

# Into the Life of Jesus

## *A study in the gospel of Mark*

study #5

### Review of last week: Mark 1:21-32

Last week we discussed the start to Jesus ministry. His preaching and subsequent healings immediate impact.

- Has anything occurred this last week in your life that caused you to reflect on Jesus' Lordship over the circumstances of your life?

### This week: Opening Up Mark 1:40-45

Read the text aloud from several different versions if possible. Or consider the use of an audio bible app that reads it for you. (The ESV app, YouVersion or Dwell are all good).

- Mark's language is crisp, immediate and physical.
  - What action words do you note in these verses?
- What do you think of the leper's question, "*If you will (or, are willing), you can...*"
- Consider what it meant for Jesus to touch a person with a disease when in the culture of his day these people were considered untouchable.
- Why do you think Jesus told him to stay quiet about his healing?
- What do you note about the leper's disobedience?

### Digging Deeper

As you consider what Jesus was doing in his ministry towards the people of Israel, take some time to think about the applications of this scripture in your circumstances.

- Who do you go to first when you face an insurmountable problem?
- When you bring your prayer concerns to God, what is your expectation that he will answer them? *And why is this?*
- When God does act to rescue or restore us, how do we respond?

**Pray:** for each other to be steadfast and obedient;  
to see opportunities in the upcoming days  
to bring honour to our Creator God.