

## ***When Jesus Touches a Life*** **Mark 1:29-45**

A crowd of needy people will ever be seeking Jesus' help. Out of this crowd will emerge "minor characters" whose actions prove to be either positive or negative examples for us today.

### ***A touched life can serve Jesus. 1:29-34***

- ◆ These verses describe the busy events of a Sabbath day, (4x = *immediately*). Note people wait till evening to come (32).
- ◆ Mark emphasizes Jesus' popularity and ability to heal anything!
- ◆ Peter and his sick mother-in-law live right next to the synagogue.
- ◆ What should we make of her response to Jesus' healing touch?

### ***A life that's ever touching others needs privacy and prayer. 1:35-38***

- ◆ Other times Jesus leaves to pray: 6:45, 46, 14:32, cf. Lk. 5:16.
- ◆ Peter et al. search for Jesus; note they respond with frustration when He is found. Why? Jesus now enacts a new plan. Why?
- ◆ What should we make of His retreat from the crowds to pray?

### ***A touched life can do a disservice to Jesus. 1:39-45***

- ◆ Why should this risky leper impress us?
- ◆ Again a command to be silent—this time it's a harsh scolding. Recall 1:25,34, and later see in 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, 8:26,30. He is also told to follow the regs in Lv. 13,14, as later in Lk. 17:14
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**Jesus heals Peter's Mother-in-Law and a Leper**

