



# Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

**1:29** - Jesus was a house-to-house missionary as well as a open air preachers and a synagogue preachers. There is much good to be done by those who know how to visit and to look after individual cases.

**1:31** - I am sure that whenever the Lord helps any of his people out of their temporal or spiritual distresses, they feel at once that they must say, "How can I repay the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" Her serving them proves that the fever was gone--and gone in a way it does not ordinarily go, for fever usually leaves behind it extreme weakness. Jesus's cures are always complete. If he saves us from the burning fever, he saves us from the weakness that follows it. And when he deals with soul maladies, his cures are equally complete--there are no after-effects to the soul as there are in many diseases that afflict the body. When the great physician restores the soul, he restores is completely.

**1:32** - It was the Sabbath, and they would not bring out their sick until the day of rest was over. The Jewish Sabbath ended at the setting of the sun, so these people were all watching and waiting until the sun dipped below the horizon, and then the whole city was turned into a hospital.

**1:35** - Jesus's hard day's work probably ran on far into the night (v. 32-34). Yet, "And in the morning rising up a great while before day," Jesus was up at the sacred work of prayer. The more work we have to do with people for God, the longer we ought to be at work with God for them. If we plead with people, we cannot hope to prevail unless we first plead with God. And, inasmuch as our Lord had great success the day before, it teaches us that the greatest success does not release us from the necessity of still waiting on God in prayer.

**1:40** - It is a pity this leper could not go further than to say to Jesus, "If thou wilt," but it is a great mercy that he could go as far as that. So if we cannot pray a prayer that is full of faith, we should pray one that has at least some faith in it. If we cannot go as far as some do, we should go as far as we can.

**1:44-45** - This leper was disobedient to Christ--perhaps we might think he was naturally and excusably so--but we must never make excuses for doing what Jesus tells us not to do! Our duty is not to judge whether such and such a course will be profitable or beneficial but to consider whether such and such a course is in accordance with the word of the Lord. This man ought to have held his tongue, for Jesus had told him to do so. I have no doubt that he said within himself, "The more I talk about this miracle, the more good I will do and the more famous Jesus's name will become." But he had no business to think that--his business was to obey Jesus's command. The result of his disobedience was that there were such crowds that Jesus could not work his miracles of healing. The disobedient man hindered Jesus's work. The best proof of our gratitude is to do exactly as Jesus bids us.