

# Mark 1:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

## Analysis

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Christ's command to show himself to the priest follows Levitical law (Lev. 14:2-32), demonstrating His submission to divine ordinances. The offering serves as 'testimony unto them'—evidence to religious authorities of genuine healing and Christ's respect for Mosaic law. This refutes later charges that Christ opposed the Law; rather, He fulfilled it perfectly. The priest's verification would serve as official documentation of the miracle.

## Historical Context

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Levitical law required cleansed lepers to present themselves to priests for inspection, offer sacrifices (two birds, lambs, grain, and oil), and undergo seven days of purification rituals. This process restored them to community worship and social participation. Priests serving as medical inspectors was unique to Israel's theocratic system.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's adherence to Mosaic law demonstrate His role as fulfilling rather than abolishing the Law?
2. What does the 'testimony unto them' reveal about Christ's strategic use of miracles for apologetic purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς Ὁρα μηδὲν μηδὲν εἶπης ἀλλ' ὕπαγε  
And saith unto him See nothing nothing thou say but go thy way  
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σεαυτὸν δεῖξον τῷ ιερεῖ καὶ προσένεγκε περὶ τοῦ  
thyself shew to the priest And offer for G3588  
G4572 G1166 G2409 G2532 G4374 G4012

καθαρισμοῦ σου ἐπροσέταξεν Μωσῆς, εἰς  
cleansing thy G3739 commanded those things which Moses for  
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μαρτύριον αὐτοῖς  
a testimony unto him  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 8:4** (Witness): And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

**Luke 17:14** (Parallel theme): And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

**1 Corinthians 10:11** (Parallel theme): Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

**Romans 15:4** (Parallel theme): For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

**Luke 5:14** (Sin): And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

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