**The Good News According to Mark**

**Mark Chapter 1**

PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF JESUS (1:1-13)  
John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,[[1]](#footnote-23090) the Son of God. 2As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “Look! I am sending my messenger ahead of you,[[2]](#footnote-20003) who will prepare the road for you.[[3]](#footnote-10159) 3A voice of one calling out in the desert, ‘Make the road ready for the Lord! Make the paths straight for him!’”[[4]](#footnote-18184)

4John came baptizing in the desert and preaching a baptism *that was a sign* of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And the whole region of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, openly confessing their sins.

6John was clothed with camel’s hair and *had* a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7And he was preaching, saying, “After me there is one coming who is mightier than I *am—*I am not *even* worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! 8I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with holy spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

9And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And immediately as he was stepping up[[5]](#footnote-21052) out of the water, he saw the heavens being split open and the spirit descending upon him like a dove, 11and a voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.”

The Temptation in the Desert

12And immediately the spirit drove him out into the desert. 13And he was in the desert 40 days being tempted by the Adversary.[[6]](#footnote-32063) And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE (1:14-8:26)  
Jesus Begins to Preach the Kingdom

14After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the good news of God, 15saying, “The time has been fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe the good news.”

The Calling of Disciples

16And as he was passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew (the brother of Simon) casting a net into the lake[[7]](#footnote-16598)—for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will have you fish for people.” 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, and they were in their boat mending the nets. 20And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

21And they went into Capernaum. And immediately on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22And they were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as the experts in the law. 23And immediately there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 24saying, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” 25And Jesus subdued him, saying, “Be bound!” and “Come out of him!” 26And after throwing him into convulsions and crying out with a loud voice, the unclean spirit came out of him. 27And they were all amazed, so they debated among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28And the news about him immediately went out everywhere into all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Jesus Heals Many in Capernaum

29And immediately, after coming out of the synagogue, they went with James and John into the house of Simon and Andrew. 30Now Simon’s mother-in-law was lying down, sick with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31And he came and took her by the hand and raised her up, and the fever left her and she began to serve them.

32And when evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him everyone who was sick and those who were afflicted by demons. 33And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34And he healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he did not allow the demons to speak because they knew him.[[8]](#footnote-22842)

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

35And getting up very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he left *the house* and departed into a solitary place and prayed there. 36And Simon and those who were with him went searching for him, 37and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 38And he said to them, “Let’s go somewhere else—into the nearby towns—so that I can preach there also, for that is why I came.” 39And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Jesus Heals a Man with a Skin Disease

40And a man with a serious skin disease[[9]](#footnote-31496) came to him, kneeling down and pleading with him, and saying to him, “If you are willing, you are able to make me clean.” 41And being moved with compassion he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I am willing. Be clean!” 42And immediately the skin disease left him and he was made clean. 43And after he sternly warned him, immediately he sent him away, 44and said to him, “See to it that you don’t say anything to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest and offer the things that Moses commanded for your cleansing as a testimony to them.” 45But he went out and began to widely proclaim it and to spread the news, so that Jesus[[10]](#footnote-24137) was no longer able to openly enter into a city, but stayed outside in unpopulated areas, and *yet* they kept coming to him from everywhere.

**Mark Chapter 2**

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

1And when he entered again into Capernaum after *some* days, it was reported that he was at home. 2And so many *people* were gathered together that there was no more room, not even around the door, and he was speaking the word to them. 3And they came, bringing to him a paralyzed man who was being carried by four *men*. 4And when they were not able to bring *the man* to him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and when they had dug through it, they lowered the bed that the paralyzed man was lying on. 5And when he saw their trust, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

6But some of the experts in the law were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7“Why does this man speak this way? He speaks blasphemy. Who can forgive sins except God alone?” 8And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, he said to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? 9Which is easier: to say to the paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and pick up your pallet, and walk’? 10But so that you know the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralyzed man— 11“I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet, and go to your house.” 12And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and left *the house* in front of them all. As a result, they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

13And again he went out beside the lake,[[11]](#footnote-11280) and a large crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. 14And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. 15And it came to pass that he was reclining *to eat* in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were reclining *and eating* with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who were following him. 16And when the experts in the law who were Pharisees saw that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why is he eating with tax collectors and sinners?” 17And when Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but those who are sick *do*. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

A Question About Fasting

18And John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the Pharisees’ disciples fast, but your disciples do not fast?” 19And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests[[12]](#footnote-16016) fast while the groom is *still* with them? As long as they have the groom with them, they cannot fast. 20But the days will come when the groom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

21“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new *patch* from the old *cloth*, and the tear becomes worse. 22And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise, the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine is ruined and so are the wineskins. Instead, new wine *is put* into fresh wineskins.”

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

23And it came to pass that he was going through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And as they made their way, his disciples began picking heads of grain. 24And the Pharisees said to him, “Look! Why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” 25And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him, 26how he went into the house of God during *the time of* Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful to eat, except *by* the priests, and he also gave some to those with him?” 27And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. 28For this reason, the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

**Mark Chapter 3**

Healing a Hand on the Sabbath

1And he went into the synagogue again and a man was there with a shriveled hand. 2And they were watching him closely—*to see* if he would heal him on the Sabbath—so that they could accuse him. 3And he said to the man who had the shriveled hand, “Get up in the midst *of the people*.” 4And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?” But they remained silent. 5And looking around at them with anger, being grieved at the hardness of their hearts, he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6And the Pharisees went out and immediately began plotting with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Large Crowds Follow Jesus

7And Jesus withdrew to the lake[[13]](#footnote-21316) with his disciples, and a large crowd from Galilee followed *him.* And *people* from Judea, 8and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and *from* beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and Sidon, came to him when they heard about everything he was doing. 9And he told his disciples to prepare a small boat for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; 10for he had healed many people, so all those who had afflictions were pressing toward him in order to touch him. 11And when the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.” 12And he sternly warned them not to make him known.

The Twelve Apostles

13And he went up on the mountain and called to himself those whom he wanted, and they came to him. 14And he appointed twelve, whom he named apostles so that they would be with him and so that he could send them out to preach 15and to have authority to cast out demons. 16And he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), 17and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”), 18and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, 19and Judas Iscariot (who also betrayed him).

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers Hear

And he came home, 20and the crowd came together again, to such an extent that they were not even able to eat.[[14]](#footnote-21063) 21And when his family heard *this*, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

A Divided Kingdom Will Fall

22And the experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He has Beelzebul, and by *the power of* the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.” 23And he called them over to himself and began speaking to them in parables, “How is the Adversary[[15]](#footnote-10999) able to cast out the Adversary? 24And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if the Adversary has risen up against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand, but his end has come. 27On the contrary, no one can enter into the house of the strong man and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he can plunder his house.

The Unforgivable Sin

28“Truly I say to you, people will be forgiven all their sins, and whatever blasphemies they speak, 29but whoever blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an everlasting sin”— 30because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Redefining True Family

31And his mother and his brothers arrived and, standing outside, they sent *word* to him, calling for him. 32And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Look! Your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.” 33And answering them, he said, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34And looking around at those who were sitting in a circle around him, he said, “Look! *Here are* my mother and my brothers! 35For whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

**Mark Chapter 4**

The Parable of the Sower

1And again he began to teach beside the lake.[[16]](#footnote-31485) And such a large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat in the lake and sat down, and the whole crowd was on the land facing the lake. 2And he was teaching them many things in parables and was saying to them in his teaching, 3“Listen! Pay attention! A sower went out to sow, 4and it came to pass as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the path, and the birds came and devoured it. 5And some fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up because the soil was not deep. 6And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. 7And some fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8And some fell onto good ground and produced fruit, sprouting and growing—some yielded thirtyfold, and some sixtyfold, and some a hundredfold.” 9And he was saying, “Anyone who has ears to hear had better listen!”

Parable of the Sower Explained

10When he was alone, the ones who were around him, with the Twelve, began asking him *the meaning of* the parables. 11And he was saying to them, “The sacred secret of the Kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those who are outside, everything is in parables, 12with the result that although they see, they do not perceive, and although they hear, they do not understand; otherwise they would turn *to God* and be forgiven *of* *their sin*.”[[17]](#footnote-17869)

13And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand any of the parables? 14The sower sows the word. 15Now some[[18]](#footnote-11511) are *like* *seed* beside the path where the word is sown: when they hear, immediately the Adversary comes and takes away the word that has been sown in them.

16“And some[[19]](#footnote-11856) are *like seed* sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy, 17yet they do not have any root in themselves but are short-lived. Then, when hardship or persecution comes because of the word, immediately they fall away.

18“And others are *like* *seed* sown among thorns: these are the ones who have heard the word, 19but the worries of this age and the deceitfulness of wealth and the desire for other things enter in *and* choke the word, and they become unfruitful.

20“But these[[20]](#footnote-20445) are *like* *seed* sown on good ground: whoever hears the word, and accepts it, and produces fruit; one thirtyfold, and another sixtyfold, and another a hundredfold.”

The Kingdom will be Revealed

21And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought out in order to be put under a basket[[21]](#footnote-14950) or under a bed? Is it not to be put on the lampstand? 22For what is hidden is meant to be revealed, and what is concealed is meant to come out into the open. 23Anyone who has ears to hear had better listen!”

24And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and more will be added to you. 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 Kingdom is Like a Growing Seed

26And he said, “The Kingdom of God is like a person who scatters seed on the ground. 27And he sleeps and rises, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows, *although* he does not know how. 28The earth bears fruit on its own—first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the crop is ripe, immediately he wields the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed

30And he said, “To what can we compare the Kingdom of God, or by what parable can we explain it? 31It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds that are on the earth, 32yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the other garden plants and grows large branches so that the birds of the sky are able to nest in its shade.”

Parables and Explanations

33And he spoke the word to them with many parables like these *and* to the extent that they *each* were able to, they understood *him*;[[22]](#footnote-20727) 34and he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately, he explained everything to his own disciples.

Jesus Calms the Storm

35And on that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let’s cross over to the other side *of the lake*.” 36And leaving the crowd, they took him along with them in the boat, just as he was (and other boats were *going along* with him). 37And a great windstorm rose up, and the waves were breaking over *the side of* the boat, so much so that the boat was already filling up. 38And he was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are about to die?” 39And he got up, subdued the wind, and said to the sea, “Silence! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and it became completely calm. 40And he said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no trust?” 41And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who is this, that even the wind and the lake obey him?”

**Mark Chapter 5**

Legion Cast Out of a Man

1And they came to the other side of the lake,[[23]](#footnote-25623) into the region of the Gerasenes. 2And when he had come out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him, 3who lived in the tombs, and no one was able to bind him any more, not even with a chain, 4because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. 5And every night and day in the tombs and in the mountains he was crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6And when he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; 7and crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I demand that you swear under oath by God—do not torment me!” 8For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit.” 9And he asked him, “What is your name?” And he said to him, “My name is Legion, because we are many.” 10And he kept begging him that he would not send them out of the region. 11Now a large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the mountainside. 12And they begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs so that we may enter into them.” 13And he allowed them, and the unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs. And the herd of about 2,000 *pigs* rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned in the lake.

14And the men who were looking after them fled and reported it in the city and in the countryside, and the people went to see what it was that had happened. 15And they came to Jesus and saw the man who had been afflicted by a demon (he who *previously* had Legion), sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16And those who had seen what had happened to the man afflicted by a demon described it to them, and *also told them* about the pigs. 17And they began to beg him to depart from their territory. 18And as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been afflicted by the demon was begging him to go with him, 19but he did not let him. Instead, he said to him, “Go to your house, to your people, and tell them all that the Lord has done for you, and that he had mercy on you.” 20So he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

A Woman Healed and the Dead Raised

21And when Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he was by the lake. 22And one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came, and when he saw him he fell at his feet 23and earnestly begged him, saying, “My little daughter is close to dying. Come, lay your hands on her so that she will be healed and live!” 24And he went with him, and a large crowd was following him and crowding around him.

25And there was a woman who had a discharge of blood for 12 years 26and had suffered greatly while under *the care of* many physicians. And she had spent all that she had and was not any better, but rather grew worse. 27When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment, 28for she kept saying, “If I just touch his garment, I will be healed.” 29And immediately the flow of her blood dried up, and she knew in her body that she was healed of her affliction. 30And immediately Jesus, knowing in himself that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” 31And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’” 32And he looked around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, being afraid 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 trust has healed you. Go in peace and be healthy *and free* from your affliction.”

35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader of the synagogue’s *house* saying, “*Jairus*, your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any further?” 36But Jesus, overhearing what they said, said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; just believe.” 37And he did not allow anyone to follow along with him except Peter, and James, and John (the brother of James). 38And they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, and he saw much commotion, and people crying and wailing loudly. 39And when he had entered in, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and crying? The child has not died, but is asleep.” 40And they began to laugh at him. But, after clearing them all out *of the house*, he took the child’s father, and her mother, and those who were with him, and went into *the room* where the child was. 41And taking the child by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”). 42And immediately the little girl (for she was 12 years old) got up and began to walk. And they were greatly amazed. 43And he strictly ordered that no one should know about this, and he told them to give her *something* to eat.

**Mark Chapter 6**

Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

1And he departed from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2And when the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue. And many who were listening *to him* were astonished, saying, “Where did this man *learn* these things? And what is this wisdom that has been given to him? And how are such miracles being done by his hands? 3Isn’t this the builder, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? And aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they were offended because of him. 4And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his *own* house.” 5And he was not able to do any miracles there, except that he healed a few sick people after laying his hands on them. 6And he was amazed because of their unbelief. And he went to the *surrounding* villages, one after the other, teaching.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

7And he called the Twelve to himself and began to send them out two by two. And he gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8And he instructed them that they should not take anything for *their* journey except only a staff; no bread, no traveler’s bag, no money in their belt, 9and to not put on two tunics,[[24]](#footnote-20569) but to wear sandals.” 10And he said to them, “Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from that area. 11And if any place does not receive you or listen to you, when you leave that area, shake off the dust from under your feet as a testimony against them.” 12And they went out and preached that people should repent. 13And they cast out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Herod and the Death of John the Baptist

14And King Herod heard *about Jesus* (for his name had become known). And some *people* were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from among the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.” 15But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “*He is* a prophet, like one of the prophets.” 16But when Herod heard *these words*, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

17For Herod himself had sent for and arrested John and bound him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod[[25]](#footnote-15858) had married her. 18For John had told Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19And Herodias held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him, but she was not able to, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and *so* he kept him safe. And when he listened to him, he was greatly perplexed, but he *still* liked to listen to him.

21But an opportune day came when Herod held a banquet on his birthday for his high-ranking officials and the military commanders and the most important men of Galilee. 22And when the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those who reclined *to eat* with him. The king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you want, and I will give *it* to you.” 23And he swore to her, “Whatever you ask from me, I will give it to you, up to half of my kingdom.” 24And she left *the banquet* and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” 25And immediately she hurried back to the king, and asked, saying, “I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter—right now!” 26And the king was deeply grieved, but because of his oaths and those who were reclining *to eat*, he did not want to refuse her. 27And immediately the king sent out an executioner and commanded him to bring his head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison 28and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. 29And when his disciples heard *about it*, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

30And the apostles gathered together to Jesus, and they reported to him everything—all that they had done and all that they had taught. 31And he said to them, “Come away *with me* to a solitary place all by yourselves and rest a while” (for there were many *people* coming and going, and they did not even have a chance to eat). 32And they went away by themselves in the boat to a solitary place. 33And many saw them leaving and knew *where they were going*, and they ran there together on foot from all the *surrounding* cities and arrived before them. 34And after he got out *of the boat*, he saw a large crowd and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. 35And when the hour grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place and the hour is now late. 36Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37But he answered and said to them, “You give them *something* to eat.” And they said to him, “Should we go and buy 200 denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”[[26]](#footnote-29454) 38And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go *and* see.” And when they found out, they said, “Five *loaves*, and two fish.” 39And he commanded them to make everyone sit down in groups on the green grass. 40And they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41And he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves, and he kept giving *the loaves* to the disciples to set before them, and he divided the two fish among all *the people*. 42And they all ate and were filled. 43And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces *of* *bread* and fish. 44And there were 5,000 men who ate [the loaves].

Jesus Walks on the Water

45And immediately he made his disciples enter into the boat and go ahead of *him* to the other side, toward Bethsaida, while he himself sent the crowd away. 46And after he said goodbye to them, he departed onto the mountain to pray. 47And when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake,[[27]](#footnote-14247) and he was alone on the land. 48And seeing them struggling as they rowed because the wind was against them, he came to them at about the fourth watch of the night[[28]](#footnote-21952) walking on the lake, and he intended to pass by *near* them. 49When they saw him walking on the lake, they supposed that he was a ghost, and cried out, 50because they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke with them, and said to them, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.” 51And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed among themselves 52because they had not gained any insight from *the miracle of* the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Jesus Heals the Sick

53And when they had crossed over *the lake*, they came to land at Gennesaret and tied the boat to the shore. 54And when they had come out of the boat, immediately *the people* recognized him 55and ran around that whole region and began to carry on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard he was. 56And wherever he went, whether into villages or into cities or into the countryside, they laid those who were sick in the marketplaces and begged him to let them touch even the fringe of his garment, and everyone who touched him was healed.

**Mark Chapter 7**

Traditions Versus Commandments

1And the Pharisees and some of the experts in the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered together around him. 2And they had seen that some of his disciples ate bread with defiled—that is, unwashed—hands. 3(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands up to the wrist, holding fast to the tradition of the elders, 4and *when they come* from the marketplace they do not eat unless they bathe themselves, and there are many other things that they received and hold fast to, *such as* the washing of cups and pitchers and copper vessels.) 5And the Pharisees and the experts in the law asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but *instead* eat bread with defiled hands?” 6And he said to them, “Isaiah prophesied correctly about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7And they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.[[29]](#footnote-21521)

8“Abandoning the commandment of God, you hold firmly to the tradition of men.” 9He also said to them, “You cleverly reject the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. 10For Moses said, Honor your father and your mother,[[30]](#footnote-23144) and, Whoever speaks evil of their father or mother, let him be put to death.[[31]](#footnote-26470) 11But you say that if a person says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever *benefit* you might have gained from me is *already* Corban (which means, “Devoted *to God*”),’ 12*then* you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother, 13*thus* you are setting aside the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

What Defiles a Person

14And he called the crowd to himself again, and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15nothing that goes into a person from the outside is able to defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defiles that person.” 16[[If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.]]

17And when he had entered the house *and was* away from the crowd his disciples began asking him *about* the parable. 18And he said to them, “So do you also not understand? Do you not understand that whatever goes into a person from the outside is not able to defile him 19because it does not go into his heart but into his stomach and *then* goes out into the sewer?” (*By saying this*, he declared all foods “clean.”) 20And he said, “What comes out of a person, that is what defiles a person. 21For from within (out of people’s hearts) come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained behavior, stinginess,[[32]](#footnote-17701) insults,[[33]](#footnote-20119) pride, senselessness— 23all these evil things come from within and defile a person.”

The Trust of a Syrophoenician Woman

24And he stood up and departed from there into the region of Tyre. And he went into a house and did not want anyone to know *about it*, and *yet* he was not able to avoid being noticed. 25But immediately after hearing about him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit came and fell down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile,[[34]](#footnote-27225) a Syrophoenician by birth. And she kept begging him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27And he 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 pet dogs.” 28But she answered and said to him, “Lord, even the pet dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29And he said to her, “Because you said this, go *and see*. The demon has gone out of your daughter.” 30And when she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon had gone out.

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

31And having departed from the region of Tyre, he again came to the Sea of Galilee by way of Sidon and then through the middle of the region of the Decapolis. 32And they brought to him one who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33And he took him aside privately, away from the crowd, and he put his fingers into his ears. Then, after spitting *on his fingers*, he touched his tongue, 34and looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means, “Be opened!”). 35And immediately his ears were opened, and the thing that bound his tongue was removed, and he began to speak clearly. 36And he ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more they continued to proclaim it. 37And they were extremely astonished, saying, “He has done all things well! He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

**Mark Chapter 8**

The Feeding of the Four Thousand

1In those days, there was again a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat. *So* he called his disciples to himself and said to them, 2“I have compassion on the crowd because they have remained with me for three days and have nothing to eat, 3and if I send them away hungry to their homes they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from far away.” 4And his disciples answered him, “Where will anyone be able *to find enough* bread here in *such* a remote place to satisfy these people?” 5And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” 6And he commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. And after he took the seven loaves and gave thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before them, and they set them before the crowd. 7And they had a few small fish and, after he had blessed them, he told *the disciples* to set these *fish* before them as well. 8And they ate and were filled, and they collected what was left over of the broken pieces—seven baskets. 9Now about 4,000 men were *there*, and he sent them away.

Religious Leaders Demand a Sign

10And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went into the district of Dalmanutha. 11And the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with him, demanding a sign from heaven from him, to test him. 12And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, “Why does this generation demand a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” 13And he left them, got into *the boat* again, and departed to the other side.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod

14And they had forgotten to bring bread, and they only had one loaf with them in the boat. 15And he ordered them, saying, “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” 16And they began to discuss with one another that they did not have *any* bread. 17And when Jesus realized this, he said to them, “Why are you discussing *the fact* that you don’t have any bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Have your hearts become hardened? 18You have eyes, do you not see? And you have ears, do you not hear?[[35]](#footnote-15886) And do you not remember? 19When I broke the five loaves for the 5,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.” 20“And when *I broke* the seven loaves for the 4,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.” 21And he said to them, “Do you still not understand?”

Blind Man Healed In Two Stages

22And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23And he took hold of the blind man by the hand and brought him out of the village. And when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” 24After regaining his sight, he said, “I see people, but they look like trees walking around.” 25Then he laid his hands on his eyes again, and he opened his eyes and *his sight* was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter into the village.”

JESUS IS THE CHRIST (8:27-9:13)  
Peter’s Confession of Christ

27And Jesus and his disciples went to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?” 28And they said to him, “John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; and others *say* one of the prophets.” 29And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to him, “You are the Christ.”[[36]](#footnote-10436) 30And he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

31And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the experts in the law, and be killed, and after three days rise *from the dead*. 32And he was speaking about this matter plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, 33but turning around and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get out of my way, Adversary! For you are not thinking about God’s purposes, but about human interests.”[[37]](#footnote-21689)

Take Up Your Cross

34And calling the crowd to himself, along with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me, he must deny himself and must take up his cross, and *then* follow me. 35For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and because of the good news will save it. 36For what does it profit a person to gain the whole world and *yet* forfeit his life? 37For what can a person give in exchange for his life? 38For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**Mark Chapter 9**

1And he said to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will absolutely not experience death[[38]](#footnote-27540) until they see the Kingdom of God having come with power.”

The Transfiguration

2And after six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John and led them by themselves up onto a high mountain. And he was transformed in front of them, 3and his clothes became radiant—exceedingly white—beyond what any launderer on earth could whiten them. 4And Elijah appeared to them, along with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5And Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6For he did not know what to say because they were terrified. 7Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” 8And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus only.

Death and Resurrection Foretold: Second Time

9And as they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from among the dead. 10And they kept the matter to themselves, discussing what it meant “to rise from among the dead.” 11And they asked him, saying, “*Why do* the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?” 12And he said to them, “Indeed, Elijah does come first to restore all things. And *yet*, why is it written about the Son of Man that he must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13But I say to you that ‘Elijah’ has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wanted, just as it is written about him.”

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CONTINUES (9:14-10:52)  
Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

14And when they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and experts in the law disputing with them. 15And immediately when the entire crowd saw him, they were very excited, and ran to him *and* greeted him. 16And he asked them, “What are you disputing with them *about*?” 17And one person from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, who has a spirit that makes him mute, 18and whenever it takes hold of him, it throws him down, and he foams *at the mouth*, grinds his teeth, and he becomes rigid. And I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not strong enough.” 19And he answered them and said, “O unbelieving generation, how much longer will I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” 20And they brought the boy to him, and when the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy into a convulsion, and after he fell on the ground he began rolling around *and* foaming *at the mouth*. 21And he asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “Since he was a child.” 22And often it has thrown him both into fire and into water to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23And Jesus said to him, “*What do you mean*, ‘If you are able to?’ All things are possible for the one who believes.” 24Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe! Help my unbelief!” 25And when Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering *around him*, he subdued the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter into him again.” 26And after crying out and throwing him into a violent convulsion, he came out. And *the boy* appeared as if *he were* dead, so that most *of them* said, “He is dead.” 27But Jesus, taking him by the hand, lifted him up and he stood up. 28And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why were we not able to cast it out?” 29And he said to them, “This kind *of spirit* cannot come out by anything except prayer.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold: Third Time

30They departed from there and passed through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know *where they were* 31because he was teaching his disciples and saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be handed over into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and after he is killed, three days later he will rise *from the dead*.” 32But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who is the Greatest?

33And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” 34But they remained silent because on the road they had argued with one another about who *was* the greatest. 35And after sitting down, he called the Twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” 36And he took a little child and set him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37“Whoever receives a child like this one in my name receives me; and whoever receives me does not receive *only* me, but *also* the one who sent me.”

Whoever is Not Against Us is For Us

38John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and tried to stop him because he was not following us.” 39But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, because there is no one who will do a miracle in my name and *then* will soon afterward be able to speak evil of me. 40For whoever is not against us is for us. 41For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name because you are *disciples* of Christ,[[39]](#footnote-29990) truly I say to you, he will absolutely not lose his reward.

Warnings About Sin

42“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away, it would be better for him if a huge millstone[[40]](#footnote-17097) was hung around his neck and he was thrown into the lake.[[41]](#footnote-14750) 43“And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life *in the age to come* maimed than to have two hands and go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. 44[[Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.]] 45And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life *in the age to come* lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into Gehenna. 46[[Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.]] 47And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out. It is better for you to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into Gehenna, 48where their worm does not die and the fire is not extinguished.[[42]](#footnote-20745) 49For everyone will be salted with fire. 50Salt is good, but if the salt has become unsalty, how can you make it salty *again*? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.”

**Mark Chapter 10**

Teaching About Divorce

1And he set out from there and went into the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and multitudes came together to him again. And again, as was his custom, he began to teach them. 2And *some* Pharisees came to test him, asking him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?” 3And he answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” 4And they said, “Moses allowed *us* to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”[[43]](#footnote-15434) 5But Jesus said to them, “Due to the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. 6But from the beginning of creation God[[44]](#footnote-19875) made them male and female.[[45]](#footnote-17440) 7For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife,[[46]](#footnote-26223) 8and the two will become one flesh,[[47]](#footnote-12724) so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore, what God has joined together no human is to separate.”

10And when they were in the house again, the disciples asked him about this matter. 11And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

How to Enter the Kingdom

13And they were bringing little children to him so that he could lay his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14But when Jesus saw it, he became angry and said to them, “Allow the little children to come to me. Do not hinder them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to people *who are* like these *children*. 15Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child, he will absolutely not enter it.” 16And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

The Rich Young Ruler

17And as he was going out onto the road, a man ran up to him and knelt before him and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit life in the age *to come*?” 18And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19You know the commandments: Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, *and* honor your father and mother.[[48]](#footnote-26380)” 20And he said to him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” 21And looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing. Go, sell everything you have and give to poor *people*, and you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” 22But when he heard these words, he looked sad and went away grieved because he had many possessions.

Rewards in the Kingdom

23And looking around, he said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter into the Kingdom of God!” 24And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus continued *to teach*, saying to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter into the Kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter into the Kingdom of God.” 26And they were even more astonished, saying to each other, “So who can be saved?” 27Looking at them, Jesus said, “It is impossible for people but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

28Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left *their* house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property[[49]](#footnote-10137) because of me and because of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this present time (houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and property, along with persecutions) and in the age to come—everlasting life. 31But many *who are* first will be last, and the last *will be* first.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold: Fourth Time

32And they were on the road going up to Jerusalem and Jesus was going ahead of them. And they were amazed, but those who followed were afraid.

And again he took the Twelve and began to tell them the things that were about to happen to him: 33“Pay attention! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the experts in the law and they will condemn him to death. And they will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34and they will mock him and spit on him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise *from the dead*.”

James and John’s Request

35And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him, saying to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask you.” 36And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” 37And they said to him, “Grant us *this request*: that one of us may sit at your right hand and one at your left in your glory.” 38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” 39And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and the baptism that I am baptized with, you will be baptized with, 40but to sit at my right hand or at *my* left hand is not mine to give, but *it belongs to those* for whom it has been prepared.”

41And when the ten heard it, they became angry with James and John. 42And Jesus called them to himself and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles abuse their position over them, and those in high positions abuse their authority over them. 43But it is not so among you, instead whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wants to be first among you must be a slave to all. 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Blind Bartimaeus Healed

46And they came to Jericho. And as he went out from Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (“the son of Timaeus”), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. 47And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” 48And many were rebuking him so that he would be silent, but he kept crying out all the louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” 49And Jesus stopped *walking* and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be encouraged! Get up, he is calling you.” 50And tossing aside his outer garment, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51And Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!” 52And Jesus said to him, “Go. Your trust has healed you.” And immediately he regained his sight and began to follow him on the road.

**Mark Chapter 11**

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS IN JERUSALEM (11:1-13:37)  
The Triumphal Entry

1And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 2and said to them, “Go into the village that is in front of you, and immediately as you enter into it you will find a colt tied there on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will immediately send it back here again.’” 4And they went away and found a colt outside in the open street tied at a door, and they untied it. 5And some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6And they responded to them just as Jesus had said to, so they let them go. 7And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their outer garments on it, and he sat on it. 8And many people spread their outer garments on the road, and others *spread* branches that they had cut from the fields. 9And those who went in front *of* *him*, and those who followed after, were crying out, “Hosanna![[50]](#footnote-27139) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord![[51]](#footnote-28616) 10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

11And he entered Jerusalem *and went* into the Temple. And after he had looked around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve *because* the hour already was late.

Barren Fig Tree Cursed

12And on the next day, as they were leaving Bethany, he was hungry. 13And seeing a fig tree in the distance that had leaves, he came *to see* if perhaps he might find anything on it. But when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves (it was not the season for figs). 14And he answered and said to it, “No one will ever eat fruit from you again!” And his disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

15And they came into Jerusalem. And he went into the Temple and began to cast out those who were selling and those who were buying in the Temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves, 16and he would not allow anyone to carry merchandise[[52]](#footnote-32103) through the Temple. 17And he began to teach them, saying, “Is it not written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations?[[53]](#footnote-29258) But you have made it a den of robbers.”[[54]](#footnote-16770) 18And the chief priests and the experts in the law heard it and began looking for a way to destroy him because they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was astonished at his teaching. 19And whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.

Barren Fig Tree Withered

20And as they passed by *the tree* in the morning, they saw *that* the fig tree had withered away from the roots *up*. 21And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” 22And Jesus answered and said to them, “Have trust in God. 23Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be *done* for him. 24For this reason, I say to you, all the things you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and they will be *done* for you. 25And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you for your transgressions. 26[[But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.]]

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

27And they came again into Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the Temple, the chief priests and the experts in the law and the elders came to him, 28and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you the authority to do these things?” 29And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Answer me and *then* I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30Was the baptism of John from heaven or of human *origin*? Answer me.” 31And they discussed among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ 32But if we say, ‘Of human *origin*…’” (they were afraid of the people because everyone considered John to be a prophet). 33And *so* they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Then I will not tell you by what authority I do these things.”

**Mark Chapter 12**

Parable of the Greedy Farmers

1And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, and put a wall around it, and dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower, and rented it out to farmers, and went away on a journey. 2And at the time *of the harvest* he sent a servant to the farmers to receive *his portion* of the fruit of the vineyard from the farmers. 3And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4And again he sent to them another servant, and they hit that one on the head and treated him shamefully. 5And he sent another, and they killed that one; and *they mistreated* many others, beating some and killing others. 6He still had one *left* *to send*, a beloved son. He sent him to them last *of all*, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7But those farmers said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8And *so* they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9Now, what then will the owner[[55]](#footnote-27410) of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers and will give the vineyard to others. 10Have you not read this Scripture: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. 11This came from the Lord and it is marvelous in our eyes?”[[56]](#footnote-27643) 12And they were seeking to arrest him because they knew that he spoke the parable against them, but they were afraid of the crowd. So they left him and went away.

The Trap About Paying Taxes

13And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and Herodians to trap him in his words. 14And when they arrived, they said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are honest and are not concerned about anyone’s *status*, because you do not show favoritism[[57]](#footnote-14363) but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it lawful to pay a census tax[[58]](#footnote-21981) to Caesar or not? Should we pay, or should we not pay?” 15But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius so I can look at it.”[[59]](#footnote-20441) 16And they brought it. And he said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” And they said to him, “Caesar’s.” 17And Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were greatly amazed at him.

The Trap About the Resurrection

18And *some* Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to him and asked him, saying, 19“Teacher, Moses wrote to us: If a man’s brother dies and leaves behind a wife, but leaves no child, *that man* must take his brother’s wife and raise up offspring for his *dead* brother.[[60]](#footnote-20635) 20There were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and when he died, he left no offspring. 21And the second took her and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. 22And *so* the seven left no offspring. Last of all, the woman also died. 23In the resurrection, whose wife will she be since all seven had her as a wife?” 24Jesus said to them, “Isn’t this the reason you are mistaken: you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? 25For when they rise from among the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

26“Now concerning the dead being raised—haven’t you read in the scroll of Moses, in *the passage about* the *burning* bush, how God spoke to him, saying, I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?[[61]](#footnote-16687) 27He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken.”

The Greatest Commandment

28And one of the experts in the law came and heard them disputing with one another, and when he saw that Jesus had answered them well, he asked him, “What commandment is the most important[[62]](#footnote-20023) of all?” 29Jesus answered, “The most important is: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone, 30and *so* you are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.[[63]](#footnote-31258) 31The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.[[64]](#footnote-12528) There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32And the expert in the law said to him, “Well said, teacher. You have spoken the truth that he is *Lord* alone, and there is no other except him,[[65]](#footnote-11038) 33and *you are* to love him with all your heart, and with all your intelligence, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”[[66]](#footnote-23526) 34And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus’ Question About David's Descendant

35And as he was teaching in the Temple, Jesus answered and said, “How can the experts in the law say that the Christ[[67]](#footnote-30933) is the son of David? 36David himself said by the holy spirit, The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’[[68]](#footnote-31987) 37David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ and *so* how is he his son?”

Warning About the Experts in the Law

And a large crowd was listening to him with delight. 38And as he was teaching, he said, “Beware of the experts in the law who like to walk around in long robes and *to receive* greetings in the marketplaces, 39and *to sit in* the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts. 40They cheat widows out of their houses[[69]](#footnote-16205) and make long prayers just for show. These people will receive a harsher punishment.”

The Widow’s Offering

41And he sat down across from the offering box and watched a multitude of people put money into the offering box, and many who were rich put in large amounts. 42And a poor widow came, and she put in two leptons,[[70]](#footnote-20492) which make a quadrans.[[71]](#footnote-22850) 43And he called his disciples to himself and said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than any of those who put *money* into the offering box, 44because they all put in *money* out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had—all she had to live on.”

**Mark Chapter 13**

Signs of the End of the Age

1And as he went out of the Temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, Look! What magnificent stones and what magnificent buildings!” 2And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these large buildings? There will absolutely not be one stone on top of another left here that will not be thrown down.”

3And as he sat on the Mount of Olives across from the Temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4“Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5And Jesus began to say to them, “Watch out, so that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am *he,*’ and will lead many astray. 7And when you hear wars *nearby* and reports of wars *far away*, do not be alarmed. *These things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 8For group will rise against group, and kingdom against kingdom, there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines—these things are the beginning of birth pains.

9“But be on your guard, because they will hand you over to the courts, and you will be beaten in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a witness to them. 10And the good news must first be proclaimed to all the nations. 11And when they arrest you and hand you over, do not be anxious beforehand *about* what you will say, but say whatever is given to you in that hour, because it is not you who is speaking, but the holy spirit. 12And brother will hand over 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 everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14But when you see the abomination of desolation[[72]](#footnote-12874) standing where he should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, 15and the one who is on the housetop must not come down or go inside to take anything out of his house, 16and the one who is in the field must not turn back to take his outer garment. 17But how terrible it will be for those who are pregnant and for those who are nursing *mothers* in those days! 18And pray that it does not happen in the winter, 19because in those days there will be tribulation unlike anything that has happened from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and it will absolutely not happen *again*. 20And unless the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would be saved, but he shortened the days for the sake of the chosen, whom he chose. 21And at that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah,’[[73]](#footnote-22188) or, ‘Look! There *he is*,’ do not believe *it*, 22because false Messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders to mislead, if possible, the chosen. 23But be on guard; I have told you everything 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, 25and the stars will fall from heaven,[[74]](#footnote-21648) and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. 26And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds[[75]](#footnote-18278) with great power and glory. 27And then he will send out the angels and will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

28“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch becomes tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29Likewise, you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know that he is near, *right* at the door. 30Truly I say to you, this generation will absolutely not pass away until all these things have happened. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will absolutely not pass away.

No One Knows About That Day or Hour

32“Now concerning that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be on guard! Stay alert! For you do not know when the time is *coming*. 34It is like a man going away on a journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, *assigning* to each his *own* work *to do*, and commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. 35Therefore, keep watch, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming *back*, whether during the evening *watch*, or the midnight *watch*, or the rooster-crowing *watch*, or the morning *watch*.[[76]](#footnote-14496) 36Otherwise, when he comes unexpectedly, he may find you sleeping. 37And what I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Keep watch!’”

**Mark Chapter 14**

THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE DEATH OF JESUS (14:1-15:47)  
The Plot to Kill Jesus

1Now it was two days before the Passover and the *Feast of* Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for a crafty way to arrest *Jesus* and kill him, 2for they said, “Not during the feast, otherwise there will be a riot among the People.”[[77]](#footnote-30093)

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

3And while he was in Bethany reclining *to eat* in the house of Simon the Leper,[[78]](#footnote-19738) a woman came with an alabaster flask of very expensive perfume *made* from pure nard. She broke the flask and poured it on his head. 4But there were some who were angry, *saying* to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? 5For this perfume could have been sold for more than 300 denarii[[79]](#footnote-12176) and given to the poor.” And they were scolding her harshly. 6But Jesus said, “Leave her alone; why are you giving her trouble? She has done a noble thing for me. 7For you will always have the poor with you, and you are able to do good to them whenever you want, but you will not always have me. 8She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 9And truly I say to you, wherever the good news is preached throughout the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Judas Plots to Betray Jesus

10And Judas Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 11And they were glad when they heard *this* and promised to give him money. And he began seeking an opportunity to betray him.

The Last Supper

12And on the first day of the *Feast of* Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover *lamb*, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go *and* prepare for you to eat the Passover?” 13And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him, 14and whatever *place* he enters, say to the head of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ 15And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready; prepare *the meal* for us there.” 16And the disciples left and came into the city and found *everything* just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

17And when it was evening, he came with the Twelve. 18And as they reclined and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.” 19They began to be grieved and to say to him one by one, “Surely not I?” 20And he said to them, “It is one of the Twelve—the one who dips *bread* with me in the bowl. 21For the Son of Man will go *to die* just as it is written about him, but how terrible it will be for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* better for that man if he had not been born.”

The “Lord’s Supper” Instituted

22And while they were eating, he took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them and said, “Take it; this is my body.” 23And he took a 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 covenant, which is poured out for many. 25Truly I say to you, I will absolutely not drink of the fruit of the vine again until that day when I drink new wine in the Kingdom of God.” 26And after they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

27And Jesus said to them, “All of you will desert me, for it is written: I will strike down the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.[[80]](#footnote-25101) 28But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” 29But Peter said to him, “Even if everyone deserts you, I will not.” 30And Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, that today—this night—before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” 31But he declared emphatically, “*Even* if I must die with you, I will never deny you.” And they all kept saying the same *thing*.

Jesus in Gethsemane

32And they went to a place that was named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” 33And he took Peter and James and John with him, and he began to be greatly distressed and troubled. 34And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, *almost* to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake.” 35And he went a short distance away *from them* and fell on the ground and prayed that if it were possible, the hour would pass from him. 36And he said, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for you; take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I want but what you *want*.” 37And he came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to stay awake for one hour? 38Stay awake and pray so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” 39And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40And again he came and found them sleeping, because their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know how to answer him.

41And he came the third time, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42Get up, let’s go! Look, the one who is betraying me has drawn near.”

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

43And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, and with him *was* a crowd *armed* with swords and clubs *who had come* from the chief priests and the experts in the law and the elders. 44Now, the one who was betraying him had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss is *the one*, arrest him and lead him away under guard.” 45And when he had arrived, he immediately went up to him and said, “Rabbi,” and kissed him. 46And they laid their hands on him and arrested him.

47But one *of his followers* who was standing nearby drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 48And Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me, as *if I were* a criminal? 49I was with you daily, teaching in the Temple and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” 50And they all left him and fled. 51But a certain young man followed him, who wore a linen garment *wrapped* around his naked body, and they *tried* to arrest him, 52but he left the linen garment and fled naked.

Jesus Before Caiaphas

53And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the experts in the law came together. 54And Peter had followed him at a distance all the way into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the servants and warming himself near the light *of the fire*. 55Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they could not find any, 56because many were giving false testimony against him, but their testimonies did not agree. 57Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 58“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this Temple that is made by *human* hands, and in three days I will build another not made by *human* hands.’” 59But their testimony did not even agree on this.

60And the high priest stood up in the midst *of them* and asked Jesus, saying, “Do you not have an answer to what these *men* are testifying against you?” 61But he remained silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, and said to him, “Are you the Christ,[[81]](#footnote-24836) the Son of the Blessed One?” 62And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power[[82]](#footnote-13712) and coming with the clouds of heaven.”[[83]](#footnote-11241) 63And the high priest tore his clothes[[84]](#footnote-30817) and said, “Why do we need any more witnesses? 64You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” And they all condemned him to be deserving of death. 65And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face and to beat him with their fists, and to say to him, “Prophesy!” And *then* the *Temple* police *also* took him and beat him.

Peter Denies Jesus

66And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came *near*. 67And when she noticed Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene—Jesus.” 68But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about!” And he went out to the gateway and the rooster crowed. 69And when the servant girl noticed him again, she began to say to those standing nearby, “This *man* is *one* of them!” 70But he denied it again. And after a little while those who were standing nearby said to Peter again, “Truly you are *one* of them, because you are also a Galilean.” 71But he began to pronounce a curse *upon himself* and to swear *with an oath*, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” 72And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered the words, how Jesus said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and began to cry.

**Mark Chapter 15**

Jesus Before Pilate

1And immediately, early in the morning after making a plan, the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law and the whole Sanhedrin bound Jesus, and led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. 2And Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” And he answered and said to him, “*Yes, it is as* you say.” 3And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4And Pilate asked him again, saying, “Are you not going to answer at all? Look how many things they are accusing you of!” 5But Jesus gave no further answer, so Pilate was amazed.

6Now at the *Passover* Feast *it was a custom that* he released one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. 7And there was a man called Barabbas, who had been imprisoned with the rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion. 8And the crowd went up *to Pilate* and began to ask him *to release someone* for them as he usually did. 9And Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” 10For he knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of envy. 11But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead. 12And Pilate continued *to ask*, saying to them, “Then what do you want me to do with the one you call the king of the Jews?” 13And they shouted out again, “Crucify him!” 14And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted out even louder, “Crucify him!” 15And Pilate, wanting to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them. And after having Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Torture Jesus

16And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is the governor’s headquarters),[[85]](#footnote-14402) and they called together the whole cohort *of Roman soldiers*.[[86]](#footnote-12349) 17And they clothed him in a purple *robe*, and after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him, 18and they began to greet him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” 19And they kept striking his head with a reed and spitting on him, and kneeling down, they paid homage[[87]](#footnote-18167) to him. 20And after they had mocked him, they took the purple robe off of him, and put his *own* clothes on him.

The Crucifixion

And they led him out to crucify him. 21And they forced someone passing by to go *with them* to carry his cross. *It was* Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside (the father of Alexander and Rufus). 22And they brought him to the place *called* Golgotha (which is translated, “Place of the Skull”). 23And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he would not receive it. 24And they crucified him and divided his clothes *among them*, casting lots for them *to determine* what each *of them* would take.

25And it was the third hour[[88]](#footnote-11293) when they crucified him. 26And the inscription of the charge against him read, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27And they crucified two rebels with him, one on his right hand and one on his left. 28[[And the Scripture was fulfilled, which says, And he was numbered with the transgressors.]]

29And those who passed by were hurling insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “Ha! The one who *claimed he* would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, 30save yourself and come down from the cross.” 31In the same way the chief priests, along with the experts in the law, were also mocking *him* with each other, saying, “He saved others, *but* he is not able to save himself! 32Let the Christ,[[89]](#footnote-19339) the king of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we can see *it* and believe.” Even those who were crucified with him were insulting him.

The Death of Jesus

33And when the sixth hour[[90]](#footnote-15420) came, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.[[91]](#footnote-19665) 34And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” (which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)[[92]](#footnote-10428) 35And some of those who stood by, when they heard this, said, “Look! He is calling for Elijah.” 36And someone ran and filled a sponge full of wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Leave him alone! Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

37And Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from the top to the bottom. 39And when the centurion who stood right in front of him saw how he died[[93]](#footnote-16552), he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God.” 40And there were also women watching from a distance, among whom were Mary *called* Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Younger and of Joses, and Salome, 41(all of whom had followed him and ministered to him when he was in Galilee), and many other women who came up to Jerusalem with him.

Joseph Buries Jesus

42And when evening had already come, because it was the *Day of* Preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath), 43Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council,[[94]](#footnote-24482) who was himself also waiting for the Kingdom of God, came and boldly went in before Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44And Pilate was surprised that he had already died, and calling the centurion to himself, he questioned him *to find out* if he had already died. 45And when he learned *of Jesus’ death* from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 46And having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of a rock. And he rolled a stone in front of the entrance of the tomb. 47And Mary *called* Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of Joses saw where he was laid.

**Mark Chapter 16**

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS (16:1-16:20)  
Buying Spices After the Sabbath

1And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint him.

Women Learn Jesus Has Risen

2And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3And they were saying to each other, “Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb?” 4And looking up, they noticed that the stone (which was very large) had been rolled away. 5And when they entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a long white robe, and they were alarmed. 6And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has been raised! He is not here. Look, *there is* the place where they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he said to you.” 8And after they went out, they fled from the tomb, because trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they did not say anything to anyone, because they were afraid.

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Resurrection Appearances

9[[Now after he rose, early on the first day of the week he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10She went and told those who had been with him as they were mourning and crying. 11And when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe *it*.

12And after these things, he appeared to two of them in a different form as they walked on their way into the countryside. 13And they went away and told to the rest, but they did not believe them *either*.

14And afterward he appeared to the Eleven themselves as they reclined *to eat,* and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had been raised. 15And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. 16Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17And these signs will accompany those who believe: they will cast out demons in my name, they will speak in new tongues, 18they will pick up snakes, and if they drink anything *that is* deadly, it will absolutely not hurt them, they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

19So then, after the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20And they went out and proclaimed *the good news* everywhere, *and* the Lord was working with them and confirming the message by the signs that followed. Amen.]]

1. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-23090)
2. Lit. “before your face” [↑](#footnote-ref-20003)
3. From Mal. 3:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-10159)
4. From Isa. 40:3 [↑](#footnote-ref-18184)
5. Lit. “going up” [↑](#footnote-ref-21052)
6. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek satanas. [↑](#footnote-ref-32063)
7. Referring to the “Sea of Galilee” [↑](#footnote-ref-16598)
8. Or “they knew who he was” [↑](#footnote-ref-22842)
9. Traditionally “leper,” but the Greek word lepros can refer to various skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-31496)
10. Lit. “he” [↑](#footnote-ref-24137)
11. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-11280)
12. Lit. “sons of the bridechamber” [↑](#footnote-ref-16016)
13. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-21316)
14. Lit. “eat bread” [↑](#footnote-ref-21063)
15. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek satanas. [↑](#footnote-ref-10999)
16. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-31485)
17. From Isa. 6:9-10 [↑](#footnote-ref-17869)
18. Lit. “these” [↑](#footnote-ref-11511)
19. Lit. “these” [↑](#footnote-ref-11856)
20. Lit. “those” [↑](#footnote-ref-20445)
21. Greek is modios, a container for measuring dry goods equal to about 2 gallons (8 liters). [↑](#footnote-ref-14950)
22. Lit. “to the extent that they were able to understand” [↑](#footnote-ref-20727)
23. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-25623)
24. Greek is chitōn, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-20569)
25. Lit. “he” [↑](#footnote-ref-15858)
26. A denarius was a coin that was one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-29454)
27. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14247)
28. The fourth watch was from 3-6 a.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-21952)
29. From Isa. 29:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-21521)
30. From Exod. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-23144)
31. From Exod. 21:17; Lev. 20:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-26470)
32. Lit. “an evil eye,” which is idiomatic for being stingy, covetous, envious. [↑](#footnote-ref-17701)
33. Or “slander” [↑](#footnote-ref-20119)
34. Lit. “a Greek” [↑](#footnote-ref-27225)
35. From Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-15886)
36. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-10436)
37. Lit. “the things of God, but the things of humans” [↑](#footnote-ref-21689)
38. Lit. “taste death,” i.e. die. [↑](#footnote-ref-27540)
39. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-29990)
40. Lit. “millstone of a donkey,” referring to a millstone turned by a donkey that weighed several hundred pounds (or several hundred kilograms). [↑](#footnote-ref-17097)
41. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14750)
42. From Isa. 66:24 [↑](#footnote-ref-20745)
43. Alluding to Deut. 24:1-4 [↑](#footnote-ref-15434)
44. Lit. “he” [↑](#footnote-ref-19875)
45. From Gen. 1:27 [↑](#footnote-ref-17440)
46. From Gen. 2:24 [↑](#footnote-ref-26223)
47. From Gen. 2:24 [↑](#footnote-ref-12724)
48. From Exod. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20 [↑](#footnote-ref-26380)
49. Lit. “fields” [↑](#footnote-ref-10137)
50. “Hosanna” is an Aramaic word originally meaning “Help, I pray” or “Save now.” By NT times, it came to be used as an expression of praise. [↑](#footnote-ref-27139)
51. From Ps. 118:25-26 [↑](#footnote-ref-28616)
52. Lit. “objects” or “vessels” [↑](#footnote-ref-32103)
53. From Isa. 56:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-29258)
54. From Jer. 7:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-16770)
55. Lit. “lord” [↑](#footnote-ref-27410)
56. From Ps. 118:22-23 [↑](#footnote-ref-27643)
57. Lit. “look at the face of people” [↑](#footnote-ref-14363)
58. A tax on individual adults [↑](#footnote-ref-21981)
59. A denarius was a coin that was one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-20441)
60. From Deut. 25:5 [↑](#footnote-ref-20635)
61. From Exod. 3:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-16687)
62. Lit. “first” [↑](#footnote-ref-20023)
63. From Deut. 6:4-5 [↑](#footnote-ref-31258)
64. From Lev. 19:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-12528)
65. From Deut. 4:35 [↑](#footnote-ref-11038)
66. From Deut. 6:4; Lev. 19:18; 1 Sam. 15:22; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8 [↑](#footnote-ref-23526)
67. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-30933)
68. From Ps. 110:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-31987)
69. Lit. “devour widows’ houses” [↑](#footnote-ref-16205)
70. A lepton was a Jewish coin worth about 1/128 of a day’s wage. [↑](#footnote-ref-20492)
71. A quadrans was a Roman coin worth about 1/64 of a day’s wage. [↑](#footnote-ref-22850)
72. From Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-12874)
73. The Greek christos means “the Anointed One.” [↑](#footnote-ref-22188)
74. From Isa. 13:10; 34:4 [↑](#footnote-ref-21648)
75. From Dan. 7:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-18278)
76. The “rooster-crowing watch” was from 12:00-3:00 a.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-14496)
77. “People” refers to the nation of Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-30093)
78. Traditionally “Leper,” but the Greek lepros can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-19738)
79. A denarius was a Roman coin equal to one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-12176)
80. From Zech. 13:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-25101)
81. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24836)
82. “Power” is a title referring to God. [↑](#footnote-ref-13712)
83. Jesus is alluding to Ps. 110:1 and Dan. 7:13. [↑](#footnote-ref-11241)
84. Greek is chitōn, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-30817)
85. Lit. “the praetorium,” which refers to the headquarters or the residence of the Roman governor. [↑](#footnote-ref-14402)
86. A cohort was normally 600 men. [↑](#footnote-ref-12349)
87. “Homage” refers to bowing down before someone to show great respect and high regard for the superiority of the individual. [↑](#footnote-ref-18167)
88. About 9 a.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-11293)
89. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-19339)
90. About 12 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-15420)
91. About 3 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-19665)
92. From Ps. 22:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-10428)
93. Lit. “he breathed out” [↑](#footnote-ref-16552)
94. Lit. “a prominent councilor,” meaning he was a member of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Israelite people. [↑](#footnote-ref-24482)