

“COVID-19”

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Synopsis:

This Readers Theatre script parallels the lives of two individuals; the biblical man who suffered with leprosy; and the modern day man who suffered with Covid-19. They recount how Jesus delivered them from their physical condition (a contagious disease contracted from man), but soon come to realize they also need deliverance from their spiritual condition (the sin inherited from Adam).

Scripture:

Luke 17:11-19 - Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one comes back to thank him.

Ministry Lesson

Contagious diseases have been around since the beginning of time. Leprosy, like Covid-19, was a highly contagious disease that people dreaded. As we pray to be delivered from illnesses and premature physical death, it's more important that we seek God's power and grace to be saved from our sin and permanent spiritual death by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Ministry Theme:

Life Challenges

Cast/Readers:

Leper - Adult male
COVID-19 Patient - Adult male

Prop:

Two 3-ring notebooks (black)

Costumes:

Leper - dressed in old worn biblical attire
Covid-19 Patient - dressed in a hospital gown (over clothing)

Time: 4 min.

Director's Note: Although this is Readers Theater, you can also have the actors memorize the lines for dramatic effect, if desired.

Two readers (holding binders) are positioned on stage. They can be positioned next to one another.

Leper: I don't know how I caught it.

Covid19: I thought I would be safe.

Leper: (shouting) Unclean! Unclean, I shouted.

Covid19: (with fear) No, no, don't come near me!

Leper: Because I have leprosy.

Covid19: Because I have Covid-19.

Leper: I lived in a camp outside of the city.

Covid19: I was admitted in the hospital away from my family and friends.

Leper: I am not alone, there are many others suffering as I am.

Covid19: But that doesn't make it any easier.

Leper: I've met others in the camp and we try to comfort one another.

Covid19: Though others care, I'm still scared.

Together: I want to be healed!

Leper: There were ten of us and we had nearly given up hope.

Covid19: My friends always told me to have faith; for God can do anything.

Leper: Then we saw Jesus coming into the city, but we were forbidden to get near him.

Covid19: I've never talked to God. He probably doesn't know who I am.

Leper: So we shouted as loud as we could; "Jesus, Master have mercy on us!"

Covid19: So as I laid there on a ventilator, I silently prayed, "Lord have mercy on me!"

Leper: Even though I am a Samaritan.

Covid19: Even though I am looked down upon by others.

Together: God heard my cry!

Leper: He said, "Go and show yourself to the priests"; yet we were still lepers and unclean

Covid19: I felt his Spirit in me but I was still struggling to breathe.

Leper: But I had faith; and while I was on my way to see the priests, Jesus healed me.

Covid19: So I laid there motionless trusting in Jesus; and in time I began to feel better.

Leper: I was the only one who returned to thank God healing my leprosy.

Covid19: Now I continually thank God for saving me from the Coronavirus. But I also realized how much more I need Him.

Leper: Although I got better I still felt empty inside.

Covid19: Not only do I need deliverance from a disease I contracted from my neighbor.

Leper: What could be worse than a deadly contagious disease?

- End of Preview -

The men come to realize they have a greater problem than a contagious disease; it's their inherited sin.
