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LIFE IN CHRIST **BIBLE**

*Discovering, Believing, and
Rejoicing in Who God Says You Are*

The Gospel According to

MARK

Mark's Gospel has a sense of immediacy to it. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark did not provide details of the birth or childhood of Jesus. Instead, Mark began with Jesus' ministry itself. The shortest of the four Gospels, Mark then traces Jesus' earthly life through concise accounts, with Jesus always seeming to be on the move. Such a pace fit Mark's core message: Jesus is the servant sent by God to make payment for sin. This sense of service and sacrifice dominates the Gospel. Through Jesus' preaching, teaching, and healing, He ministered to the needs of others, even to the point of laying down His life. After the resurrection, Jesus commissioned His followers to continue His work in His power—they were to be faithful servants following in the steps of the perfect Servant.

DATE: c. AD 29–33 (written c. AD 50–60)

OCCASION: Mark wrote his Gospel to a primarily Roman audience to show Jesus as the Servant of God.

MAIN IDEA: Jesus is the Suffering Servant who came to give His life as payment for sin.

KEY VERSE: Mark 10:45

FINDING IDENTITY IN MARK: In Mark, there is relatively little record of Jesus' teaching compared with the other Gospels. Instead, the focus is on Jesus' actions and how the disciples grow by being in relationship with Him and seeing His active ministry. The teachings of Jesus are, of course, important, but having an identity as a follower of Christ is about much more than adhering to a set of principles. As people who identify as disciples of Christ, we must be in relationship with Him, following His example, talking with Him regularly, and imitating His pattern of laying down our lives for God and others.

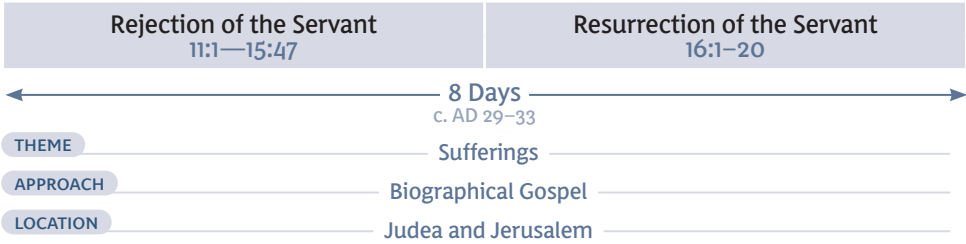
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THE SERVANT'S MINISTRY



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JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

1 The ^abeginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ^bthe Son of God. ²As it is written in the Prophets:³

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”²

3 “The^a voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’ ”¹

⁴John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was ^aclothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, ^a“There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you ^bwith the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

⁹It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And immediately, coming up from¹ the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit ^bdescending upon Him like a dove. ¹¹Then a voice came from heaven, ^a“You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

SATAN TEMPTS JESUS

¹²Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. ¹³And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; ^aand the angels ministered to Him.

It ill becomes the servant to seek to be rich, and great, and honored in that world where his Lord was poor, and mean, and despised.

GEORGE MÜLLER (1805–1898)
A Narrative of Some of the Lord’s Dealings with George Müller

1:1 ^a Luke 3:22 ^b Matt. 14:33
 1:2 ^a Mal. 3:1 ¹ NU-Text reads *Isaiah the prophet*. ² Malachi 3:1
 1:3 ^a Is. 40:3 ¹ Isaiah 40:3
 1:4 ^a Matt. 3:1
 1:5 ^a Matt. 3:5
 1:6 ^a Matt. 3:4
 1:7 ^a John 1:27
 1:8 ^a Acts 1:5; 11:16 ^b Is. 44:3
 1:9 ^a Matt. 3:13–17
 1:10 ^a Matt. 3:16 ^b Acts 10:38 ¹ NU-Text reads *out of*.
 1:11 ^a Matt. 3:17; 12:18
 1:12 ^a Matt. 4:1–11
 1:13 ^a Matt. 4:10, 11



I AM CHOSEN

Mark 1:16–20

The calling of Simon and Andrew is astonishing. They were working hard at their trade when Jesus called to them. What did they do? Immediately, they dropped their nets and followed Him. This is how it is to work when God calls people today too. We hear His voice, deep inside our hearts, and we go after Him. How and why He chooses us is a mystery. Even more, there is often a lengthy process we go through before we believe in Him. However, we know that there is a decisive moment when we find Jesus so compelling, we drop everything and follow Him. And from that moment on, there is no turning back. Why would we want to anyway?

JESUS BEGINS HIS GALILEAN MINISTRY

^{14a}Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, ^bpreaching the gospel of the kingdom' of God, ¹⁵and saying, ^a“The time is fulfilled, and ^bthe kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

FOUR FISHERMEN CALLED AS DISCIPLES

^{16a}And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷Then Jesus said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you become ^afishers of men.”** ^{18a}They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets. ²⁰And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

JESUS CASTS OUT AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT

^{21a}Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the ^bsynagogue and taught. ^{22a}And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

²³Now there was a man in their synagogue with an ^aunclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴saying, “Let us alone! ^aWhat have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I ^bknow who You are—the ^cHoly One of God!”

²⁵But Jesus ^arebuked him, saying, **“Be quiet, and come out of him!”** ²⁶And when the unclean spirit ^ahad convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? What new doctrine *is* this? For with authority' He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” ²⁸And immediately His ^afame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW HEALED

^{29a}Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

MANY HEALED AFTER SABBATH SUNSET

^{32a}At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and ^acast out many demons; and He ^adid not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

PREACHING IN GALILEE

³⁵Now ^ain the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He ^bprayed. ³⁶And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. ³⁷When they found Him, they said to Him, ^a“Everyone ^bis looking for You.”

³⁸But He said to them, **“Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because ^bfor this purpose I have come forth.”**

^{39a}And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and ^bcasting out demons.

1:14 ^a Matt. 4:12 ^b Matt. 4:23 ¹ NU-Text omits *of the kingdom*.

1:15 ^a [Gal. 4:4] ^b Matt. 3:2; 4:17

1:16 ^a Luke 5:2–11

1:17 ^a Matt. 13:47, 48

1:18 ^a [Luke 14:26]

1:21 ^a Luke 4:31–37 ^b Matt. 4:23

1:22 ^a Matt. 7:28, 29; 13:54

1:23 ^a [Matt. 12:43]

1:24 ^a Matt. 8:28, 29 ^b James 2:19 ^c Ps. 16:10

1:25 ^a [Luke 4:39]

1:26 ^a Mark 9:20

1:27 ¹ NU-Text reads *What is this? A new doctrine with authority*.

1:28 ^a Matt. 4:24; 9:31

1:29 ^a Luke 4:38, 39

1:32 ^a Matt. 8:16, 17

1:34 ^a Luke 13:32 ^b Acts 16:17, 18

1:35 ^a Luke 4:42, 43 ^b Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:28, 29

1:37 ^a John 3:26; 12:19 ^b [Heb. 11:6]

1:38 ^a Luke 4:43 ^b [Is. 61:1, 2]

1:39 ^a Matt. 4:23; 9:35 ^b Mark 5:8, 13; 7:29, 30

JESUS CLEANSSES A LEPER

^{40a}Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

⁴¹Then Jesus, moved with ^acompassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, “**I am willing; be cleansed.**”

⁴²As soon as He had spoken, ^aimmediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, “**See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things ^awhich Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.**”

^{45a}However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; ^band they came to Him from every direction.

JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYTIC

2 And again ^aHe entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ²Immediately¹ many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

³Then they came to Him, bringing a ^aparalytic who was carried by four *men*. ⁴And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

1:40 ^a Luke 5:12–14

1:41 ^a Luke 7:13

1:42 ^a Matt. 15:28

1:44 ^a Lev. 14:1–32

1:45 ^a Luke 5:15 ^b Mark 2:2, 13; 3:7

2:1 ^a Matt. 9:1

2:2 ¹ NU-Text omits *Immediately*.

2:3 ^a Matt. 4:24; 8:6

PART I OF 3

THE “ALREADY/NOT YET” OF MY IDENTITY

A Collision of Ages

We live in a collision of ages. In this present age, sin and death ravage us and our world, and Satan is both ruler (see John 12:31) and prince (see Eph. 2:2). And yet, another age, “the age to come” (Luke 18:30; Heb. 6:5) has broken through and taken root. Jesus Himself heralded the arrival of this new age, saying: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). A new age is here, an age when God will reign over a perfect, sinless new heaven and earth full of blood-bought, redeemed followers of Christ, just as a king rules over his kingdom.

While the kingdom of God is already here, it has not yet come in fullness. This is why many Christian writers and thinkers use the terms *already* and *not yet* to refer to our present overlap of ages. There are aspects of our lives that are *already* true in Christ but have *not yet* been fully realized. We have been adopted as children of God already (see Rom. 8:15) but do not yet experience adoption’s fullness (see Rom. 8:23). We are redeemed already (see Eph. 1:7) but have not yet been rescued from sin’s lingering effects (see Eph. 4:30). We have been sanctified already (see 1 Cor. 1:2) but have not yet been taken from a fallen world (see 1 Thess. 5:23–24). Likewise, in this sense, it is true to say, “I have been saved,” “I am being saved,” and “I will be saved” all at once.

This “already/not yet” way of viewing our lives helps us build a proper identity in Christ. Christians are defined by who God says we already are in Him. And understanding that we are in process, not yet perfected, encourages us to press on in repentance and faith without despairing that we still struggle with sin.

Part 2 of 3, “The ‘Already/Not Yet’ of My Identity: Who God Says We Are,” is on page 1553.



I REASON

Mark 2:1–12

Here, the scribes used reason to explain away the work of Jesus. Their reason was the determiner of what was true or not. Had Jesus fit into their scheme of thinking, they would have accepted Him. But He did not. They simply failed to consider that perhaps their reason betrayed them. We can do the same—perhaps not to reject Jesus completely, but at least to dismiss the works of God. Perhaps we hear of a miracle or a revival taking place somewhere and our impulse is to doubt or discredit instead of looking for God's hand. It is proper to investigate, but we should always do so with an open mind and heart, wanting to celebrate the works of God.

⁵When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”**

⁶And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, **“Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? ‘Who can forgive sins but God alone?’”**

⁸But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, **“Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹‘Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk?’ ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” ¹²Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!”**

MATTHEW THE TAX COLLECTOR

^{13a}Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. ^{14a}As He passed by, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, **^b“Follow Me.”** So he arose and followed Him.

¹⁵Now it happened, as He was dining in *Levi's* house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. ¹⁶And when the scribes and ¹Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, **“How *is it* that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?”**

¹⁷When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, **“‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the righteous*, but sinners, to repentance.’”**

JESUS IS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING

^{18a}The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, **“Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”**

¹⁹And Jesus said to them, **“Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. ²⁰But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. ²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”**

JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH

^{23a}Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began ^bto pluck the heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees said to Him, **“Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”**

²⁵But He said to them, **“Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: ²⁶how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”**

²⁷And He said to them, **“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”**

2:7 ^a Is. 43:25

2:9 ^a Matt. 9:5

2:12 ^a [Phil. 2:1]

2:13 ^a Matt. 9:9

2:14 ^a Luke 5:27–32 ^b John 1:43; 12:26;

21:22 ^c Luke 18:28

2:15 ^a Matt. 9:10

2:16 ¹ NU-Text reads of *the*.

2:17 ^a Matt. 9:12, 13; 18:11 ¹ NU-Text omits to *repentance*.

2:18 ^a Luke 5:33–38

2:20 ^a Acts 1:9; 13:2, 3; 14:23

2:23 ^a Luke 6:1–5 ^b Deut. 23:25

2:24 ^a Ex. 20:10; 31:15

2:25 ^a 1 Sam. 21:1–6

2:26 ^a Lev. 24:5–9

2:27 ^a Deut. 5:14

2:28 ^a Matt. 12:8

HEALING ON THE SABBATH

3 And ^aHe entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²So they ^awatched Him closely, whether He would ^bheal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. ³And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “**Step forward.**” ⁴Then He said to them, “**Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?**” But they kept silent. ⁵And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the ^ahardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “**Stretch out your hand.**” And he stretched *it* out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. ^{6a}Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with ^bthe Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

A GREAT MULTITUDE FOLLOWS JESUS

⁷But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, ^aand from Judea ^aand Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how ^amany things He was doing, came to Him. ⁸So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. ¹⁰For He healed ^amany, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to ^btouch Him. ^{11a}And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, ^b“You are the Son of God.” ¹²But ^aHe sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

^{13a}And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. ¹⁴Then He appointed twelve,¹ that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, ¹⁵and to have power to heal sicknesses and¹ to cast out demons: ¹⁶Simon,¹ ^ato whom He gave the name Peter; ¹⁷James the *son* of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, “Sons of Thunder”; ¹⁸Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite; ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND

²⁰Then the multitude came together again, ^aso that they could not so much as eat bread. ²¹But when His ^aown people heard *about this*, they went out to lay hold of Him, ^bfor they said, “He is out of His mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ^a“He has Beelzebub,” and, “By the ^{ruler} of the demons He casts out demons.”

^{23a}So He called them to *Himself* and said to them in parables: “**How can Satan cast out Satan?** ²⁴**If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.** ²⁵**And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.** ²⁶**And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end.** ^{27a}**No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.**”

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

^{28a}“**Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; ²⁹but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation**”— ³⁰because they ^asaid, “He has an unclean spirit.”

3:1 ^a Luke 6:6–11

3:2 ^a Luke 14:1; 20:20 ^b Luke 13:14

3:5 ^a Zech. 7:12 ¹ NU-Text omits *as whole as the other.*

3:6 ^a Mark 12:13 ^b Matt. 22:16

3:7 ^a Luke 6:17

3:8 ^a Mark 5:19

3:10 ^a Luke 7:21 ^b Matt. 9:21; 14:36

3:11 ^a Luke 4:41 ^b Matt. 8:29; 14:33

3:12 ^a Mark 1:25, 34

3:13 ^a Luke 9:1

3:14 ¹ NU-Text adds *whom He also named apostles.*

3:15 ¹ NU-Text omits *to heal sicknesses and.*

3:16 ^a John 1:42 ¹ NU-Text reads *and He appointed the twelve: Simon . . .*

3:20 ^a Mark 6:31

3:21 ^a Mark 6:3 ^b John 7:5; 10:20

3:22 ^a Matt. 9:34; 10:25 ^b [John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11]

3:23 ^a Matt. 12:25–29

3:27 ^a [Is. 49:24, 25]

3:28 ^a Luke 12:10

3:30 ^a Matt. 9:34



I HAVE A FAMILY

Mark 3:31–35

Have we considered the full implication of our identity as members of God's family? Here, Jesus showed us the uniqueness of being in the family of God. He considered those who do the will of God as His mother and brothers. Did this mean He rejected His earthly mother and brothers? By no means. Instead, He demonstrated the priority we must place on the family of faith. We belong to one another. We are bound to one another. We cannot see the family of God as secondary or optional. We experience a distinct relationship with one another that will carry into eternity.

JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS SEND FOR HIM

³¹Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. ³²And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers' are outside seeking You."

³³But He answered them, saying, "**Who is My mother, or My brothers?**" ³⁴And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "**Here are My mother and My brothers!** ³⁵**For whoever does the "will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."**

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

4 And ^aagain He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. ²Then He taught them many things by parables, ^aand said to them in His teaching:

³"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴And it happened, as he sowed, *that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air' came and devoured it.* ⁵Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. ⁶But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. ⁷And some *seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.* ⁸But other *seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."*

⁹And He said to them, *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

THE PURPOSE OF PARABLES

^{10a}But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. ¹¹And He said to them, *"To you it has been given to ^aknow the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to ^bthose who are outside, all things come in parables, ¹²so that*

*^aSeeing they may see and not perceive,
^bAnd hearing they may hear and not understand;
Lest they should turn,
And *their* sins be forgiven them."*¹

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER EXPLAINED

¹³And He said to them, *"Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ^{14a}The sower sows the word. ¹⁵And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. ¹⁶These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. ¹⁸Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹and the ^acares of this world, ^bthe deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear ^afruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."*

LIGHT UNDER A BASKET

^{21a}Also He said to them, *"Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? ^{22a}For*

3:31 ^a Matt. 12:46–50

3:32 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text add *and Your sisters.*

3:35 ^a Eph. 6:6

4:1 ^a Luke 8:4–10

4:2 ^a Mark 12:38

4:4 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text omit *of the air.*

4:9 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them.*

4:10 ^a Luke 8:9

4:11 ^a [1 Cor. 2:10–16] ^b [Col. 4:5]

4:12 ^a Is. 6:9, 10; 43:8 ¹ Isaiah 6:9, 10

4:14 ^a Matt. 13:18–23

4:19 ^a Luke 21:34 ^b 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17

4:20 ^a [Rom. 7:4]

4:21 ^a Matt. 5:15

4:22 ^a Matt. 10:26, 27

THE DISCIPLES

Andrew	
Hometown / Residence	Bethsaida and Capernaum
Trade	Fisherman
Notes	Brother of Peter; in fishing business with Peter, James, and John; disciple of John the Baptist; always listed among the first four of the Twelve; often brought others to Jesus: Peter, the boy with fish and loaves, the Greeks with questions
Probable Missions Work	Scythia; Greece; Asia Minor
Probable Death	Crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patra, Greece
Bartholomew (Nathanael)	
Hometown / Residence	Cana of Galilee
Notes	Always listed sixth or seventh of the Twelve; possibly of royal blood or noble birth
Probable Missions Work	Phrygia; Hierapolis; Armenia; India
Probable Death	Drowned or flayed alive with knives in India
James (James the Greater; James the Elder)	
Hometown / Residence	Bethsaida and Capernaum and Jerusalem
Trade	Fisherman
Notes	Brother of John; in fishing business with Peter, Andrew, and James; one of the first to be called as a disciple; always listed among the first four of the Twelve; in Jesus' inner circle; rebuked by Jesus on occasion
Probable Missions Work	Jerusalem; Judea
Probable Death	Beheaded by Herod in AD 44 (Acts 12:1–2)
James, the son of Alphaeus (James the Less)	
Hometown / Residence	Galilee
Notes	Always listed ninth of the Twelve
Probable Missions Work	Palestine; Egypt
Probable Death	Crucified in Egypt and then his body was sawed in pieces
John (the disciple whom Jesus loved)	
Hometown / Residence	Bethsaida and Capernaum and Jerusalem
Trade	Fisherman
Notes	Brother of James; in fishing business with Peter, Andrew, James, and John; disciple of John the Baptist; always listed among the first four of the Twelve; in Jesus' inner circle; present at the crucifixion; Jesus entrusted Mary's care to him
Writings	John; 1 John; 2 John; 3 John; Revelation
Probable Missions Work	Asia Minor
Probable Death	Banished to the island of Patmos and was later freed to die a natural death
Judas Iscariot	
Hometown / Residence	Kerioth of Judea
Notes	Always listed last of the Twelve; keeper of the disciples' treasury; betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver
Probable Missions Work	
Probable Death	Hanged himself

THE DISCIPLES *continued*

Matthew (Levi)	
Hometown / Residence	Galilee / Capernaum
Trade	Tax Collector
Notes	Always listed seventh or eight of the Twelve; held a feast for fellow tax collectors and Jesus
Writings	Matthew
Probable Missions Work	Ethiopia
Probable Death	Executed in Ethiopia
Matthias	
Notes	Chosen by lot to succeed Judas; had accompanied Jesus' disciples from the beginning of His ministry through the resurrection
Philip	
Hometown / Residence	Bethsaida
Trade	Fisherman?
Notes	Always listed fifth of the Twelve; brought Bartholomew to Jesus; tested by Jesus before feeding of a multitude
Probable Missions Work	Phrygia
Probable Death	Hanged at Hierapolis
Simon (Peter; Cephas)	
Hometown / Residence	Bethsaida and Capernaum
Trade	Fisherman
Notes	Brother of Andrew; married; in fishing business with Andrew, James, and John; disciple of John the Baptist; always listed first of the Twelve; in Jesus' inner circle; disciple mentioned most often; assumed the role of leader and spokesperson of the Twelve; always quick to speak and act, even if at times presumptuously or erroneously; preached at Pentecost; became main leader of the early church
Writings	1 Peter; 2 Peter
Probable Missions Work	Asia; Babylon; Rome
Probable Death	Crucified upside down in Rome
Simon (the Zealot; the Canaanite)	
Hometown / Residence	Galilee
Notes	Always listed tenth or eleventh of the Twelve
Probable Death	Crucified
Thaddaeus (Judas; Lebbaeus)	
Hometown / Residence	Galilee
Notes	Always listed tenth or eleventh of the Twelve
Probable Missions Work	Assyria; Persia
Probable Death	Killed with arrows at Ararat
Thomas (Didymus)	
Hometown / Residence	Galilee
Notes	Always listed sixth through eighth of the Twelve; willing to accompany Jesus into Judea even at risk of his life; needed to see evidence of the resurrection
Probable Missions Work	Parthia; Persia; India
Probable Death	Speared in India

there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

²⁴Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. “With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. ²⁵For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

THE PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEED

²⁶And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and “grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸For the earth “yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain ripens, immediately “he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

³⁰Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³²but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”

JESUS’ USE OF PARABLES

³³And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. ³⁴But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, “He explained all things to His disciples.

WIND AND WAVE OBEY JESUS

³⁵On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” ³⁶Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. ³⁸But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, “do You not care that we are perishing?”

³⁹Then He arose and “rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? “How is it that you have no faith?” ⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

A DEMON-POSSESSED MAN HEALED

5 Then “they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ²And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an “unclean spirit, ³who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I “implore You by God that You do not torment me.”

I LIVE WITH PEACE

Mark 4:35–41



Here, Mark wants us to see the divine power of Jesus. Even the weather must submit to His authority. Jesus spoke directly to the storm and calmed it. Notice what Christ commanded: “peace.” Storms, wind, and waves often represent chaos in the Bible. The point is this: If Christ can bring peace to the chaos of weather, how much more can He bring peace to the storms and chaos in your life? He sees. He knows. He cares. He acts. Ask the One who can speak peace into existence to calm whatever storm you face.

4:23 ^a Matt. 11:15; 13:9, 43

4:24 ^a Matt. 7:2

4:25 ^a Luke 8:18; 19:26

4:26 ^a [Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43]

4:27 ^a [2 Pet. 3:18]

4:28 ^a [John 12:24]

4:29 ^a Rev. 14:15

4:30 ^a Matt. 13:31, 32

4:33 ^a Matt. 13:34, 35

4:34 ^a Luke 24:27, 45

4:35 ^a Luke 8:22, 25

4:38 ^a [Matt. 23:8–10] ^b Ps. 44:23

4:39 ^a Luke 4:39 ^b Ps. 65:7; 89:9; 93:4;

104:6, 7

4:40 ^a Matt. 14:31, 32 ¹ NU-Text reads

Have you still no faith?

5:1 ^a Matt. 8:28–34 ¹ NU-Text reads

Gerasenes.

5:2 ^a Mark 1:23; 7:25

5:3 ¹ NU-Text adds *anymore*.

5:7 ^a Acts 19:13



I LIVE WITH FAITHFULNESS

Mark 5:25–34

In this account, we see how a woman who suffered for years believed that if she merely touched Jesus, she would be healed. This is a marvelous picture of faithfulness. It is a reminder of how we can find healing and rescue only in Christ. It reminds us of our need to look to Jesus for the solution to our every problem and difficulty. We know that other sources of refuge pale in comparison to what Christ offers. And so, we reach out our hands, believing that all we need is right there before us.

⁸For He said to him, **“Come out of the man, unclean spirit!”**

⁹Then He asked him, **“What is your name?”**

And he answered, saying, **“My name is Legion; for we are many.”**

¹⁰Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

¹¹Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹²So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” ¹³And at once Jesus’ gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴So those who fed the swine fled, and they told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed and had the legion, ^bsitting and ^cclothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷Then ^athey began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

¹⁸And when He got into the boat, ^ahe who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, **“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”** ²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all ^bmarveled.

A GIRL RESTORED TO LIFE AND A WOMAN HEALED

²¹Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. ²²And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet ²³and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and ^alay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” ²⁴So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

²⁵Now a certain woman ^ahad a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and ^a“touched His garment.” ²⁸For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

²⁹Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that ^a“power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, **“Who touched My clothes?”**

³¹But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, **“Who touched Me?”**”

³²And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

³³But the woman, ^afearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, **“Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”**

³⁵While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue’s *house* who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”

³⁶As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, **“Do not be afraid; only believe.”** ³⁷And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John

5:8 ^a Mark 1:25; 9:25

5:11 ^a Deut. 14:8

5:13 ¹ NU-Text reads *And He gave.*

5:15 ^a Matt. 4:24; 8:16 ^b Luke 10:39 ^c [Is.

61:10]

5:17 ^a Acts 16:39

5:18 ^a Luke 8:38, 39

5:20 ^a Ps. 66:16 ^b Matt. 9:8, 33

5:21 ^a Luke 8:40

5:22 ^a Matt. 9:18–26

5:23 ^a Acts 9:17; 28:8

5:25 ^a Lev. 15:19, 25

5:27 ^a Matt. 14:35, 36

5:30 ^a Luke 6:19; 8:46

5:33 ^a [Ps. 89:7]

5:34 ^a Matt. 9:22 ^b Luke 7:50; 8:48

5:35 ^a Luke 8:49

5:36 ^a [John 11:40]

the brother of James. ³⁸Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who ^awept and wailed loudly. ³⁹When He came in, He said to them, **“Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but ^asleeping.”**

⁴⁰And they ridiculed Him. ^aBut when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those *who were* with Him, and entered where the child was lying. ⁴¹Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, **“Talitha, cumi,”** which is translated, **“Little girl, I say to you, arise.”** ⁴²Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age*. And they were ^aovercome with great amazement. ⁴³But ^aHe commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

6 Then ^aHe went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ²And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were ^aastonished, saying, ^b“Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and ^abrother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they ^bwere offended at Him.

⁴But Jesus said to them, **“A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.”**

^{5a}Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. ⁶And ^aHe marveled because of their unbelief. ^bThen He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

SENDING OUT THE TWELVE

^{7a}And He called the twelve to *Himself*, and began to send them out ^btwo *by* two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ⁸He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in *their* money belts— ⁹but ^ato wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

^{10a}Also He said to them, **“In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. ^{11a}And whoever ^cwill not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, ^bshake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. ² Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”**

¹²So they went out and preached that *people* should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons, ^aand anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*.

JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHEADED

^{14a}Now King Herod heard *of Him*, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore ^bthese powers are at work in him.”

^{15a}Others said, “It is Elijah.”

And others said, “It is the Prophet, ^bor ^clike one of the prophets.”

^{16a}But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her.

¹⁸Because John had said to Herod, ^a“It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

¹⁹Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him,

I LIVE WITH SELF-CONTROL

Mark 6:16–24



As we pursue self-control, we must understand that not everyone will share the same convictions. John the Baptist experienced this when he called out Herod’s sin. He paid for that conviction with his life. Our culture tells us that to experience abundant life, we must remain true to ourselves. To be truly authentic, we should act on anything we feel like doing or that we feel is right. To live with self-control, however, means we discern which of our desires we should act on and which ones we should deny. Sometimes our hearts betray us. We must then prepare ourselves for any criticism or pushback we might receive.

5:38 ^a Acts 9:39

5:39 ^a John 11:4, 11

5:40 ^a Acts 9:40

5:42 ^a Mark 1:27; 7:37

5:43 ^a [Matt. 8:4; 12:16–19; 17:9]

6:1 ^a Matt. 13:54

6:2 ^a Matt. 7:28 ^b John 6:42

6:3 ^a Matt. 12:46 ^b [Matt. 11:6]

6:4 ^a John 4:44

6:5 ^a Gen. 19:22; 32:25

6:6 ^a Is. 59:16 ^b Matt. 9:35

6:7 ^a Mark 3:13, 14 ^b [Eccl. 4:9, 10]

6:9 ^a [Eph. 6:15]

6:10 ^a Matt. 10:11

6:11 ^a Matt. 10:14 ^b Acts 13:51; 18:6

¹ NU-Text reads *whatever* place.

² NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

6:13 ^a [James 5:14]

6:14 ^a Luke 9:7–9 ^b Luke 19:37

6:15 ^a Mark 8:28 ^b Matt. 21:11 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text omit or.

6:16 ^a Luke 3:19

6:18 ^a Lev. 18:16; 20:21

but she could not; ²⁰for Herod ^afeared John, knowing that he *was* a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

²¹Then an opportune day came when Herod ^bon his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief *men* of Galilee. ²²And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." ²³He also swore to her, ^a"Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

²⁵Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry; *yet*, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard *of it*, they came and ^atook away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

³⁰Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. ³¹And He said to them, **"Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."** For ^bthere were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. ³²So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

³³But the multitudes' saw them departing, and many ^aknew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. ³⁴And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like ^bsheep not having a shepherd. So ^cHe began to teach them many things. ³⁵When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour *is* late. ³⁶Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread;' for they have nothing to eat."

³⁷But He answered and said to them, **"You give them something to eat."**

And they said to Him, ^a"Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them *something* to eat?"

³⁸But He said to them, **"How many loaves do you have? Go and see."**

And when they found out they said, ^a"Five, and two fish."

³⁹Then He ^acommanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. ⁴¹And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He ^alooked up to heaven, ^bblessed and broke the loaves, and gave *them* to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among *them* all. ⁴²So they all ate and were filled. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. ⁴⁴Now those who had eaten the loaves were about' five thousand men.

JESUS WALKS ON THE SEA

⁴⁵Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the

6:20 ^a Matt. 14:5; 21:26

6:21 ^a Matt. 14:6 ^b Gen. 40:20

6:23 ^a Esth. 5:3, 6; 7:2

6:26 ^a Matt. 14:9

6:29 ^a 1 Kin. 13:29, 30

6:30 ^a Luke 9:10

6:31 ^a Matt. 14:13 ^b Mark 3:20

6:32 ^a Matt. 14:13–21

6:33 ^a [Col. 1:6] ¹ NU-Text and M-Text read *they*.

6:34 ^a Matt. 9:36; 14:14 ^b Num. 27:17 ^c Luke 9:11

6:35 ^a Matt. 14:15

6:36 ¹ NU-Text reads *something to eat* and omits the rest of this verse.

6:37 ^a 2 Kin. 4:43

6:38 ^a John 6:9

6:39 ^a Matt. 15:35

6:41 ^a John 11:41, 42 ^b Matt. 15:36; 26:26

6:44 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text omit *about*.

6:45 ^a John 6:15–21

multitude away.⁴⁶And when He had sent them away, He^a departed to the mountain to pray.⁴⁷Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He *was* alone on the land.⁴⁸Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and^a would have passed them by.⁴⁹And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a^a ghost, and cried out;⁵⁰for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, **“Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be^b afraid.”**⁵¹Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind^a ceased. And they were greatly^b amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.⁵²For^a they had not understood about the loaves, because their^b heart was hardened.

MANY TOUCH HIM AND ARE MADE WELL

^{53a}When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Genesaret and anchored there.⁵⁴And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him,⁵⁵ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was.⁵⁶Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that^a they might just touch the^b hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

DEFILEMENT COMES FROM WITHIN

7 Then^a the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.²Now when¹ they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with^a unwashed hands, they found fault.³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash^{their} hands in a special way, holding the^a tradition of the elders.⁴*When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

^{5a}Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

⁶He answered and said to them, **“Well did Isaiah prophesy of you^a hypocrites, as it is written:**

**^b“This people honors Me with *their* lips,
But their heart is far from Me.**

**7 And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.¹”**

⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men¹—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”

⁹He said to them, **“All *too* well^a you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.¹⁰For Moses said, “Honor your father and your mother;”¹ and, ^b“He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.”² But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban”—’ (that is, a gift to God),¹² then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,¹³ making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”**

^{14a}When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, **“Hear Me, everyone, and^b understand:¹⁵ There is nothing that**

I LIVE WITH LOVE

Mark 7:5–8



Few things angered Jesus more than legalism and choosing religiosity over loving God. External religion by itself had no place with Him. Here, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for elevating human traditions of ritual purity over loving and obeying God. Think of how easily someone can appear righteous and godly on the outside while inwardly loving only themselves. The prophets railed against this idea in the Old Testament, as did Jesus in the Gospels. Living with love means having our hearts aligned with God and our motivations set on caring for others. How might you be loving from an outward perspective rather than from the heart? Love in the way of Jesus instead.

6:46 ^a Luke 5:16

6:48 ^a Luke 24:28

6:49 ^a Matt. 14:26

6:50 ^a Matt. 9:2 ^b Is. 41:10

6:51 ^a Ps. 107:29 ^b Mark 1:27; 2:12; 5:42;

7:37

6:52 ^a Mark 8:17, 18 ^b Mark 3:5; 16:14

6:53 ^a Matt. 14:34–36

6:56 ^a Matt. 9:20 ^b Num. 15:38, 39

7:1 ^a Matt. 15:1–20

7:2 ^a Matt. 15:20 ¹ NU-Text omits *when* and *they found fault*.

7:3 ^a Gal. 1:14

7:5 ^a Matt. 15:2

7:6 ^a Matt. 23:13–29 ^b Is. 29:13

7:7 ¹ Isaiah 29:13

7:8 ¹ NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

7:9 ^a Prov. 1:25

7:10 ^a Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 ^b Ex. 21:17

¹ Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16

² Exodus 21:17

7:11 ^a Matt. 15:5; 23:18

7:14 ^a Matt. 15:10 ^b Matt. 16:9, 11, 12

enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that “defile a man. ¹⁶“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”¹⁷

¹⁷“When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?”²⁰ And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²²thefts, covetousness, wickedness, ²³deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

A GENTILE SHOWS HER FAITH

²⁴From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

²⁸And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”

³⁰And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

JESUS HEALS A DEAF-MUTE

³¹Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. ³²Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. ³³And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

³⁵Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

FEEDING THE FOUR THOUSAND

8 In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.”

⁴Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”

⁵He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.”

⁶So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and

7:15 ^a Is. 59:3
 7:16 ^a Matt. 11:15 ¹ NU-Text omits this verse.
 7:17 ^a Matt. 15:15
 7:18 ^a [Heb. 5:11–14]
 7:19 ¹ NU-Text ends quotation with *eliminated*, setting off the final clause as Mark’s comment that Jesus has declared all foods clean.
 7:20 ^a Ps. 39:1
 7:21 ^a Gen. 6:5; 8:21 ^b [Gal. 5:19–21] ^c 2 Pet. 2:14 ^d 1 Thess. 4:3
 7:22 ^a Luke 12:15 ^b Rom. 1:28, 29 ^c 1 Pet. 4:3 ^d Rev. 2:9 ^e 1 John 2:16
 7:24 ^a Matt. 15:21 ^b Mark 2:1, 2 ¹ NU-Text omits *and Sidon*.
 7:25 ^a John 11:32
 7:31 ^a Matt. 15:29
 7:32 ^a Luke 11:14
 7:33 ^a Mark 8:23
 7:34 ^a Mark 6:41 ^b John 11:33, 38
 7:35 ^a Is. 35:5, 6
 7:36 ^a Mark 5:43
 7:37 ^a Mark 6:51; 10:26 ^b Matt. 12:22
 8:1 ^a Matt. 15:32–39
 8:2 ^a Mark 1:41; 6:34
 8:5 ^a Mark 6:38

gave *them* to His disciples to set before *them*; and they set *them* before the multitude. ⁷They also had a few small fish; and ⁸having blessed them, He said to set them also before *them*. ⁹So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. ¹⁰Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, ¹¹immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

THE PHARISEES SEEK A SIGN

¹²Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. ¹³But He ¹⁴sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, **“Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, ¹⁵no sign shall be given to this generation.”**

BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND HEROD

¹⁶And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. ¹⁷Now the disciples ¹⁸had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁹Then He charged them, saying, **“Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”**

²⁰And they reasoned among themselves, saying, **“It is because we have no bread.”**

²¹But Jesus, being aware of *it*, said to them, **“Why do you reason because you have no bread? ²²Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? ²³Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? ²⁴When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?”**

They said to Him, **“Twelve.”**

²⁵Also, ²⁶when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?”

And they said, **“Seven.”**

²⁷So He said to them, **“How is it ²⁸you do not understand?”**

A BLIND MAN HEALED AT BETHSAIDA

²⁹Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a ³⁰blind man to Him, and begged Him to ³¹touch him. ³²So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when ³³He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

³⁴And he looked up and said, **“I see men like trees, walking.”**

³⁵Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ³⁶Then He sent him away to his house, saying, **“Neither go into the town, ³⁷nor tell anyone in the town.”**

PETER CONFESSES JESUS AS THE CHRIST

³⁸Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, **“Who do men say that I am?”**

³⁹So they answered, **“John the Baptist; but some say, ⁴⁰Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”**

⁴¹He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”**

Peter answered and said to Him, **“You are the Christ.”**

⁴²Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

⁴³And ⁴⁴He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be ⁴⁵rejected by the elders and chief priests and

I LIVE WITH PATIENCE

Mark 8:22–26



The healing of the blind man came in two separate stages. First, the man could see, but everything was blurry and unclear. Then, Jesus placed His hands on the man's eyes again, and he could see clearly. What can we learn from this? First, that Jesus deals with each of us somewhat differently. He is a personal God and knows exactly what we need, when we need it, in the way we need it. Second, that Jesus' work is not always instant. Sometimes we must wait patiently as He begins something that will take time to complete.

8:7 ^a Matt. 14:19

8:10 ^a Matt. 15:39

8:11 ^a Matt. 12:38; 16:1

8:12 ^a Mark 7:34 ^b Matt. 12:39

8:14 ^a Matt. 16:5 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text read *they*.

8:15 ^a Luke 12:1

8:17 ^a Mark 6:52; 16:14 ¹ NU-Text omits *still*.

8:19 ^a Matt. 14:20

8:20 ^a Matt. 15:37

8:21 ^a [Mark 6:52]

8:22 ^a John 9:1 ^b Luke 18:15

8:23 ^a Mark 7:33

8:26 ^a Mark 5:43; 7:36 ¹ NU-Text reads *“Do not even go into the town.”*

8:27 ^a Luke 9:18–20

8:28 ^a Matt. 14:2 ^b Luke 9:7, 8

8:29 ^a John 1:41; 4:42; 6:69; 11:27

8:30 ^a Matt. 8:4; 16:20

8:31 ^a Matt. 16:21; 20:19 ^b Mark 10:33

scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, **“Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”**

TAKE UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW HIM

³⁴When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, **“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”**

9 And He said to them, **“Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”**

JESUS TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNT

²Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”— because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

⁷And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!”

⁸Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

⁹Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

¹¹And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

¹²Then He answered and told them, **“Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him.”**

A BOY IS HEALED

¹⁴And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. ¹⁶And He asked the scribes, **“What are you discussing with them?”**

¹⁷Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

¹⁹He answered him and said, **“O faithless generation, how long**

8:31 ^c Mark 9:31; 10:34
 8:33 ^a [Rev. 3:19]
 8:34 ^a Luke 14:27
 8:35 ^a John 12:25
 8:38 ^a Matt. 10:33 ^b 2 Tim. 1:8, 9; 2:12
 9:1 ^a Luke 9:27 ^b [Matt. 24:30]
 9:2 ^a Matt. 17:1–8
 9:3 ^a Dan. 7:9
 9:7 ^a Ex. 40:34 ^b Mark 1:11 ^c Acts 3:22
 9:9 ^a Matt. 17:9–13
 9:10 ^a John 2:19–22
 9:11 ^a Mal. 4:5
 9:12 ^a Is. 53:3 ^b Phil. 2:7
 9:13 ^a Luke 1:17
 9:14 ^a Matt. 17:14–19
 9:17 ^a Luke 9:38
 9:19 ^a John 4:48

shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.”²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And ^awhen he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?”

And he said, “From childhood.”²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe,¹ all things are possible to him who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; ^ahelp my unbelief!”

²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He ^arebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

²⁹ So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”¹

JESUS AGAIN PREDICTS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

³⁰ Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.³¹ For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will ^bkill Him. And after He is killed, He will ^crise the third day.”³² But they ^adid not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

³³ Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?”³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the road they had ^adisputed among themselves who would be the ^bgreatest.³⁵ And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then ^aHe took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them,³⁷ “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and ^awhoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

JESUS FORBIDS SECTARIANISM

³⁸ Now John answered Him, saying, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.”

³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, ^afor no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.⁴⁰ For ^ahe who is not against us is on our¹ side.⁴¹ For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

JESUS WARNS OF OFFENSES

⁴² “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung

I LIVE WITH HOSPITALITY

Mark 9:33–37



The world’s idea of greatness and Jesus’ idea of greatness cannot stand farther apart. While the world obsesses over power, wealth, and status, Jesus said true greatness comes from doing menial things. In this case, that would be receiving little children, who had little social status in His day. To receive them meant to welcome them and care for them. This is the true spirit behind hospitality—a desire to receive and welcome. By simply opening our homes, we can provide a place of welcome and glad reception. We can show others a way to live that is contrary to the world’s way.

9:20 ^a Mark 1:26

9:23 ^a John 11:40 ¹ NU-Text reads “If You can! All things . . .”

9:24 ^a Luke 17:5

9:25 ^a Mark 1:25

9:28 ^a Matt. 17:19

9:29 ^a [James 5:16] ¹ NU-Text omits and fasting.

9:31 ^a Luke 9:44 ^b Matt. 16:21; 27:50 ^c 1 Cor. 15:4

9:32 ^a Luke 2:50; 18:34

9:33 ^a Matt. 18:1–5

9:34 ^a [Prov. 13:10] ^b Luke 22:24; 23:46; 24:46

9:35 ^a Luke 22:26, 27

9:36 ^a Mark 10:13–16

9:37 ^a Matt. 10:40

9:38 ^a Num. 11:27–29

9:39 ^a 1 Cor. 12:3

9:40 ^a [Matt. 12:30] ¹ M-Text reads against you is on your side.

9:41 ^a Matt. 10:42

9:42 ^a Luke 17:1, 2

around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. ^{43a}If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— ⁴⁴where

^a“Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.”ⁱ

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— ⁴⁶where

^a“Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.”ⁱ

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— ⁴⁸where

^a“Their worm does not die
And the ^bfire is not quenched.”ⁱ

TASTELESS SALT IS WORTHLESS

⁴⁹“For everyone will be ^aseasoned with fire,ⁱ ^band every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ^{50a}Salt *is* good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? ^bHave salt in yourselves, and ^chave peace with one another.”

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

10 Then ^aHe arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

^{2a}The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?” testing Him.

³And He answered and said to them, “**What did Moses command you?**”

⁴They said, “*Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.*”

⁵And Jesus answered and said to them, “**Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.** ⁶But from the beginning of the creation, God ^a“made them male and female.”^{7a}For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one fleshⁱ; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter*. ¹¹So He said to them, **“Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”**

JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN

^{13a}Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, **“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for ^aof such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Assuredly, I say to you, ^awhoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will ^bby no means enter it.”** ¹⁶And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

9:43 ^a Matt. 5:29, 30; 18:8, 9

9:44 ^a Is. 66:24 ⁱ NU-Text omits this verse.

9:46 ^a Is. 66:24 ⁱ NU-Text omits the last clause of verse 45 and all of verse 46.

9:48 ^a Is. 66:24 ^b Jer. 7:20 ⁱ Isaiah 66:24

9:49 ^a [Matt. 3:11] ^b Lev. 2:13 ⁱ NU-Text omits the rest of this verse.

9:50 ^a Matt. 5:13 ^b Col. 4:6 ^c Rom.

12:18; 14:19

10:1 ^a Matt. 19:1–9

10:2 ^a Matt. 19:3

10:4 ^a Deut. 24:1–4

10:6 ^a Gen. 1:27; 5:2 ⁱ Genesis 1:27; 5:2

10:7 ^a Gen. 2:24

10:8 ⁱ Genesis 2:24

10:11 ^a [Matt. 5:32; 19:9]

10:13 ^a Luke 18:15–17

10:14 ^a [1 Pet. 2:2]

10:15 ^a Matt. 18:3, 4; 19:14 ^b Luke 13:28

JESUS COUNSELS THE RICH YOUNG RULER

¹⁷Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I ^bdo that I may inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, *that is*, “God. ¹⁹You know the commandments: “Do not commit adultery; ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”

²⁰And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have ^akept from my youth.”

²¹Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, ^asell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have ^btreasure in heaven; and come, ^ctake up the cross, and follow Me.”

²²But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those ^a‘who trust in riches’ to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a ^arich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?”

10:17 ^a Matt. 19:16–30 ^b John 6:28

10:18 ^a 1 Sam. 2:2

10:19 ^a Ex. 20:12–16; Deut. 5:16–20

¹ Exodus 20:12–16; Deuteronomy 5:16–20

10:20 ^a Phil. 3:6

10:21 ^a [Luke 12:33; 16:9] ^b Matt. 6:19, 20; 19:21 ^c [Mark 8:34]

10:23 ^a Matt. 19:23

10:24 ^a [1 Tim. 6:17] ¹ NU-Text omits for those who trust in riches.

10:25 ^a [Matt. 13:22; 19:24]

PART 2 OF 4

AGE AND MY IDENTITY

Let the Little Children Come

Our age is one key part of our identity because it affects our physical bodies, our relationships, our abilities, and more. However, if our sense of self-worth is tied too tightly to our age and not primarily to Christ, then we can begin to feel insecure about our identity. When this happens, we tend to compare ourselves to others, perhaps putting others down to feel better about ourselves.

In Mark 10, we see Jesus’ disciples fall into this trap. Their rebuke of the people bringing little children to Jesus revealed that they believed that adults are of greater worth than little children and that Jesus’ time would be better spent elsewhere. Many Christians subtly believe the same lie that adults are more important than children. We can see this by the way teaching adult Bible studies is often valued more than teaching in the children’s classrooms and how leading worship for adults is seen as more prestigious than leading worship for children.

Just because adults have more knowledge and experience does not make them any more valuable than children or teenagers. Children and teens have just as much ability as adults to repent of sin and believe the gospel, worship God, tell others the Good News, and play an important role in God’s kingdom. If we find any pride within us that makes us think that children are less valuable, we must repent and work to follow Jesus’ instruction to “let the little children come” to Him (Mark 10:14).

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I REFLECT

Mark 10:35–45

If we think Christianity is about gaining power and status, we need to look deeper. Jesus, who had all power and authority, showed us that the path of true greatness is one of humility and service. This is what it means for us to reflect Jesus to the world. This does not mean we should not seek high positions or that ambition is wrong. Rather, it means we serve others and do good with whatever power or influence we have. It means we lose so that others might win. How the world needs to see this!

²⁷But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men *it is impossible, but not* ^awith God; for with God all things are possible.”

²⁸^aThen Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

²⁹So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife^c or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, ³⁰^awho shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with ^bpersecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹^aBut many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”

JESUS A THIRD TIME PREDICTS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

³²^aNow they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. ^bThen He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: ³³^a“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; ³⁴^aand they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

GREATNESS IS SERVING

³⁵^aThen James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

³⁷They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the ^ccup that I drink, and be baptized with the ^bbaptism that I am baptized with?”

³⁹They said to Him, “We are able.”

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰^bbut to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* ^afor whom it is prepared.”

⁴¹^aAnd when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴²But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³^aYet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even ^athe Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and ^bto give His life a ransom for many.”

JESUS HEALS BLIND BARTIMAEUS

⁴⁶^aNow they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, ^aSon of David, ^bhave mercy on me!”

⁴⁸Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

10:27 ^a Jer. 32:1710:28 ^a Luke 18:2810:29 ¹ NU-Text omits *or wife*.10:30 ^a Luke 18:29, 30 ^b [1 Pet. 4:12, 13]10:31 ^a Luke 13:3010:32 ^a Matt. 20:17–19 ^b Mark 8:31; 9:3110:35 ^a [James 4:3]10:38 ^a John 18:11 ^b Luke 12:5010:39 ^a Acts 12:210:40 ^a [Heb. 11:16]10:41 ^a Matt. 20:2410:42 ^a Luke 22:2510:43 ^a Mark 9:3510:45 ^a [Phil. 2:7, 8] ^b [Titus 2:14]10:46 ^a Luke 18:35–4310:47 ^a Rev. 22:16 ^b Matt. 15:22

⁵⁰And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

⁵¹So Jesus answered and said to him, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”**

The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

⁵²Then Jesus said to him, **“Go your way; ^ayour faith has made you well.”** And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

11 Now ^awhen they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage¹ and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ²and He said to them, **“Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.”**

⁴So they went their way, and found the¹ colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?”

⁶And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ^{8^a}And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna!

^aBlessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!¹

¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord!

^aHosanna in the highest!”

^{11^a}And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THE FIG TREE WITHERED

^{12^a}Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. ^{13^a}And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴In response Jesus said to it, **“Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.”**

And His disciples heard it.

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

^{15^a}So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold ^bdoves. ¹⁶And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. ¹⁷Then He taught, saying to them, **“Is it not written, ^a‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?’¹ But you have made it a ^b‘den of thieves.’”²**

¹⁸And ^athe scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because ^ball the people were astonished at His teaching. ¹⁹When evening had come, He went out of the city.

10:52 ^a Matt. 9:22

11:1 ^a Matt. 21:1–9 ¹ M-Text reads *Bethphage*.

11:4 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text read *a*.

11:8 ^a Matt. 21:8

11:9 ^a Ps. 118:25, 26 ¹ Psalm 118:26

11:10 ^a Ps. 148:1 ¹ NU-Text omits *in the name of the Lord*.

11:11 ^a Matt. 21:12

11:12 ^a Matt. 21:18–22

11:13 ^a Matt. 21:19

11:15 ^a John 2:13–16 ^b Lev. 14:22

11:17 ^a Is. 56:7 ^b Jer. 7:11 ¹ Isaiah 56:7

² Jeremiah 7:11

11:18 ^a Matt. 21:45, 46 ^b Matt. 7:28



I LIVE WITH FORGIVENESS

Mark 11:25–26

Here, Jesus shows us the intimate connection between loving others and loving God. We cannot separate the two into distinct categories. The scene here involved someone praying to God and remembering a grudge they had with someone else. What should they do? Simply continue in prayer? No.

We cannot ignore the effect that unforgiveness has on our relationship with the Lord. If we are harboring unforgiveness, we should go forgive our brother or sister. To live with forgiveness is more than just forgiving wrongs being done to us; it is also looking proactively for opportunities to restore.

THE LESSON OF THE WITHERED FIG TREE

²⁰Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.”

²²So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. ²³For ‘assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴Therefore I say to you, ‘whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.’”

FORGIVENESS AND PRAYER

²⁵“And whenever you stand praying, ‘if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶But ‘if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.’”

JESUS’ AUTHORITY QUESTIONED

²⁷Then they came again to Jerusalem. ‘And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. ²⁸And they said to Him, “By what ‘authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?’”

²⁹But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: ³⁰The ‘baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.”

³¹And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ³²But if we say, ‘From men’”—they feared the people, for ‘all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. ³³So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.”

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED VINEDRESSERS

12 Then ‘He began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around *it*, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ²Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. ³And they took *him* and beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. ⁴Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones,¹ wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully treated. ⁵And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, ‘beating some and killing some. ⁶Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷But those vinedressers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸So they took him and ‘killed *him* and cast *him* out of the vineyard.

⁹“Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not even read this Scripture:

“The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.

¹¹ This was the LORD’s doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes?”¹²

11:20 ^a Matt. 21:19–22

11:23 ^a Matt. 17:20; 21:21

11:24 ^a Matt. 7:7

11:25 ^a [Col. 3:13]

11:26 ^a Matt. 6:15; 18:35 ¹ NU-Text omits this verse.

11:27 ^a Luke 20:1–8

11:28 ^a John 5:27

11:30 ^a Luke 7:29, 30

11:32 ^a Matt. 3:5; 14:5

12:1 ^a Luke 20:9–19

12:4 ¹ NU-Text omits and at him they threw stones.

12:5 ^a 2 Chr. 36:16

12:8 ^a [Acts 2:23]

12:10 ^a Ps. 118:22, 23

12:11 ¹ Psalm 118:22, 23

^{12a}And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

THE PHARISEES: IS IT LAWFUL TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR?

^{13a}Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in *His* words. ¹⁴When they had come, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? ¹⁵Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?”

But He, knowing their ^ahypocrisy, said to them, “**Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it.**” ¹⁶So they brought it.

And He said to them, “**Whose image and inscription is this?**” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

¹⁷And Jesus answered and said to them, “**Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**”

And they marveled at Him.

THE SADDUCEES: WHAT ABOUT THE RESURRECTION?

^{18a}Then *some* Sadducees, ^bwho say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying: ¹⁹“Teacher, ^aMoses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, and leaves *his* wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. ²¹And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. ²²So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. ²³Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife.”

²⁴Jesus answered and said to them, “**Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?** ²⁵For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but ^aare like angels in heaven. ²⁶But concerning the dead, that they ^arise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *burning bush passage*, how God spoke to him, saying, ^b‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ ²⁷He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken.”

THE SCRIBES: WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF ALL?

^{28a}Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”

²⁹Jesus answered him, “**The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.** ³⁰And you shall ^alove the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ¹This is the first commandment. ²³¹And the second, like it, is this: ^a“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹There is no other commandment greater than ^bthese.”

³²So the scribe said to Him, “*Well said, Teacher.* You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, ^aand there is no other but He. ³³And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, ¹and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, ^ais more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

I LIVE WITH LOVE

Mark 12:28–31



We may wonder why this scribe needed to ask Jesus this question. Did he not know the most important of the commandments? Likely not, as some debate existed among the scribes and Pharisees as to which law ranked above all others. Notice that in answering, Jesus gave him not one command but two. The laws of loving God and loving people stood above all others in importance. Nothing, then, should capture our attention and imagination like loving God and loving people. Living with love in this way leads to a life that honors God and is filled with joy.

12:12 ^a John 7:25, 30, 44

12:13 ^a Luke 20:20–26

12:14 ^a Acts 18:26

12:15 ^a Luke 12:1

12:17 ^a [Eccl. 5:4, 5]

12:18 ^a Luke 20:27–38 ^b Acts 23:8

12:19 ^a Deut. 25:5

12:25 ^a [1 Cor. 15:42, 49, 52]

12:26 ^a [Rev. 20:12, 13] ^b Ex. 3:6, 15

¹ Exodus 3:6, 15

12:28 ^a Matt. 22:34–40 ¹ NU-Text reads *seeing*.

12:29 ^a Deut. 6:4, 5

12:30 ^a [Deut. 10:12; 30:6]

¹ Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 ² NU-Text omits this sentence.

12:31 ^a Lev. 19:18 ^b [Rom. 13:9]

¹ Leviticus 19:18

12:32 ^a Deut. 4:39

12:33 ^a [Hos. 6:6] ¹ NU-Text omits *with all the soul*.

PART 6 OF 6

GENDER AND MY IDENTITY

The Sin of Sexism

As both male and female genders are created in the image of God (see Gen. 1:27), both genders are valued equally by God and necessary for human flourishing. It is good and right for us to be thankful for our God-given gender, as it is a core part of our identity. However, sin can twist this feeling of thankfulness and pride into a sinful prejudice against those of the opposite gender, which is called *sexism*.

Sexism can be individualistic or systemic. Individual sexism is when a person puts down, denigrates, or unfairly treats someone of the opposite gender. These attitudes and behaviors are sinful because they go against the command to love our neighbors as ourselves (see Mark 12:31; John 13:34–35) and the command to consider others better than ourselves (see Phil. 2:3). Systemic sexism occurs when individual sexism within a group of people formalizes into structures and systems where one gender is favored over another. Examples of systemic sexism include governments that deny one gender a right that is granted to the opposite gender (such as previously in the United States when women were not allowed to vote) or companies that pay one gender more than another for the same role and responsibilities. Such practices are to be rejected because they are unjust and go against the character of God, who is just and calls His people to justice (see Deut. 32:4; Amos 5:24).

While sexism occurs toward both men and women, most sexism throughout history—and even today—has been toward women. The Bible stands in contrast to this pattern, consistently upholding the equal value and dignity of men and women and frequently showing how women are an equal partner with men in participation in the church and the expansion of God's kingdom.

Both men and women are created by God in His image (see Gen. 1:27) and have equal value and dignity. When God instructed the Israelites on how to live holy lives that were set apart from the nations, He included laws that protected and elevated the status of women in contrast to many other cultures of that time. For example, while other nations often took foreign women as sexual slaves, God commanded His people to marry captive foreign women and grant them the full legal rights as Israelite wives (see Deut. 21:10–15).

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus treated women with respect and included them in His life and ministry (see Matt. 9:18–20; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 7:36–50). All Christian men and women are equally indwelt by God the Holy Spirit when they trust in Christ for salvation (see Acts 2:17–18). From the earliest days of the church, men and women were baptized and made full members of the church. Women would prophesy (see Acts 21:9; 1 Cor. 11:1–5), teach (see Titus 2:3), and possibly serve as deacons (see Rom. 16:1; 1 Tim. 3:11). Women were so vital in the early church that to prevent the spread of the gospel, Saul persecuted both men and women (see Acts 9:1–2).

This brief survey of the Scriptures shows that the individual and systemic sexism toward women that has occurred throughout history is not part of the heart or character of God and is, in fact, sinful. Christian men and women should repent of individual sexism and work toward justice and an end to any and all systemic sexism.

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³⁴Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

^aBut after that no one dared question Him.

JESUS: HOW CAN DAVID CALL HIS DESCENDANT “LORD”?

³⁵^aThen Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David?”

³⁶For David himself said ^aby the Holy Spirit:

^b“The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ^c”

³⁷Therefore David himself calls Him ‘Lord’; how is He *then* his “Son?”
And the common people heard Him gladly.

BEWARE OF THE SCRIBES

³⁸Then ^aHe said to them in His teaching, ^b“Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, ^clove greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹the ^abest seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, ⁴⁰^awho devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

THE WIDOW’S TWO MITES

⁴¹^aNow Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money ^binto the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴²Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, ^cwhich make a quadrans. ⁴³So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that ^athis poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, ^aher whole livelihood.”

JESUS PREDICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

13 Then ^aas He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*”

²And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? ^aNot *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND THE END OF THE AGE

³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, ^aPeter, ^bJames, ^cJohn, and ^dAndrew asked Him privately, ^{4a}“Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”

⁵And Jesus, answering them, began to say: ^a“Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. ⁷But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and ^akingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. ^bThese *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

⁹“But ^awatch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought ^abefore rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰And ^athe gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹^aBut when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry

12:34 ^a Matt. 22:46

12:35 ^a Luke 20:41–44

12:36 ^a 2 Sam. 23:2 ^b Ps. 110:1 ^c Psalm 110:1

12:37 ^a [Acts 2:29–31]

12:38 ^a Mark 4:2 ^b Matt. 23:1–7 ^c Matt. 23:7

12:39 ^a Luke 14:7

12:40 ^a Matt. 23:14

12:41 ^a Luke 21:1–4 ^b 2 Kin. 12:9

12:42 ^a Greek *lepta*, very small copper coins worth a fraction of a penny

12:43 ^a [2 Cor. 8:12]

12:44 ^a Deut. 24:6

13:1 ^a Luke 21:5–36

13:2 ^a Luke 19:44

13:3 ^a Matt. 16:18 ^b Mark 1:19 ^c Mark 1:19 ^d John 1:40

13:4 ^a Matt. 24:3

13:5 ^a Eph. 5:6

13:8 ^a Hag. 2:22 ^b Matt. 24:8 ^c NU-Text omits *and troubles*.

13:9 ^a Matt. 10:17, 18; 24:9 ^b NU-Text and M-Text read *will stand*.

13:10 ^a Matt. 24:14

13:11 ^a Luke 12:11; 21:12–17



I WILL BE GLORIFIED

Mark 13:24–27

No one knows when Jesus will return. Because of this, He calls us to be ready and remain awake as we wait.

When He does return, whenever that might be, He will finally put things right. On that day, people will respond to Him in one of two ways: dread or worship. Those who have rejected Him will lament His arrival. Those who love Him in this life, though, will welcome His return with rejoicing. As Christ gathers us to Himself and we worship Him together, we will experience the glory that we have longed for since the day we were saved.

beforehand, or premeditate' what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, ^bbut the Holy Spirit. ¹²Now ^abrother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But ^bhe who endures to the end shall be saved.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

¹⁴“So when you see the ^b‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, ²standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then ^clet those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. ²⁰And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

²¹“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe it. ²²For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and ^awonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³But ^ctake heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be ^ashaken. ²⁶Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

²⁸“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it' is near—at the doors! ³⁰Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but ^aMy words will by no means pass away.

NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY OR HOUR

³²“But of that day and hour ^ano one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the ^bFather. ³³Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. ³⁴*It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave ^bauthority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ³⁵Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—³⁶lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. ³⁷And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS

14 After ^atwo days it was the Passover and ^bthe Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put *Him* to death. ²But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people.”

13:11 ^b Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31 ¹ NU-Text omits or premeditate.

13:12 ^a Mic. 7:6

13:13 ^a Luke 21:17 ^b Matt. 10:22; 24:13

13:14 ^a Matt. 24:15 ^b Dan. 9:27; 11:31;

12:11 ^c Luke 21:21 ¹ Daniel 11:31; 12:11

² NU-Text omits spoken of by Daniel the prophet.

13:17 ^a Luke 21:23

13:19 ^a Dan. 9:26; 12:1

13:21 ^a Luke 17:23; 21:8

13:22 ^a Rev. 13:13, 14

13:23 ^a [2 Pet. 3:17]

13:24 ^a Zeph. 1:15

13:25 ^a Is. 13:10; 34:4

13:26 ^a [Dan. 7:13, 14]

13:28 ^a Luke 21:29

13:29 ¹ Or He

13:31 ^a Is. 40:8

13:32 ^a Matt. 25:13 ^b Acts 1:7

13:33 ^a 1 Thess. 5:6

13:34 ^a Matt. 24:45; 25:14 ^b [Matt. 16:19]

13:35 ^a Matt. 24:42, 44

14:1 ^a Luke 22:1, 2 ^b Ex. 12:1–27

THE ANOINTING AT BETHANY

^{3a}And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head. ⁴But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? ⁵For it might have been sold for more than three hundred ^adenarii and given to the poor.” And they ^bcriticized her sharply.

⁶But Jesus said, “**Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me.** ^{7a}For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; ^bbut Me you do not have always. ⁸She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is “preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

^{10a}Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. ¹¹And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

JESUS CELEBRATES THE PASSOVER WITH HIS DISCIPLES

^{12a}Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover *lamb*, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?”

¹³And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, “**Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.** ¹⁴Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, “The Teacher says, “Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ ¹⁵Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us.”

¹⁶So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

^{17a}In the evening He came with the twelve. ¹⁸Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, “**Assuredly, I say to you, “one of you who eats with Me will betray Me.”**

¹⁹And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, “Is it I?” And another *said*, “Is it I?”

²⁰He answered and said to them, “***It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish.*** ^{21a}The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born.”

JESUS INSTITUTES THE LORD’S SUPPER

^{22a}And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, “**Take, eat; this is My ^bbody.**”

²³Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴And He said to them, “**This is My blood of the new¹ covenant, which is shed for many.** ²⁵Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

^{26a}And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

JESUS PREDICTS PETER’S DENIAL

^{27a}Then Jesus said to them, “**All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night; for it is written:**

I WORSHIP

Mark 14:3–9



When love for Jesus truly sinks into your heart, you will give and do anything for Him. Here, this woman shows what true devotion looks like. She knew she had found a treasure far more valuable than her expensive oil. Jesus was greater. He was better. He was more precious to her. This is the heart of true worship. It is when we bring everything we own and all we are to Jesus and declare, “You are better!” What are you holding on to that you still believe is more precious than Jesus?

14:3 ^a Luke 7:37

14:5 ^a Matt. 18:28 ^b John 6:61

14:7 ^a Deut. 15:11 ^b [John 7:33; 8:21; 14:2, 12; 16:10, 17, 28]

14:9 ^a Luke 24:47

14:10 ^a Matt. 10:2–4

14:12 ^a Matt. 26:17–19

14:17 ^a Matt. 26:20–24

14:18 ^a John 6:70, 71; 13:18

14:19 ¹ NU-Text omits this sentence.

14:21 ^a Luke 22:22

14:22 ^a 1 Cor. 11:23–25 ^b [1 Pet. 2:24]

¹ NU-Text omits *eat*.

14:24 ¹ NU-Text omits *new*.

14:26 ^a Matt. 26:30

14:27 ^a Matt. 26:31–35 ¹ NU-Text omits *because of Me this night*.

^b“I will strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep will be scattered.”²

²⁸“But *“after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”*

²⁹“Peter said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I *will not be.*”

³⁰Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that today, *even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.*”

³¹But he spoke more vehemently, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”

And they all said likewise.

THE PRAYER IN THE GARDEN

³²Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “*Sit here while I pray.*” ³³And He *“took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.* ³⁴Then He said to them, “*My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.*”

³⁵He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶And He said, “*Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.*”

³⁷Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “*Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*”

³⁹Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. ⁴⁰And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

⁴¹Then He came the third time and said to them, “*Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.*”

BETRAYAL AND ARREST IN GETHSEMANE

⁴³And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I *“kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely.”*

⁴⁵As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

⁴⁶Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him. ⁴⁷And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁴⁸Then Jesus answered and said to them, “*Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.*”

⁵⁰Then they all forsook Him and fled.

A YOUNG MAN FLEES NAKED

⁵¹Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his naked body.* And the young men laid hold of him, ⁵²and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

JESUS FACES THE SANHEDRIN

⁵³And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were *“assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.* ⁵⁴But

14:27 ^b Zech. 13:7 ² Zechariah 13:7

14:28 ^a Mark 16:7

14:29 ^a John 13:37, 38

14:32 ^a Luke 22:40–46

14:33 ^a Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3

14:34 ^a John 12:27

14:36 ^a Gal. 4:6 ^b [Heb. 5:7] ^c John 5:30; 6:38

14:38 ^a Luke 21:36 ^b [Rom. 7:18, 21–24]

14:41 ^a John 13:1; 17:1

14:42 ^a John 13:21; 18:1, 2

14:43 ^a Luke 22:47–53

14:44 ^a [Prov. 27:6]

14:48 ^a Matt. 26:55

14:49 ^a Matt. 21:23 ^b Is. 53:7

14:50 ^a Ps. 88:8

14:53 ^a Matt. 26:57–68 ^b Mark 15:1

^c John 7:32; 18:3; 19:6

^aPeter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.

^{55a}Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. ⁵⁶For many bore ^afalse witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

⁵⁷Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard Him say, ^a‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.’” ⁵⁹But not even then did their testimony agree.

^{60a}And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?” ⁶¹But ^aHe kept silent and answered nothing.

^bAgain the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

⁶²Jesus said, **“I am. ^aAnd you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”**

⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “What further need do we have of witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard the ^ablasphemy! What do you think?”

And they all condemned Him to be deserving of ^bdeath.

⁶⁵Then some began to ^aspit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, “Prophecy!” And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.¹

PETER DENIES JESUS, AND WEEPS

^{66a}Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. ⁶⁷And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with ^aJesus of Nazareth.”

⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

^{69a}And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, “This is *one* of them.” ⁷⁰But he denied it again.

^aAnd a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, “Surely you are *one* of them; ^bfor you are a Galilean, and your speech shows *it*.”¹

⁷¹Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!”

^{72a}A second time *the* rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, **“Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”** And when he thought about it, he wept.

JESUS FACES PILATE

15 Immediately, ^ain the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led *Him* away, and ^bdelivered *Him* to Pilate.

^{2a}Then Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

He answered and said to him, **“*It is as you say.*”**

³And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He ^aanswered nothing. ^{4a}Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!”¹ ^{5a}But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

TAKING THE PLACE OF BARABBAS

⁶Now ^aat the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. ⁷And there was one named Barabbas, *who was* chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. ⁸Then the multitude, crying aloud,¹ began to ask *him to do* just as he had always done for them. ⁹But Pilate

14:54 ^a John 18:15

14:55 ^a Matt. 26:59

14:56 ^a Ex. 20:16

14:58 ^a John 2:19

14:60 ^a Matt. 26:62

14:61 ^a Is. 53:7 ^b Luke 22:67–71

14:62 ^a Luke 22:69

14:64 ^a John 10:33, 36 ^b John 19:7

14:65 ^a Is. 50:6; 52:14 ¹ NU-Text reads

received Him with slaps.

14:66 ^a John 18:16–18, 25–27

14:67 ^a John 1:45

14:69 ^a Matt. 26:71

14:70 ^a Luke 22:59 ^b Acts 2:7 ¹ NU-Text

omits and your speech shows it.

14:72 ^a Matt. 26:75

15:1 ^a Ps. 2:2 ^b Acts 3:13

15:2 ^a Matt. 27:11–14

15:3 ^a John 19:9

15:4 ^a Matt. 27:13 ¹ NU-Text reads of

which they accuse You.

15:5 ^a Is. 53:7

15:6 ^a Matt. 27:15–26

15:8 ¹ NU-Text reads *going up.*



I AM REDEEMED

Mark 15:33–34

Scholars debate what exactly happened to Jesus in this moment when He cried out to God. Did He experience a break in fellowship with God, even though the Father and Son are eternally inseparable? Did Jesus express this out of His humanity while retaining connection with God in His divinity? It remains a mystery. We can, however, know with certainty that Jesus bore the full force of God's wrath against our sin. He ensured that we would never have to experience what He went through here. His sacrifice has fully brought us into God's presence and redeemed us forever as God's people. His forsakenness meant our acceptance.

answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

¹¹But ^athe chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. ¹²Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do *with Him* whom you call the ^aKing of the Jews?"

¹³So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

¹⁴Then Pilate said to them, "Why, ^awhat evil has He done?"

But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"

¹⁵So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him*, to be ^bcrucified.

THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS

¹⁶^aThen the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. ¹⁷And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His *head*, ¹⁸and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹Then they ^astruck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. ²⁰And when they had ^amocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

THE KING ON A CROSS

²¹^aThen they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. ²²^aAnd they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. ²³^aThen they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take *it*. ²⁴And when they crucified Him, ^athey divided His garments, casting lots for them *to determine* what every man should take.

²⁵Now ^ait was the third hour, and they crucified Him. ²⁶And ^athe inscription of His accusation was written above:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁷^aWith Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. ²⁸So the Scripture was fulfilled¹ which says, ^a"And He was numbered with the transgressors."²

²⁹And ^athose who passed by blasphemed Him, ^bwagging their heads and saying, "Aha! ^cYou who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, ³⁰save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

³¹Likewise the chief priests also, ^amocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved ^bothers; Himself He cannot save. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe."¹

Even ^athose who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

³³Now ^awhen the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "^aEloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, ^a"**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"¹

³⁵Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!" ³⁶Then ^asomeone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and ^boffered *it* to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down."¹

15:11 ^a Acts 3:14

15:12 ^a Mic. 5:2

15:14 ^a 1 Pet. 2:21–23

15:15 ^a Matt. 27:26 ^b [Is. 53:8]

15:16 ^a Matt. 27:27–31

15:19 ^a [Is. 50:6; 52:14; 53:5]

15:20 ^a Luke 22:63; 23:11

15:21 ^a Matt. 27:32

15:22 ^a John 19:17–24

15:23 ^a Matt. 27:34

15:24 ^a Ps. 22:18

15:25 ^a John 19:14

15:26 ^a Matt. 27:37

15:27 ^a Luke 22:37

15:28 ^a Is. 53:12 ¹ Isaiah 53:12 ² NU-Text omits this verse.

15:29 ^a Ps. 22:6, 7; 69:7 ^b Ps. 109:25

^c John 2:19–21

15:31 ^a Luke 18:32 ^b John 11:43, 44

15:32 ^a Matt. 27:44 ¹ M-Text reads

believe Him.

15:33 ^a Luke 23:44–49

15:34 ^a Ps. 22:1 ¹ Psalm 22:1

15:36 ^a John 19:29 ^b Ps. 69:21

^{37a}And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

³⁸Then ^athe veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹So ^awhen the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last,¹ he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

^{40a}There were also women looking on ^bfrom afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, ^{40b}who also ^afollowed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

JESUS BURIED IN JOSEPH’S TOMB

^{42a}Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who ^awas himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ^{46a}Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid.

HE IS RISEN

16 Now ^awhen the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome ^bbought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ^{2a}Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ^{5a}And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

^{6a}But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, ^aas He said to you.”

⁸So they went out quickly¹ and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. ^aAnd they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MARY MAGDALENE SEES THE RISEN LORD

⁹Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, ^aout of whom He had cast seven demons. ^{10a}She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ^{10b}And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

JESUS APPEARS TO TWO DISCIPLES

¹²After that, He appeared in another form ^ato two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³And they went and told *it* to the rest, *but* they did not believe them either.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

^{14a}Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did

I HAVE PURPOSE

Mark 16:1–13



The resurrection of Jesus provides purpose to our lives like nothing else. If God raised Jesus from the dead, then each of our lives counts toward something greater. We have a new vision for what it means to be human. We can now live for more than the next adventure or the latest gadget. We can work toward the flourishing of the world and those around us, regardless of how little or how much influence or power we possess. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we believe God has a plan for us and for the world; this fills our days with purpose and meaning.

15:37 ^a Matt. 27:50

15:38 ^a Ex. 26:31–33

15:39 ^a Luke 23:47 ¹ NU-Text reads that

He thus breathed His last.

15:40 ^a Matt. 27:55 ^b Ps. 38:11

15:41 ^a Luke 8:2, 3

15:42 ^a John 19:38–42

15:43 ^a Luke 2:25, 38; 23:51

15:46 ^a Matt. 27:59, 60

16:1 ^a John 20:1–8 ^b Luke 23:56

16:2 ^a Luke 24:1

16:5 ^a John 20:11, 12

16:6 ^a Matt. 28:6

16:7 ^a Matt. 26:32; 28:16, 17

16:8 ^a Matt. 28:8 ¹ NU-Text and M-Text

omit *quickly.*

16:9 ^a Luke 8:2

16:10 ^a Luke 24:10

16:11 ^a Luke 24:11, 41

16:12 ^a Luke 24:13–35

16:14 ^a 1 Cor. 15:5

not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ^{15a}And He said to them, “Go into all the world ^band preach the gospel to every creature. ^{16a}He who believes and is baptized will be saved; ^bbut he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these ^asigns will follow those who believe: ^bIn My name they will cast out demons; ^cthey will speak with new tongues; ^{18a}they¹ will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; ^bthey will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

CHRIST ASCENDS TO GOD’S RIGHT HAND

¹⁹So then, ^aafter the Lord had spoken to them, He was ^breceived up into heaven, and ^csat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* ^aand confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.¹

16:15 ^a Matt. 28:19 ^b [Col. 1:23]

16:16 ^a [John 3:18, 36] ^b [John 12:48]

16:17 ^a Acts 5:12 ^b Luke 10:17 ^c [Acts 2:4]

16:18 ^a Acts 28:3–6 ^b James 5:14

¹ NU-Text reads *and in their hands they will*.

16:19 ^a Acts 1:2, 3 ^b Luke 9:51; 24:51

^c [Ps. 110:1]

16:20 ^a [Heb. 2:4] ¹ Verses 9–20 are bracketed in NU-Text as not original. They are lacking in Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, although nearly all other manuscripts of Mark contain them.



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