

Reading Sunday 26 January 2025

Mark 1: 40 - 45

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.