

Study of Mark – Lesson 03

Mark 1:29-45 “The Jesus Who Heals”

Jesus Heals Many

1²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, / they went with James and John / to the home of Simon and Andrew. / ³⁰ Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, / and they immediately told Jesus about her. / ³¹ So he went to her, / took her hand / and helped her up. / The fever left her / and she began to wait on them.



³² That evening / after sunset / the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. / ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, / ³⁴ and Jesus healed many / who had various diseases. / He also drove out many demons, / but he would not let the demons speak / because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, / while it was still dark, / Jesus got up, / left the house / and went off to a solitary place, / where he prayed. /

³⁶ Simon and his companions / went to look for him, / ³⁷ and when they found him, / they exclaimed: / “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸ Jesus replied, / “Let us go somewhere else / —to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. / That is why I have come.” / ³⁹ So

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he traveled throughout Galilee, / preaching in their synagogues / and driving out demons.

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy / came to him / and begged him on his knees, / “If you are willing, / you can make me clean.”

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. / He reached out his hand / and touched the man. / “I am willing,” / he said. / “Be clean!” / ⁴² Immediately / the leprosy left him / and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once / with a strong warning: / ⁴⁴ “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. / But go, / show yourself to the priest / and offer the sacrifices / that Moses commanded / for your cleansing, / as a testimony to them.” / ⁴⁵ Instead / he went out / and began to talk freely, / spreading the news. / As a result, / Jesus could no longer / enter a town openly / but stayed outside in lonely places. / Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Vocabulary

1. **Synagogue:** Jewish local house of worship.
2. **Various:** Different kinds of
3. **To beg:** To ask humbly, and often repeatedly
4. **Indignant:** Annoyed. Upset. Irate. Angry
5. **Sacrifices:** Giving up something of value.

Questions

1. When Jesus went home with Simon, what do we as readers learn about Simon's family?
2. Why did the disciples go out looking for Jesus?
3. Why would Mark, the writer, know this little story about Simon's mother-in-law?
4. Why were people in all parts of the world so afraid of leprosy?
5. Why didn't Jesus want publicity about his healing miracles?

Pronunciation: Practice reading and telling this story.

Work on voice quality English and the rate of speaking.

Notes

1. When Jesus went home with Simon, he healed. He didn't need an audience; he did what needed to be done.
2. Jesus went out alone to pray. He was seldom alone so he had to find quietness as he could. If prayer was necessary for Jesus, don't you think it is necessary for us also?
3. Jesus set out on a preaching tour. How many weeks or months do you think that might take? Mark touches on it in one verse only.
Answer: Jesus never separated words and action. He preached and healed wherever he went.

4. There are three kinds of leprosy:

- Nodular or tubular leprosy
- Anesthetic leprosy
- Mixture of nodular and anesthetic leprosy



In Leviticus 13, all skin diseases were considered leprosy. This is why many were “cured” of leprosy.