



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 77

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

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 the 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.

Spiritual Reflection: Today we see a person who is genuinely thankful for all that God has done but instead of listening to Jesus he goes onto do things his way. The result is that it makes it more difficult for Jesus to do his ministry. The Church has always place an importance on obedience because we know that our good intentions can make situations worse.

Spiritual Questions

1. How often do you give God unsolicited advice?
2. How often do you allow personal preferences stop you from encountering God?
3. How often do you allow personal preferences cause problems between you and others?
4. Describe a time where in your good intentions went astray.
5. What does it say that Jesus does not punish the man for sharing the news everywhere and making his life more difficult.