

# 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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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

### 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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ὁ	δὲ	ἐξελθὼν	ἤρξατο	κηρύσσειν	πολλὰ	καὶ	
G3588	But	he went out	and began	to publish	it much	and	
	G1161	G1831	G756	G2784	G4183	G2532	
διαφημίζειν	τὸν	λόγον	ὥστε	μηκέτι	αὐτὸν		
to blaze abroad	G3588	the matter	insomuch that	no more	Jesus		
G1310		G3056	G5620	G3371	G846		
δύνασθαι	φανερῶς	εἰς	πόλιν	εἰσελθεῖν	ἀλλ'	ἔξω	ἐν
could	openly	into	the city	enter	but	without	in
G1410	G5320	G1519	G4172	G1525	G235	G1854	G1722
ἐρήμοις	τόποις	ἦν·	καὶ	ἦρχοντο	πρὸς	αὐτὸν	
desert	places	was	and	they came	to	Jesus	
G2048	G5117	G2258	G2532	G2064	G4314	G846	
πανταχόθεν							
from every quarter							
G3836							

### 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.

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