



**Title: Gospel of Mark: Healing, Preaching and an encounter with a leper.**

**Scripture: Mark 1:32-45**

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**BOTTOM LINE: Anyone can come into a relationship with Jesus.**

**Healing After The Sabbath Sunset (Vs. 32-34)**

**Vs. 32**

**At evening, when the sun had set,** - Jesus continued to minister after the sun went down. He had started on the Sabbath. At this point the Sabbath was over and people were free to move around.

**They brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed,** - With the sabbath being over, people began bringing the sick and demon possessed to Jesus to be healed. In the original language, the idea is that they kept on bringing people.

**Vs. 33**

**The whole city was gathered together at the door** - With everyone knowing what had happened in the Synagogue, Jesus was now the focal point of the city.

**Vs. 34**

**Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases** - The day's work did not end for Jesus. With the city as His door, He continued to heal many who were sick.

**Cast out many demons,** - He continued to demonstrate His authority over demons as well.

**He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him,** - As was the case before, the demons were not allowed to speak and that they knew Him.

*Jesus worked very hard to serve the needs of others and always put their needs before His. - David Guzik*

## **Preaching In Galilee (Vs. 35-39)**

### **Vs. 35**

**In the morning, having risen a long while before daylight,** - After a long day of ministry, morning had come. We see here that Jesus got up before daylight. No one would have blamed Jesus for sleeping in after the day of ministry that He put in, yet He got up early.

*Late hours did not keep Jesus from His appointed meeting with His Father early in the morning. - Warren Wiersbe*

**He went out and departed to a solitary place** - Jesus got up and went to a solitary place. He went to be alone, away from the crowds, away from the ministry and away from the disciples.

**And there He prayed** - It was in this stillness that Jesus nourished and strengthened His own soul by communing with the Father. We can note that Jesus did not need to pray because He was weak, He prayed because He knew the significance of His relationship with God the Father.

*Jesus knew that pressure and busyness should drive us towards prayer, not from it. - David Guzik*

*There is much in our Christian life that can only be learned and experienced in a solitary place with God. - David Guzik*

### **Things that we can observe about Jesus' prayer life:**

1. Jesus made this a priority (He got up early)
2. Jesus was alone with God (a solitary place)
3. Jesus did not just do this on the Sabbath (it was after the Sabbath)

*If the Son of God considered uninterrupted prayer such a priority, why do so many Christians consider it an after-thought? - Tony Evans*

### **Vs. 36**

**Searched for Him.** - We are not certain how much time had passed, but we can see that when Simon and the others got up and did not find Jesus around the house they searched for Him.

### **Vs. 37**

**Everyone is looking for You** - It is clear that the disciples wanted Jesus to know that He was in demand. Morning had come and people were again looking for Jesus to heal them.

### **Vs. 38**

**Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also** - This direction more than likely came during His time of prayer.

**Because for this purpose I have come forth** - He reminded the disciples that He came to preach. This was the purpose of Jesus' ministry.

*Jesus did not stay in that town and ride the crest of His popularity there. He knew His ministry was to preach all across Galilee. His ministry was not being famous or enjoying the fame. - David Guzik*

### **Jesus did not let popularity change:**

1. His priorities.
2. His position before the Father.
3. His position as a servant.

### **Vs. 39**

**He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee,** - Jesus did exactly what He was sent forth to do. He preached in synagogues throughout Galilee.

**Casting out demons,** - He continued to cast out demons. This goes to show that the first encounter with the man with an unclean spirit was not a singular event. There were many who were afflicted by demons. There were many who had an encounter with Jesus.

### **Jesus Cleanses A Leper. (Vs. 40-45)**

#### **Vs. 40**

**Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him** - At this point in Jesus' ministry, we have seen Him teach with authority, deal with unclean spirits and heal people. He would now be presented with a very different situation. In Luke (5:12) we see that this man was full of leprosy.

*As horrible as the physical suffering was, the worst part of having leprosy might have been the way people treated the leper. - David Guzik*

**This man's body and life were rotting away and he knew that he needed to be cleansed.**

**Saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean"** - This leper acknowledged that Jesus could make him clean if He was willing. This would demonstrate that this leper believed that Jesus could heal him. He knew that it would take an intervention by God to heal him.

**This leper knew that he didn't need to be healed, rather he needed to be cleansed.**

#### **Vs. 41**

**Jesus, moved with compassion** - Even though this leper may have been disfigured and shunned by society, Jesus was moved with compassion.

**You can be in the lowest spot physically and spiritually and still know that Jesus cares about you.**

**Stretched out His hand and touched him** - Biblically speaking, it went against Jewish ceremonial law to physically touch a leper. Jesus stretched out His hand to touch him.

**Said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."** - The words that Jesus would speak to this leper would forever change his life. He said, be cleansed.

#### **Vs. 42**

**Immediately the leprosy left him,** - As soon as Jesus uttered the words to be cleansed, the leprosy immediately left this man.

**And he was cleansed** - The result of this man's great faith was that he was cleansed.

**By the time that Jesus took his hand off of this leper, he was healed and the leprosy existed no more.**

**Vs. 43**

**He strictly warned him and sent him away at once** - Jesus gave this newly cleansed man a warning.

**Vs. 44**

**Go your way, show yourself to the priest,** - Jesus instructed this leper to go show himself to the priest. The priest would then perform a ceremony marking that this leper was now clean. This would be a testimony to Jesus because no priest had ever seen this disease cured.

**Vs. 45**

**He went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the matter,** - Instead of doing what Jesus had asked, this healed man began to proclaim what Jesus had done.

**So that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city** - This would have gotten many people's attention. They would want to see what Jesus was all about. Not only was He dealing with unclean spirits, teaching with authority, healing the sick, he was also dealing with leprosy.

**They came to Him from every direction** - People came from every direction hindering his ability to do Ministry.

*The man may have meant well and might have thought he was helping Jesus, but his disobedience hindered the ministry of Jesus. -David Guzik*

**Here Jesus asked this man to not say anything (as to not hinder the ministry). Today, we are free to tell others about what Jesus has done in our lives and we don't.**



# 3D Guide

**DO.** **BOTTOM LINE:** Anyone can come into a relationship with Jesus.



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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



## DISCUSS.

1. Describe what that scene looked like as the whole town wanted to see Jesus.
2. Why do you think it was important to Jesus to spend time alone with His Father?
3. What are some ways you can apply this scripture to your daily life?

## DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.