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them."

Jesus Cleansing a Leper

Melchior Jean-Marie Doze, 1864



But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.



Father Damien and Mother Maryanne, Star of the Sea Painted Church, ca. 1980

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