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- Many miracles in lifetime, which probably contributed to the fastest canonization of a saint (less than a year after his death)
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 - *There is also some symbolism in that Franciscans traveled great distances spreading the Gospel and were “carrying” Jesus around the world.*
- A woman came to him because she was very upset that she had lost a large amount of money that she had been saving (*discuss the lack of prevalence of banks at that time*). Anthony told her simply to go home and sweep the bedroom of her house. When she did this, she miraculously found the missing money.
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