

MARK 1:35-45

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Mark's portrait of Jesus shows us:

- An \_\_\_\_\_ to follow
- A \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf

I. Prayer (35-37)

II. Preaching (38-39)

III. Passion (40-45)

1. The leper (40)

2. The response (41)

3. The result (42-45)

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And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. <sup>40</sup> And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." <sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: [gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup](http://gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup) or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!*

1. What is the difference between Jesus being our Example and our Substitute? Which do you tend to focus more on: Jesus as our Example or as our Substitute? Why?
2. What is the relation between 1) Jesus as our Example and 2) Jesus as our Substitute? Which comes first? Does one empower the other or are both equally important?
3. Read Mark 1:35-37. What do we learn from Jesus' example of prayer? What changes might you like to implement in your prayer life this week as a result?
4. Read Mark 1:37-39. Jesus clearly prioritized preaching the gospel. People around Jesus often prioritized the blessings that came from being around him over the gospel. What blessings that come from being around Jesus can we over-prioritize to the neglect of prioritizing the gospel?
5. Read Mark 1:40-41. Who does the leper make you think of? If he makes you think of yourself and a story of how Jesus has made you clean, share that story to encourage others!
6. Read Mark 1:42-44. Why was it surprising that Jesus touched the leper? Why was it theologically significant?