

**Mark 1:40-45**  
 Jesus Is Able To Make Us Clean  
 Forever

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The Flow of Mark's Thought

Mark 1:40-45 Jesus can heal and make clean!

**5 Controversies**

1. Mark 2:1-12 Jesus forgives a paralytic man
2. Mark 2:13-17 Jesus eats with sinners
3. Mark 2:18-22 Jesus' disciples don't fast
4. Mark 2:23-28 Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
5. Mark 3:1-6 Jesus heals on the Sabbath

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Leprosy And The Ceremonial Law

Leviticus 13:46 He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

<b><u>God</u></b>	<b><u>Sin Stained World</u></b>
Holy	Profane
Life Giving	Death
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### The Leper's Faith

Mark 1:40 And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "**If You are willing**, You can make me clean."

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### Jesus Cleanses The Leper

Mark 1:41-42 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; **be cleansed.**" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

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### Lesson 1

➤ **Jesus came to "cleanse" us so that we may live with God forever.**

Numbers 5:2-3 Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who is unclean because of a dead person. You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp **where I dwell in their midst.**

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Sinful Man is Incompatible With God

Psalm 5:4-5 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.

Revelation 21:27 ...and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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Jesus Makes His People Clean Forever

John 13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

John 15:3 You are already clean **because of the word which I have spoken to you.**

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

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The Leper's Healing Is A "Testimony"

Mark 1:43-44 And **He sternly warned** him and immediately sent him away, and He 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, as a testimony to them."

Better rendered = "as a testimony *against* them" (cf. Mark 6:11; 13:9)

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### Jesus' Popularity Spreads

Mark 1:45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

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### Lesson 2: Jesus "Fulfills" The Law

➤ **How do we understand Jesus' fulfilling of the entire law (Matt. 5:17) while touching the leper in Mark 1:41?**

Numbers 19:22 Furthermore, anything that the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches it shall be unclean until evening' (cf. Leviticus 13-14).

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### Different Aspects Of The Law

**Moral** = Eternal based on God's character

**Civil** = Temporary illustrations

**Ceremonial** = Temporary illustrations

1 Samuel 15:22 Samuel said, "Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, And to heed than the fat of rams.

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### The "Weightier" Matters of The Law

Matthew 23:23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

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### The Law Points To Christ

Exodus 25:40 See that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

Hebrews 10:1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and **not the very form of things**, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

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### Will you stand firm in the gospel?

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Colossians 2:16-17 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but **the substance belongs to Christ**.

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