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The Gospel of Mark: Characteristics 3

Directions: Use the article to answer the questions below.

"Mark and an Angry Jesus"

1. Mark 1:41 exists in two different forms in the manuscript tradition. What is the key difference between the two forms? Give both the Greek word and its English meaning for each form.
2. Which form has been preferred by every English translation of this verse? Why does the author think that translators have preferred this form?
3. In what important early manuscript is evidence for the alternative reading found?
4. Why is it the case that the majority reading is not necessarily the correct reading?
5. Which reading of Mark 1:41 does the author think is more likely to be accurate, and why? Explain why he thinks the fact that a reading is "more difficult" makes it more likely to be accurate.
6. How do Matthew and Luke treat the story of the leper in their own gospels?

