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## Be made clean

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A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

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

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest  
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;  
that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.

He spread the report abroad  
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.

He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

(Mk 1:40-45)