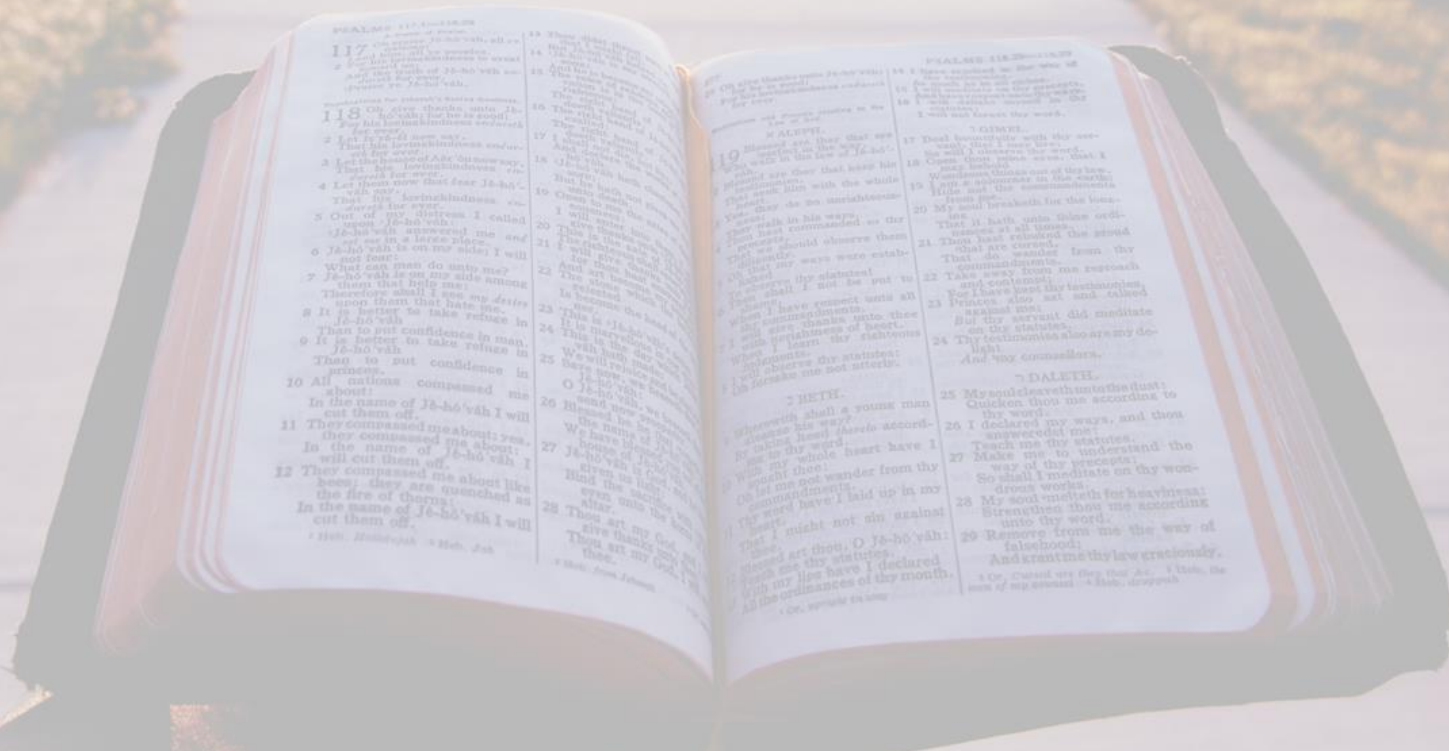


Getting Ready for Sunday!

11 February 2024



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those with leprosy and skin diseases were avoided by people, as they were afraid that they may catch the illness. Most people were so afraid of what would happen to them that they never gave a thought to how those with the disease might feel!

Jesus avoided nobody, thinking of each person before Himself! Are there people that you cut out of your friendship circle? Are there people's whose feelings that you need to consider?

All who asked Jesus for healing, believing that Jesus would heal them, received the gift of healing! They were healed by their faith in God!

Those who were healed and who knew how great Jesus is, could not keep the Good News to themselves. They ran out and told everyone what God did for them!

What has God done for you?
What good news do you have to share today?

Mark 1:40-45



Jesus Cleanses a Leper

An illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. A man, identified as a leper, is kneeling on the ground in front of a group of people. He is wearing a white tunic and a brown head covering. His hands are outstretched towards the people standing before him. The people are dressed in traditional robes of various colors (white, brown, blue, green). The background shows a stone wall and a wooden structure. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him:

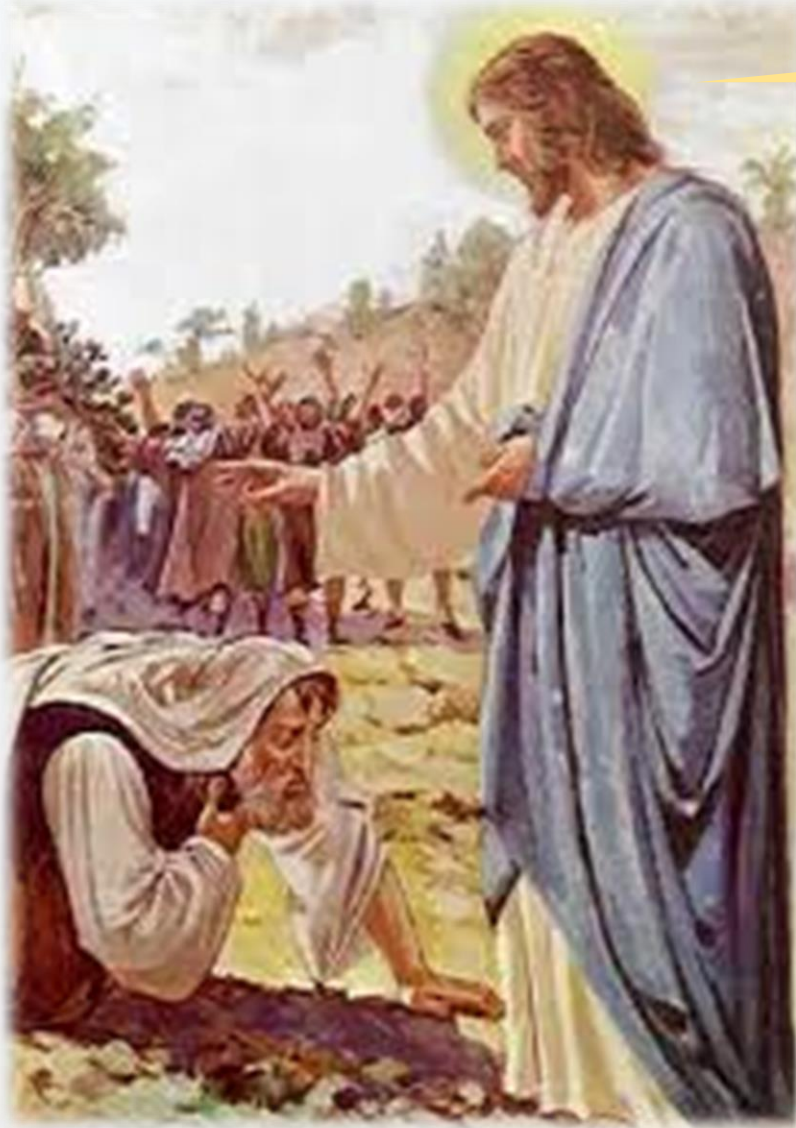
If you choose, you can make me clean.

Commentary

**The man with the skin disease
believed that Jesus could heal him!**

He had faith!

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him:



I do choose. Be made clean

Commentary

Jesus had compassion on the man.
Jesus had empathy with him.

Reflection

Jesus does not leave us alone with our worries or pains! Jesus feels with us and for us!

What do you ask of Jesus today?

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him:

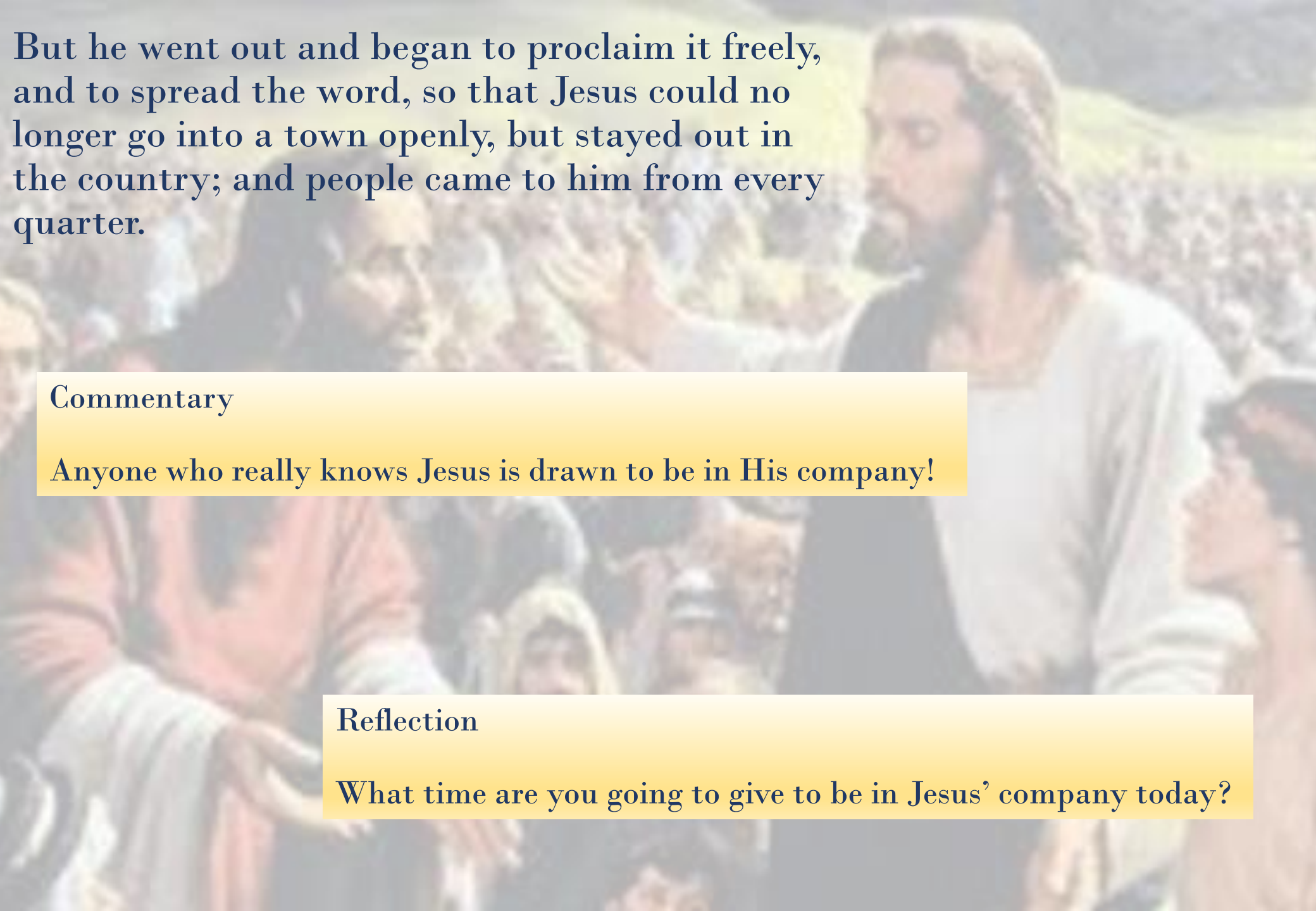
See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.



Reflection

Jesus sent the man to give thanks to God.

Do you need to thank God today?



But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Commentary

Anyone who really knows Jesus is drawn to be in His company!

Reflection

What time are you going to give to be in Jesus' company today?

Good News!



Bible Search

Read Mark 1:40-45 in your family Bible - this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider

Do you trust God to care for you!

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:40-45

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.
2. 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?
3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracised being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?
4. The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself?

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Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to know that God cares for you.



Ask God to show Himself to you today.