

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45.

One day a man who had leprosy came to Jesus
Because he wanted Jesus to heal him.

He knelt in front of Jesus and said,

“If you want to, you can cure me.”

Jesus felt very sorry for the man

And so he reached out and touched him,

And said,

“I do want to cure you. You are cured right now.”

The man was cured of his leprosy immediately.

Then Jesus warned the man, saying,

“Now don’t tell anyone about this.

But go and show yourself to the priest as Moses said.

And make an offering because you have been cured.”

But instead, the man went away

And began to tell everyone what happened.

Because of this, Jesus was not able to go into any town

Without being noticed by everyone.

So he stayed outside of the towns,

But people still kept coming from everywhere to see him.

*Leprosy was a very dangerous disease
in Jesus’ time. People with leprosy
had to be separated from everyone
else.*

*Why did the man not
listen to Jesus’
instruction?*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

FIND YOUR WAY

Find 4 people helping others in the picture below.

Today's Gospel talks about a man with leprosy. Now leprosy was a very dangerous disease in Jesus' time. The first reading even gives very clear instructions on what to do with people with leprosy. They had to stay away from others!

Because of this, it makes it all the more amazing that Jesus chose to touch the man, and cure him, because it goes against everything people were supposed to do.

It's also interesting that when the man is cured, he completely forgets Jesus' warning to keep quiet, but goes out and tells everyone. The important thing to remember from today's Gospel is sometimes it's not about following old habits, but really discovering what God wants us to do.

