

# How can I be clean?

**Matthew 8:1-4**

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service  
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TIDY.**

- 84% say that the cleanliness of their neighbourhood has a significant impact on their emotional well-being
- 97% say that a clean community improves their mood
- 96% say that cleanliness gives them a greater sense of pride in their community
- 92% say that living with dirt makes them feel frustrated

# Litter – 66%



Dog dirt – 64%



# Dumping rubbish – 42%



Broken glass – 32%



“Living in a clean environment makes us happier.”

CEO, Keep Britain Tidy





# 1. The need to be clean (v1-2)

Leprosy = Hansen's Disease

- Physically unclean
- Socially unclean
- Religiously unclean





## Mark 7v20-23

<sup>20</sup> He went on to say, “What comes out of a person is what makes them ‘unclean.’ <sup>21</sup> Evil thoughts come from the inside, from a person’s heart. So do sexual sins, stealing and murder. <sup>22</sup> Adultery, greed, hate and cheating come from a person’s heart too. So do desires that are not pure, and wanting what belongs to others. And so do telling lies about others and being proud and being foolish. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from inside a person and make them ‘unclean.’”

## 2. The way to be clean (v2-4)

- What the man does
- How Jesus responds
  - with touch
  - with power

