

## Mark 1:9-15 & 40-45

**LW** – Intro: (John) **Mark**; Gentile Believers; Purpose – Preach/ Gospel; Jesus as Servant; Discipleship; Short/Succinct; Less Details; 1:1, 3:14-15, 16:15; Preaching/Immediately/Amazed/Astonished/Jesus

### **11. Jesus Cleanses a Leper (V40-45)**

1. Leper comes to Jesus; kneels down; Makes statement, “If you are willing – You can make me clean”

\* Obviously heard about this Jesus and His powers and ability to cleanse/cure!

2. Jesus – moved w/compassion; Stretched out His hand; Touched Him; Said, “I am willing; be cleansed”

\* Leprosy is a metaphor for sin

3. As soon as He spoke, Leprosy left; Cleansed (Impossible in those days!) (Not till Early 1800’s curable)

4. Jesus tells him: 1) Say nothing, 2) Go, show yourself to the Priest, offer, commanded by Moses (Lev 14)

\* Pastor Chuck points out how amazing it is that God placed in the Law provisions the possibility of healing!!!

5. However, He went out to proclaim it freely & spread the matter...to point Jesus couldn’t go into cities, they came from everywhere!

**A1** – If we are speaking of the Power/Ability of Jesus around – maybe we will see fellow lepers come to Jesus!

**A2** – May we be like Jesus – be MOVED with compassion; Stretch out our Hand & Touch Someone (Who No One Else Will!)

**A3** – He who Jesus told to be quiet about it, told everyone; “When God had done a marvelous thing in your life, witnessing is the most natural thing in the world.”

### **2. John the Baptist Baptizes Jesus (V9-11)**

\* Lacks the details/other accounts – Focus on Facts/Not Details

1. See the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

2. Fact is Jesus was Baptized; Jesus was/Son of God; Please/Father

**A** – We should be saying - What hinders me from being baptized?”

### **3. Satan Tempts Jesus (12-13)**

\* Fact – Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted

**A - Hebrews 4:15-16** <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.