

## Chapter 1 (40 - 45)

A leper came to Jesus, and on his knees pleaded  
"If you want to, you can heal me"

Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his  
hand, touched him and said

"Of course I want to heal you. Be healed!"

The leprosy left him at that moment and he was  
healed

Jesus told the man not to tell people what had  
happened (in case people misunderstood Jesus'  
spiritual mission and tried to use him politically)

But the man told everyone

Soon Jesus could not go openly into any town  
(for fear the crowds would become unruly)  
so he stayed in remote places

Even so, people from all around the district would  
come to him

Jesus, please heal people who are lepers