

Mark 1:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

Analysis

The immediacy of healing ('immediately the leprosy departed') demonstrates Christ's divine authority—no gradual improvement, but instant restoration. Mark's precise observation shows his attention to miraculous detail. The departure of leprosy signifies Christ's power over curse and corruption, prefiguring His victory over sin's effects. This physical healing pictures the instant justification believers receive at conversion.

Historical Context

Natural remission of leprosy was unknown in ancient times; cases only worsened until death. The instant nature of this healing would have been unmistakable evidence of supernatural intervention. This miracle would have had enormous social implications for the healed man's restoration to family and community.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the instantaneous nature of this healing parallel the immediate justification that occurs at salvation?
2. What does this physical restoration teach us about the complete restoration Christ brings to our sin-corrupted nature?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εἰπόντος	αὐτοῦ,	εὐθὺς	ἀπῆλθεν	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ,
And	had spoken	as soon as he	immediately	departed	from	as soon as he
G2532	G2036	G846	G2112	G565	G575	G846

ἡ	λέπρα	καὶ	ἐκαθαρίσθη
the leprosy	And	he was cleansed	
G3588	G3014	G2532	G2511

Additional Cross-References

John 15:3 (Parallel theme): Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.