

Sometimes when we get hit by something, the common response is, "That's going to leave a mark!" But most of us would like to make our own mark on the world.

There is no one that has made a bigger mark on the world than Jesus. But though He healed many people, the only time that it was recorded that He did something that might leave a physical mark on someone is when He made a whip out of cords and ran the moneychangers out of the temple¹.

I wonder if some of them might have been "touched" in a different way – perhaps they realized that they were doing evil and repented. I would like to think so, anyway. Hopefully in the battle between the moneychangers and the soul-changer at least one was ashamed of the marks and what they represented.

Christ was marked as well, but by us. He literally bore our stripes², and produced the evidence in his hands and side³ for his disciples to see. We certainly marked Him more than He has marked us. But He traded our marks for His, and that is why we celebrate this communion!

1. John 2:15
2. Isaiah 53:5
3. John 20:25