

Physical Touch in New Testament

Below is a compilation of the various times physical touch is found to result in something supernatural¹, pronouncement of blessing, commissioning into an office, or confirmation of events in the New Testament.

Topic	Toucher	Touchee	Result	Reference
Miracles	Jesus	Sick people	Healed	Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:5
		Leprous man	Healed	Matthew 8:3; Mark 1:41; Luke 5:13
		Many sick	Healed	Luke 6:19
		Boy in coffin	Raised from dead	Luke 7:14
		Peter's Mother-in-law	Healed	Matthew 8:15; Mark 1:31
		Many sick & Demon possessed	Healed (it appears in the text that only the sick were touched)	Luke 4:40 (Matthew 8:16; Mark 1:34)
		Two blind men	Healed	Matthew 9:29
		Deaf Mute	Healed	Mark 7:33
		Blind man	Healed	Mark 8:22, 23, 25
		Woman bent over	Healed	Luke 13:13
		Slave of High Priest	Ear restored	Luke 22:51
	Paul	Publius' father	Healed after prayer	Acts 28:8
Indirect Miracles	Woman w/ hemorrhage	Jesus (hem of cloak)	Healed	Matthew 9:20; Mark 5:27; Luke 8:44
	Sick in Gennesaret	Jesus (hem of cloak)	Healed	Matthew 14:36; Mark 6:56
	Sick & demon possessed in Ephesus	Paul (handkerchiefs & aprons)	Healed	Acts 19:11-12
Commissioning	Apostles	Deacons	Commissioned to ministry	Acts 6:6;
	Antioch church	Barnabas & Saul (Paul)	Sent out as missionaries	Acts 13:13
	Paul	12 men in Ephesus	Received the Holy Spirit: prophesying and speaking in tongues	Acts 19:6

¹ [Dictionary.com](http://dictionary.com): "of, relating to, or being above or beyond what is natural; unexplainable by natural law or phenomena; abnormal."

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	Paul	Timothy	Spiritual gift for ministry	1 Timothy 4:14 2 Timothy 1:6
Blessing	Jesus	Children	Blessing after prayer	Matthew 19:13; Mark 10:16; Luke 18:15
	Jesus	Peter, James, John	Reassurance after transfiguration	Matthew 17:7
Holy Spirit	Peter and John	Samaritans	Received the Holy Spirit	Acts 8:17
	Ananias	Saul (Paul)	Received the Holy Spirit	Acts 9:17-20
Confirmation	11 Disciples	Jesus	Proof of resurrection	Luke 24:39-40
	John	Jesus	Eyewitness of Jesus' life	1 John 1:1

Laid ... Hands

Mark 6:5 NASB And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Mark 8:25 NASB Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly.

Luke 13:13 NASB And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and *began* glorifying God.

Acts 6:6 NASB And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

Acts 13:3 NASB Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 19:6 NASB And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying.

Acts 28:8 NASB And it happened that the father of Publius was lying *in bed* afflicted with *recurrent* fever and dysentery; and Paul went in *to see* him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

Laying ... Hands

Matthew 19:15 NASB After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

Mark 8:23 NASB Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "**Do you see anything?**"

Mark 10:16 NASB And He took them in His arms and *began* blessing them, laying His hands on them.

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Luke 4:40 NASB While the sun was setting, all those who had any *who were* sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.

Acts 8:17 NASB Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17 NASB So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

1 Timothy 4:14 NASB Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

2 Timothy 1:6 NASB For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Hebrews 6:2 NASB of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Touch / Touched / Touching

Matthew 8:3 NASB Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 8:15 NASB He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him.

Matthew 9:20 NASB And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;

Matthew 9:21 NASB for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well."

Matthew 9:29 NASB Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**It shall be done to you according to your faith.**"

Matthew 14:36 NASB and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched *it* were cured.

Matthew 17:7 NASB And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, "**Get up, and do not be afraid.**"

Matthew 20:34 NASB Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

Mark 1:41 NASB Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and **said* to him, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**"

Mark 3:10 NASB for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him.

Mark 5:27 NASB after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind *Him* and touched His cloak.

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Mark 5:28 NASB For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."

Mark 6:56 NASB Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

Mark 7:33 NASB Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

Mark 8:22 NASB And they *came to Bethsaida. And they *brought a blind man to Jesus and *implored Him to touch him.

Mark 10:13 NASB And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them.

Luke 5:13 NASB And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" And immediately the leprosy left him.

Luke 6:19 NASB And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing *them* all.

Luke 7:14 NASB And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "**Young man, I say to you, arise!**"

Luke 8:44 NASB came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

Luke 18:15 NASB And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them.

Luke 22:51 NASB But Jesus answered and said, "**Stop! No more of this.**" And He touched his ear and healed him.

Luke 24:39 NASB "**See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.**"

1 John 1:1 NASB What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life

Acts 19:12 NASB so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.