
Stand-alone message

“OFFENSIVE HOLINESS”

Mark 5:21, 24b-34

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Introduction: Occasionally, we get blindsided by life’s problems. They come unexpectedly. A pandemic, a breakup, a job loss, a diagnosis. Yet whatever problem we are dealing with right now, God’s solution is often summed up in a single word: HOLINESS.

The problem is that holiness is often mis-defined and misunderstood. In the Bible, holiness is not just moral behavior. Holiness is God’s very nature.

And in the case of Jesus, holiness becomes a healing force for good in the world. In this message, we build upon our prior series (Healthy Body | Healthy City) to talk about why Jesus-style holiness is what our community desperately needs.

1. At the heart of this passage (Mark 5:24 ff.) is a woman breaking “quarantine.”

2. In the Bible, holiness was maintained by separation.

3. But holiness as *only* separation results in a segregated faith.

4. An “offensive” holiness