

# Mark 1:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

## Analysis

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The healed leper's disobedience ('he went out, and began to publish it much') illustrates that zeal without obedience displeases God. His public testimony, though well-intentioned, hindered Christ's ministry by attracting crowds seeking physical healing rather than spiritual truth. The consequence—Christ could not 'openly enter into the city'—shows how our disobedience, even from good motives, can obstruct God's work. True discipleship requires submission to Christ's commands, not merely enthusiasm.

## Historical Context

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The leper's public proclamation would have drawn massive crowds, as leprosy healings were virtually unknown. This forced Jesus into 'desert places' to avoid mob scenes that could trigger Roman intervention. Despite this, people still sought Him out, demonstrating the unstoppable nature of divine purpose despite human failure.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this example warn us against substituting enthusiastic testimony for careful obedience to Christ's specific instructions?
2. What does Christ's continued ministry despite this setback teach us about God's sovereignty over human failures?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 2:13** (Parallel theme): And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

**Matthew 9:31** (Parallel theme): But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

**John 6:2** (Parallel theme): And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

**Psalms 77:11** (Parallel theme): I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.