

# MARK

## Conversational Version

### 1:1 THE GOSPEL ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH, GOD'S SON

#### The Beginning of John's Ministry

<sup>2</sup>Isaiah the prophet wrote,

*"I'll send my messenger ahead of you  
to get the road ready for you [Ex 23:20; Mal 3:1],  
3 one shouting in the desert,  
'Get the road ready for the LORD!  
Make it straight'" [Is 40:3]!*

<sup>4</sup>John came baptizing in the desert and preaching a baptism of repentance to forgive sins. <sup>5</sup>The people from Jerusalem and Judaea were going out to have him baptize them in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup>John wore camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist and lived on locusts and wild honey. Mk 1:1-6

#### An Example of John's Preaching

<sup>7</sup>He preached, *"After me someone more important is coming. I'm not even worthy to squat down and unfasten his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I'm immersing you with water; he'll 'immerse' you in the Holy Spirit."* Mk 1:7-8

#### The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus of Nazareth in Galilee came, and John baptized him in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>When he came up out of the water, *John* saw the sky open up and the Spirit come down on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>A voice came out of the sky, *"You're my dearly loved Son that I delight in."* Mk 1:9-11

#### The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit took<sup>p</sup> him directly into the desert, <sup>13</sup>and the devil tempted him there for 40 days. He was with the wild animals, and angels were helping him. Mk 1:12-13

#### Introductory Statements

#### About the Galilean Ministry

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, delivering God's good news: <sup>15</sup>*"It's time; God's kingdom is on its way. Repent and believe the good news."* Mk 1:14-15

#### Calling 4 Fishermen

<sup>16</sup>As he passed along Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting nets in the lake; they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said, *"Come with me; I'll have you 'fishing' for people."*

<sup>18</sup>They left their nets and went with him. <sup>19</sup>A little farther along, he saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat, mending nets. <sup>20</sup>He called them, and they left their father in the boat with the hired help and went with him. Mk 1:16-20

### Teaching and Miracles in Capernaum

<sup>21</sup>They went<sup>p</sup> to Capernaum and entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and he started teaching. <sup>22</sup>The people were amazed at how he taught; he was teaching them like someone that had authority, not like the scribes.

<sup>23</sup>A man in their synagogue had an unclean spirit that shouted, <sup>24</sup>*“What is this, Jesus, you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are: God’s Holy One!”*

<sup>25</sup>Jesus rebuked it, *“Be quiet and come out of him!”* <sup>26</sup>The unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, made a loud noise, and came out.

<sup>27</sup>They were surprised and started, wondering to each other, *“What is this? A new kind of teaching with authority? He even gives orders to unclean spirits, and they obey.”* <sup>28</sup>The news about him spread all over that part of Galilee.

<sup>29</sup>They left the synagogue and went to Simon and Andrew’s house with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Peter’s mother-in-law was in bed sick with a fever, and they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>He went and took her hand and raised her up. The fever went away, and she started waiting on them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sunset, people were bringing him the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>The whole town gathered at the door. <sup>34</sup>He healed them from many kinds of diseases and cast out lots of demons. He wouldn’t let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Mk 1:21-34

### The First General Tour of Galilee

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, a good while before daylight, Jesus got up and went out by himself to pray. <sup>36</sup>Simon and the others hunted for him <sup>37</sup>till they found him; *“Everybody’s looking for you.”*

<sup>38</sup>He said<sup>p</sup>, *“Let’s go to the villages nearby so I can preach there. That’s the main reason I came.”* <sup>39</sup>He went around preaching in their synagogues all over Galilee and casting out demons. Mk 1:35-39

### Cleansing a Leper

<sup>40</sup>A leper came<sup>p</sup> and pleaded with him on his knees, *“If you’re willing, you can cleanse me.”* <sup>41</sup>He felt sorry for him and reached out and touched him, *“I’m willing; be cleansed.”* <sup>42</sup>Instantly his leprosy disappeared. <sup>43</sup>Jesus spoke strictly to him and sent him off at once, <sup>44</sup>*“Keep this to yourself, show yourself to a priest, and offer for your purification what Moses commanded for a public testimony.”* <sup>45</sup>But he went out and spread it around, so Jesus had a hard time going into a town openly anymore. He stayed out in open areas, and people were coming to him from everywhere. Mk 1:40-45

### Healing a Paralyzed Man

<sup>2:1</sup>Several days later, Jesus went back to Capernaum, and people heard he was home. <sup>2</sup>So many people gathered, there wasn’t room at the door, and he was speaking the message to them. <sup>3</sup>Four men came<sup>p</sup>, carrying a paralyzed man. <sup>4</sup>With the crowd in the way, they couldn’t get to Jesus; so they took the roof apart above him and lowered the stretcher with the man on it.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he told<sup>p</sup> the man, *“Son, I’m forgiving your sins.”*

<sup>6</sup>Some scribes sitting there wondered to themselves, <sup>7</sup>“*Why’s he talking like that? He’s blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?*”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus knew what they were thinking,

“*Why are you wondering about that? 9Which is easier: to say to a paralyzed man, ‘I’m forgiving your sins’; or to say, ‘Get up, pick up your stretcher, and walk?’ 10Just so you know that the Son of Man has the right on earth to forgive sins*”—he said to the man, <sup>11</sup>“*Get up, pick up your stretcher, and go on home.*”

<sup>12</sup>He got up at once, picked it up, and went out in front of everybody. They were astounded and praised God, “*We’ve never seen anything like this.*” <sup>13</sup>Jesus went out again beside the lake. The whole crowd went along, and he started teaching again. Mk 2:1-13

#### Calling Matthew;

#### Controversy About Eating with Sinners

<sup>14</sup>As he passed along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth. He said<sup>p</sup>, “*Come with me.*” He got up and went with him.

<sup>15</sup>He was reclining<sup>p</sup> at table in *Levi’s* house. Many tax collectors and sinners were reclining at table with him and his disciples because many of them were following him. <sup>16</sup>When the scribes of the Pharisees saw him eating with sinners and tax collectors, they started saying to his disciples, “*Why’s he eating with tax collectors and sinners?*”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus overheard it, “*Healthy people don’t need a doctor; sick ones do. I didn’t come so much to call good people as to call sinners.*”

#### Question About Fasting

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John and the Pharisees were accustomed to fasting. They came<sup>p</sup> and asked<sup>p</sup> Jesus, “*Why do John’s and the Pharisees’ disciples fast, but yours don’t?*”

<sup>19</sup>He said, “*Groomsmen can’t feel like fasting while the groom’s around, can they? 20The time’s coming when the groom will be taken away from them. They’ll fast then.*”

<sup>21</sup>“*Nobody sews a patch of unshrunken cloth on an old garment. The new patch would pull away from the old material and make the tear worse. 22Nobody puts new wine in old wineskins. It would burst the wineskins, and the wine would be lost and the wineskins. People put new wine in new wineskins.*” Mk 2:14-22

#### Controversy About Breaking Sabbath

<sup>23</sup>On a Sabbath he was going along grain fields, and his disciples started picking off heads as they went along.

<sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said, “*Why are they doing what’s against the Law on Sabbath?*”

<sup>25</sup>He said, “*You have read, haven’t you, what David did when he and his men needed something to eat? 26He went into God’s house at the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the consecrated bread that’s against the Law for anybody but priests to eat. He gave some to the ones with him. 27Sabbath was made for people, not people for Sabbath. 28Person takes precedence over Sabbath*”<sup>lit.</sup> [or lit., “**The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.**”] Mk 2:23-28

#### Healing a Man with a Paralyzed Hand

**3:1** Again he went into a synagogue. A man with a paralyzed hand was there. **2** *Pharisees* were watching to see if he'd heal him on Sabbath so they could accuse him. **3** He told<sup>p</sup> the man, "Stand up." **4** He asked<sup>p</sup> them, "Is it lawful to do good on Sabbath or to do bad, to save life or take life?"

They didn't say anything.

**5** He looked around at them angry, dismayed at their lack of compassion. He told<sup>p</sup> the fellow, "Hold out your hand." He did, and it was restored. **6** The Pharisees left right away to plot with the Herodians to destroy him.

**Mk 3:1-6**

### **Jesus and the Multitudes**

**7** Jesus went with his disciples to the side of the lake. A huge crowd followed him from Galilee, Judaea, **8** Jerusalem, Idumea, from beyond the Jordan, and from around Tyre and Sidon. They came because they heard about the things he was doing.

**9** He told his disciples to bring a boat up close so the crowd wouldn't throng him. **10** He'd healed so many people that everybody with an ailment was crowding up to touch him. **11** When unclean spirits would see him, they'd kneel down to him and cry out, "You're God's Son." **12** He'd strictly order them not to tell who he was.

**Mk 3:7-12**

### **Calling the Twelve Apostles**

**13** He went up<sup>p</sup> on a mountain and called the ones he wanted. **14** He appointed twelve and named them apostles. *He appointed them* to be with him so he could "send" them out to preach **15** and have authority to cast out demons. **16** *The Twelve were* Simon, that he named Peter; **17** James and John, sons of Zebedee, that he nicknamed Boanerges (Sons of Thunder); **18** Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas; James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, **19** and Judas Iscariot, who *later* betrayed him.

**Mk 3:13-19**

### **The Pharisees' Charge That Jesus Was in League with the Devil**

**20** He came<sup>p</sup> home, and again such a crowd gathered<sup>p</sup> that *he and his disciples* couldn't even eat. **21** When his neighbors heard about it, they went out to rescue him, because they said he was out of his mind. **22** Scribes from Jerusalem were saying he had Beelzebub—that he was casting out demons by the ruler of demons. **23** He called them over and gave them an illustration:

*"What sense does it make to say Satan casts out Satan? 24 A kingdom at cross purposes with itself can't stand. 25 A family at cross purposes with itself can't stand. 26 If Satan opposes himself and is at cross purposes, he can't stand. 27 Nobody can go into a strong man's house and seize his property unless he ties him up first. Then he can ransack his house.*

*28 I tell you, any sin can be forgiven, including blasphemy; 29 but anybody that blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they're guilty of permanent sin" (30 He gave that warning because they were saying he had an unclean spirit.)*

**Mk 3:20-30**

### **Jesus' Mother and Brothers Interrupt His Ministry**

<sup>31</sup>His mother and brothers came<sup>p</sup> and stood outside and sent him a message, calling him. <sup>32</sup>The crowd sitting around said<sup>p</sup>, “*Your mother and brothers are outside, wanting to talk to you.*”

<sup>33</sup>He answered<sup>p</sup>, “*Who are my mother and my brothers?*” <sup>34</sup>He looked around at the ones sitting around him, “*My mother and my brothers!* <sup>35</sup>*Whoever does God’s will, is my brother, my sister, my mother.*”

Mk 3:31-35

### The Sermon in Parables

<sup>4:1</sup>Another time he was trying to teach by the lake, but the crowd was<sup>p</sup> so big he got in a boat on the water and sat down. The crowd was on the shore.

<sup>2</sup>He started teaching them with parables.

<sup>3</sup>“*Listen. A sower went out to sow. 4 As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and birds came and ate it. 5 Some fell on rocky ground, where there wasn’t much soil. It sprouted up right away because the soil was thin. 6 But when the sun climbed high, it scorched and shriveled up because it didn’t have roots. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it out, and it didn’t produce anything. 8 But other seed fell on good ground, grew up, and produced 30, 60, 100 times over. 9 Whoever has ears, listen!*”

<sup>10</sup>When he was by himself, the ones around him with the Twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup>He told them, “*You’re allowed to know the unrevealed things about God’s kingdom, but to people outside I’m doing things in parables*

<sup>12</sup>*so*

*‘They’ll certainly see, but not perceive;  
they’ll certainly hear, but not understand,  
be converted, and  
I forgive them’ [Is 6:9-10].*

Mk 4:1-12

<sup>13</sup>“*You don’t understand this parable? How will you understand any parable? 14 A sower sows the message. Some deeds fall beside the path where the message is sown. 15 When they hear it, Satan comes at once and takes away what was sown in them. 16 Some fall on rocky soil. When they hear the message, they’re glad and accept it right away. 17 But they don’t have root in themselves and just last a while. When trouble or persecution comes on account of the message, they stumble. 18 Some seeds fall among thorns. They hear the message; 19 but the cares of this age, the deception of wealth, the desire for other things enter in and choke them out, and they don’t produce anything. 20 Others fall on good ground; they hear the message, accept it, and produce 30, 60, 100 times as much as was sown.’*

<sup>21</sup>“*People don’t take a lamp and stick it under a basket, do they? They put it on a stand. 22 Nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed; nothing is secret that won’t come to light. 23 Whoever has ears, listen!*”

<sup>24</sup>“Be careful what you listen to. The measure you measure with, you’ll be measured by—and more so. <sup>25</sup>Those who have, will receive more; those who don’t have, will lose even what they do have.”

Mk 4:13-25

<sup>26</sup>“God’s kingdom is like a man that puts seed in the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and gets up day after day, but he doesn’t know how the seed sprouts and grows.

<sup>28</sup>The ground produces crops on its own—the stalk, the head, then the seed in the head. <sup>29</sup>When the crop is ripe, he gets out his scythe to harvest it.”

<sup>30</sup>“What can we compare God’s kingdom to? What’s it like? <sup>31</sup>It’s like a mustard seed, which is smaller than any other seed people plant. <sup>32</sup>Yet it grows up bigger than the other garden plants and puts out branches, so birds build nests in its shade.

<sup>33</sup>Only with parables like those was he delivering the message to them as they could understand. <sup>34</sup>Privately he’d explain them to his disciples.

Mk 4:26-34

### Stilling the Storm

<sup>35</sup>That evening he said<sup>p</sup>, “Let’s go to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>They left the crowd and took him along in the boat like he was; *some* other boats went along. <sup>37</sup>A dangerous storm came up<sup>p</sup> and was sloshing waves into the boat, and it was filling up. <sup>38</sup>He was in the back of the boat, sleeping on a cushion. They woke<sup>p</sup> him up, “*Rabbi, don’t you care that we’re going to die?*” <sup>39</sup>Now that he was awake, he rebuked the wind, and a general calm settled in. <sup>40</sup>He said, “*Why are you so scared? Don’t you trust me yet?*” <sup>41</sup>They were even more scared now, “*Who is this that even the wind and waves obey?*”

Mk 4:35-41

### Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs

<sup>5</sup>:<sup>1</sup>They came to the other side of the lake, to the area of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>As soon as he got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit met him from the tombs. <sup>3</sup>He’d been living in the tombs, and nobody could tie him up anymore. <sup>4</sup>People had often bound him with shackles and chains. He’d pulled the chains apart and break the shackles in pieces. Nobody was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Constantly day and night in the tombs and in the hills, he’d scream and cut himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus a long way off, he ran and bowed to him <sup>7</sup>and screamed<sup>p</sup>, “*What is this, Jesus, Son of God Most High! I beg you by God not to torment me!*” <sup>8</sup>He said that because Jesus had told the unclean spirit to come out of him.)

<sup>9</sup>He asked him, “*What’s your name?*”

“*Legion*; *there are lots of us.*” <sup>10</sup>He begged Jesus not to send them away from the area.

<sup>11</sup>A tremendous herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. <sup>12</sup>“*Send us into the pigs.*” <sup>13</sup>He let them. They went into the herd of about 2,000, which stampeded down the steep hill into the lake and drowned.

<sup>14</sup>The herdsmen ran away and reported it in town and in the countryside, and people came to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup>They came<sup>p</sup> over to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man sitting there dressed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>The people that had seen it described to them how it was with the demoniac and the pigs. <sup>17</sup>The people begged Jesus to leave.

<sup>18</sup>As he was getting in the boat, the demoniac begged to go along; <sup>19</sup>but Jesus told<sup>p</sup> him, “*Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he was merciful to you.*” <sup>20</sup>He went and told in the Decapolis what all Jesus had done for him, and everybody was amazed.

Mk 5:1-20

**Raising Jairus' Daughter;  
Healing a Woman with Chronic Hemorrhaging**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus crossed back over to the other side in the boat, a big crowd had gathered beside the lake. <sup>22</sup>A ruler of the synagogue, named Jairus, saw him and came<sup>p</sup> and fell down<sup>p</sup> to him. <sup>23</sup>He pleaded<sup>p</sup>, “*My little girl is at the point of death. Please come and lay hands on her so she'll live.*” <sup>24</sup>Jesus went with him.

A big crowd was following him and pressing in on him. <sup>25</sup>A woman there had been hemorrhaging for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She'd been put through a lot by doctors and spent everything she had without any benefit—but got worse. <sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothes. She'd said, <sup>28</sup>“*If I can just touch his clothes, I'll be cured.*” <sup>29</sup>Instantly her bleeding stopped. She could tell in her body that she was healed from the scourge she'd been dealing with for so long.

<sup>30</sup>At once Jesus sensed that power had gone out of him. He turned around in the crowd, “*Who touched my clothes?*”

<sup>31</sup>His disciples said, “*You see the crowd pressing in on you and you say, 'Who touched me?'*”

<sup>32</sup>He kept looking around to see who did it. <sup>33</sup>The woman, afraid and trembling, knew what had happened to her. She came and fell down to him and admitted the whole thing.

<sup>34</sup>“*Daughter, your faith has cured you. Have a good day and stay healed from your ailment.*”

<sup>35</sup>While he was speaking, they came<sup>p</sup> from the synagogue ruler's house, “*Your daughter has died; why bother the Rabbi anymore?*”

<sup>36</sup>But Jesus overheard the message and told<sup>p</sup> the synagogue ruler, “*Don't give up; just trust me.*”

<sup>37</sup>He only let Peter, James, and his brother John follow him. <sup>38</sup>When he came<sup>p</sup> to the man's house and saw the crying and loud wailing, <sup>39</sup>he went in and said<sup>p</sup>, “*Why are you making such a scene? The girl's not dead; she's 'asleep.'*” <sup>40</sup>They started ridiculing him. He put them all out and took her parents and the three with him into where the girl was. <sup>41</sup>He took her hand, “*Talitha, qum (Girl, get up).*” <sup>42</sup>She stood up right away and started walking around. (She was twelve.) They were completely astounded. <sup>43</sup>He gave them strict orders that nobody should know about this and told them to give her something to eat.

Mk 5:21-43

**Last Visit to Nazareth**

<sup>6:1</sup> He left for his hometown with his disciples. <sup>2</sup>When Sabbath came, he taught in the synagogue, and many were astonished when they heard<sup>p</sup> him: “*Where'd he get that wisdom and those miracles he does with his hands? Isn't this the builder, Mary's son and brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here?*” They were put off by him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus told them, “*A prophet is respected everywhere except in his hometown, among his relatives, in his own family.*” <sup>5</sup>He couldn’t do any miracle there—except he did lay hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>He was amazed at their disbelief.

He continued to move around the villages and teach.

**Mk 6:1-6**

#### **Mission of the Twelve**

<sup>7</sup>He called<sup>p</sup> the Twelve aside and got them ready to go out in pairs with authority over unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He instructed them not to take anything except a rod—no bread, traveler’s bag or money in their belt, <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals. “*Don’t take two shirts to wear.*” <sup>10</sup>*Stay at whatever house you enter till you leave the area.* <sup>11</sup>*If a place doesn’t welcome you or listen to you, leave and shake the dust off your feet as a statement to them.*” <sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out demons and anointed many sick people and healed them.

**Mk 6:7-13**

#### **Herod’s Stricken Conscience**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard about *him* because Jesus had become well known. People were saying John the Baptist had arisen from the dead and that was why miraculous powers were working in him. <sup>15</sup>Others were saying he was Elijah or like one of the prophets. <sup>16</sup>When Herod heard about it, he said, “*John that I beheaded has resurrected.*” <sup>17</sup>Herod himself had sent and arrested John and bound him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he’d married her. <sup>18</sup>John kept telling Herod, “*It’s against the Law for you to be living with your brother’s wife.*” <sup>19</sup>Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to have him killed; but she couldn’t <sup>20</sup>because Herod was afraid of him. He knew he was upright and holy, and he protected him. He listened to him many times and was confused, but he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup>A chance came when Herod threw a banquet on his birthday for his officials, military commanders, and prominent men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter of Herodias came in and danced, it pleased Herod and the ones reclining at table with him. The king said to the girl “*Ask me for whatever you want, and I’ll give it to you.*” <sup>23</sup>He strongly swore to her, “*I’ll give you whatever you ask for up to half my kingdom.*”

<sup>24</sup>She went out and asked her mother what she should ask for.

“*The head of John the Baptist!*”

<sup>25</sup>She hurried back and asked, “*I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.*”

<sup>26</sup>Herod became deeply grieved; but because of his oaths and the guests, he wasn’t willing to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>He sent the executioner to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and got his corpse and put it in a tomb. **Mk 6:14-29**

#### **Feeding the 5,000**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles came back<sup>p</sup> to Jesus and reported what all they’d done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said<sup>p</sup>, “*Come off by yourselves away from the crowds and rest awhile.*” So many people were coming and going they didn’t have time to eat. <sup>32</sup>They left in a boat to a place off by themselves.

<sup>33</sup>People saw them leaving and figured out where they were going. They ran as a group from the towns and got there first. <sup>34</sup>When he got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd and felt sorry for them: they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them a lot of things.

<sup>35</sup>When it was getting quite late, his disciples came to him, “*Nobody lives around here, and it's getting late.* <sup>36</sup>*Dismiss them so they can go into the countryside and villages to buy food.*”

<sup>37</sup>But he answered, “*You feed them.*”

“*Should we go spend 200 denarii on bread to feed them!?*”

<sup>38</sup>“*Go see how many loaves you have.*”

They found five, and two fish.

<sup>39</sup>He told his disciples to have everybody sit down on the green grass <sup>40</sup>in groups of 50 and 100. <sup>41</sup>He took the five loaves and two fish, and looked up at the sky, blessed and broke the loaves, and started giving them to his disciples to distribute to the crowd, and divided up the two fish for everybody. <sup>42</sup>They all ate till they were full. <sup>43</sup>*The disciples picked up twelve baskets of bread and fish pieces.* <sup>44</sup>5,000 men had eaten the loaves.

Mk 6:30-44

### Jesus Walking on the Water

<sup>45</sup>Jesus urged his disciples to get in the boat right away and go on to Bethsaida, on the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>When he'd said goodbye to everybody, he went up on the hill to pray. <sup>47</sup>In the evening the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. <sup>48</sup>He saw them straining at the oars because the wind was against them. About 4 in the morning, he went to them walking on the water as if he intended to go on by. <sup>49</sup>When they saw him walking on the water, they thought he was a ghost and cried out terrified. <sup>50</sup>At once he spoke<sup>p</sup>, “*It's me. Don't let me scare you.*” <sup>51</sup>He climbed up into the boat with them and the wind died down. They were astounded. <sup>52</sup>They hadn't got the point about the loaves. They weren't catching on.

Mk 6:45-52

### Miracles at Gennesaret

<sup>53</sup>When they'd crossed over to land, they tied up at Gennesaret. <sup>54</sup>As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized him. <sup>55</sup>They hurried around the vicinity and started bringing sick people on stretchers to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>Whatever villages, towns, or countryside he'd go to, they'd put sick people in the marketplaces and appeal to him just to touch his clothes. As many as touched him were cured.

Mk 6:53-56

### Attack by the Jerusalem

#### Pharisees About Traditions

<sup>7</sup><sup>1</sup>Some Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>had seen some of his disciples eat<sup>p</sup> with defiled—unwashed—hands. <sup>(3)</sup>The Pharisees and all the Jews always wash their hands vigorously before they eat—keeping the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come in from the marketplace, they don't eat unless they take a bath. They keep many other customs—immersing cups, pitchers, bronze kettles [and bedrolls]<sup>ms.</sup>) <sup>5</sup>They gathered around Jesus and asked, “*Why don't your disciples follow the tradition of the elders instead of eating with defiled hands?*”

<sup>6</sup>He told them,

“*Isaiah described you hypocrites well when he wrote:*

*'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me.'*

*'They worship me without meaning anything, and  
teach human rules as God's doctrines'* [Is 29:13 LXX].

**8-9** You neatly set aside divine commandment to establish human tradition. **10** A case in point: Moses said, **'Honor your father and your mother'** [Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16], and, **'Put to death whoever cusses at his father or mother'** [Ex 21:17]. **11** But you say, 'If a person tells his father or mother, "Whatever would have helped you is 'Corban ('Given').'" **12** You let him do nothing for his parents. **13** You negate God's word with your tradition. You do a lot of things like that.'

**14** He called the crowd again, "Listen, all of you, and get this. **15** Nothing that goes in you can defile you. It's what comes out of you that defiles you." [<sup>16</sup>]ms

**17** When he went into the house away from the crowd, his disciples asked him about the illustration.

**18** "Don't you get it either? Don't you know that nothing that goes into you can defile you. **19** It doesn't go into your heart, but into your stomach, and is eliminated in the toilet (a comment that cleanses all foods ceremonially)? **20** What comes out of you is what defiles you. **21** From the inside—from your heart—come sinful thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, **22** adultery, coveting, evil intentions, deception, indecency, jealousy, pride, senselessness. **23** Sinful things from inside you are what defile you."

Mk 7:1-23

#### Healing the Syrophenician Woman's Daughter

**24** From there he traveled to the locale around Tyre and went into a house because he didn't want anybody to know it, but he couldn't hide. **25** Right away, a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him and came and fell down to him. **26** She was a Greek, a Syrophenician. She asked him to cast out the demon.

**27** He told her, "Let the kids eat first. It's not right to take their food and toss it to the dogs in the house."

**28** But she answered, "Lord, even house dogs under the table eat the kids' crumbs."

**29** "Because of that comment, you can go; the demon has left your daughter."

**30** When she went in her house, she found the little girl lying on her bed and the demon gone.

Mk 7:24-30

#### Ministry in Decapolis; Feeding the 4,000

**31** He left the area around Tyre and traveled through Sidon to Lake Galilee in the territory of Decapolis. **32** They brought<sup>p</sup> him a deaf man with a speech impediment and asked<sup>p</sup> him to lay his hand on him. **33** He took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in his ears and spit and touched his tongue. **34** He looked up at the sky, and made a groaning sound and said<sup>p</sup>, "Ephphatha (Open up)." **35** His ears opened and his tongue freed up, and he started speaking clearly. **36** Jesus told the people not to tell anybody, but the more he told them to keep something

quiet, the more they spread it around. <sup>37</sup>They were completely astonished, “*He’s done everything well. He even makes deaf people hear and mutes speak.*”

Mk 7:31-37

**8:1** At that time again, the large crowd didn’t have anything to eat. Jesus called<sup>p</sup> the disciples over, <sup>2</sup>“*I feel for the crowd. They’ve stayed with me three days already and don’t have any food. 3If I send them home hungry, they’ll collapse on the way. Some of them have come a long way.*”

<sup>4</sup>His disciples answered, “*Where can anyone satisfy them out here in the open country?*”

<sup>5</sup>“*How many loaves do you have?*”

“*Seven.*”

<sup>6</sup>He told<sup>p</sup> the crowd to sit down. He took the seven loaves, blessed them, and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the crowd. <sup>7</sup>They had a few small fish. He blessed them and said to pass them out too. <sup>8</sup>The people ate till they were full, and the *disciples* picked up seven large baskets of pieces. <sup>9</sup>About 4,000 were there, and he dismissed them. <sup>10</sup>Directly he got in the boat with his disciples and went to the vicinity of Dalmanutha.

Mk 8:1-10

**Visit to Magadan;**

**Demand for a Sign from the Sky**

<sup>11</sup>The Pharisees came and started arguing with him and demanding a sign from the sky—testing him. <sup>12</sup>He groaned under his breath, “*Why do people today keep looking for a sign? They’re not going to get one.*” <sup>13</sup>He got in the boat again and went back to the other side.

Mk 8:11-13

**Fourth Withdrawal East of the Lake;**

**Warning to the Disciples**

<sup>14</sup>The disciples had forgotten to take bread along and only had one loaf left in the boat.

<sup>15</sup>He gave them strict orders, “*Watch out for the ‘yeast’ from the Pharisees and Herod.*” <sup>16</sup>They started reasoning with one another *that his comment was* because they did not have any bread.

<sup>17</sup>He knew it and said<sup>p</sup>,

“*Why are you talking about not having any bread? Don’t you get it yet? Do you have minds that can’t understand? 18Do you have eyes but can’t see, and ears but can’t hear? Don’t you remember 19how many medium-sized baskets of leftover pieces you picked up when I broke the five loaves for the 5,000?*”

“*Twelve.*”

<sup>20</sup>“*How many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up when I broke the seven loaves for the 4,000?*”

“*Seven.*”

<sup>21</sup>“*You still don’t catch on?*”

<sup>22</sup>They went<sup>p</sup> to Bethsaida, and people brought<sup>p</sup> Jesus a blind man and asked<sup>p</sup> him to touch him. <sup>23</sup>He led him by the hand out of the village. He spit on his eyes and put his hands on him, and asked, “*Do you see anything?*”

<sup>24</sup>He looked up and said, “*I see people—like trees—walking.*”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus put his hands on the man's eyelids again; the man looked intently, and his sight came back clear.

<sup>26</sup>Jesus sent him home, "Don't go back into the village."

Mk 8:14-26

#### Peter's Great Confession

<sup>27</sup>Jesus and his disciples went out to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who are people saying I am?"

<sup>28</sup>"John the Baptist; others, Elijah; others, that you're one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup>"Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You're the Messiah."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus told them not to tell anybody.

Mk 8:27-30

#### The First Prediction of Messiah's Death

<sup>31</sup>He started explaining to them that the Son of Man had a lot to suffer; be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes; be put to death, and resurrect after three days. <sup>32</sup>He was talking about the matter openly, and Peter pulled him aside and began to scold him. <sup>33</sup>He turned around and saw his disciples and scolded Peter, "Get behind me, Satan. Your mind's not on God's interests, but human interests."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples,

"If people want to follow me, they have to set aside their own interests, pick up their cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>Whoever wants to save their life will lose it; whoever loses their life more than me and the good news will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good does it do anyone to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>What would they give in exchange for their life? <sup>38</sup>Whoever's ashamed of me and my message in this adulterous, sinful time, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father's glory with his holy angels. **9:1**Some of you standing here will certainly live to see God's kingdom come with power."

Mk 8:31-9:1

#### The Transfiguration

<sup>2</sup>Six days later Jesus took<sup>p</sup> Peter, James, and John up on a mountain by themselves, and was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes turned brilliant white like no laundryman can bleach them. <sup>4</sup>Elijah appeared with Moses, talking to Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter responded<sup>p</sup>, "Rabbi, it's good to be here. Should we set up three tents—one each for you, Moses, and Elijah?" <sup>6</sup>He didn't know what to say, because they were afraid. <sup>7</sup>A cloud surrounded them, and a voice came out of it, "This is my dearly loved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>Suddenly they looked around and didn't see anybody but Jesus.

Mk 9:2-8

#### Discussing the Vision

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he impressed on them not to pass on to anybody what they'd seen till the Son of Man arose from the dead. <sup>10</sup>They kept the matter to themselves and wondered what "arising from the dead" meant.

<sup>11</sup>They asked him, "Why do the scribes say Elijah has to come first?"

<sup>12</sup>“Elijah does come first and restore everything, and how does the scripture say that the Son of Man has to suffer many things and be rejected? <sup>13</sup>But Elijah has in fact come, and they treated him however they wanted to, like scripture says.” Mk 9:9-13

#### Healing the Demonic Boy

<sup>14</sup>When they got back to the rest of the disciples, they saw a big crowd around them and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>When they saw him, the whole crowd was really surprised and ran to greet him. <sup>16</sup>Jesus asked, “*Why are you arguing with them?*”

<sup>17</sup>A man in the crowd answered him, “*Rabbi, I brought you my boy. He has a spirit that makes him unable to talk. 18 Wherever it seizes him, it throws him on the ground. He foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth; and it makes him rigid. I spoke to your disciples about casting it out, but they couldn't do it.*”

<sup>19</sup>“*Unbelieving bunch, how long am I going to be with you? How long am I going to deal with you? Bring him to me.*”

<sup>20</sup>They brought him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, it threw the boy into convulsions. He fell on the ground and rolled around and foamed at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus asked his dad, “*How long has this been going on?*”

“*Ever since he was little. 22 Lots of times it's thrown him into the fire or the water to destroy him. But if you can, help us; have sympathy for us.*”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said, “*If you can? Everything's possible for someone that believes.*”

<sup>24</sup>His dad cried out, “*I believe! Help my unbelief!*”

<sup>25</sup>When Jesus saw the crowd quickly coming together, he commanded the unclean spirit, “*Mute and deaf spirit, I charge you, come out of him and don't go into him again.*”

<sup>26</sup>It cried out and threw him into severe convulsions and came out. The boy looked like he was dead, so much so that many of them said he'd died. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took his hand and raised him up, and he stood up.

<sup>28</sup>When Jesus went into a house, his disciples asked him privately, “*Why couldn't we cast it out?*”

<sup>29</sup>“*This kind doesn't come out except by prayer.*” Mk 9:14-29

#### Third Prediction of His Death

<sup>30</sup>They left and began traveling around Galilee. He didn't want anybody to know it, <sup>31</sup>because he was trying to teach his disciples, “*I'm going to be betrayed to authorities that will put me to death. Three days later I'll resurrect.*” <sup>32</sup>They didn't understand, but they were reluctant to ask him about it. Mk 9:30-32

#### Discussion About Rank

<sup>33</sup>When they came home to Capernaum, he asked them, “*What were you<sup>pl</sup> arguing about on the road?*” <sup>34</sup>They kept still because they'd been arguing about who had higher rank. <sup>35</sup>He sat down and called the Twelve over, “*If anybody wants to be first, he'll put himself last as servant of all.*” <sup>36</sup>He took a little child and stood him among them and put his arms around him, <sup>37</sup>“*Whoever receives one of these children in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One that sent me.*”

### The Unknown Exorcist

<sup>38</sup>John said, “Rabbi, we saw a fellow casting out demons in your name and tried to stop him because he wasn’t following us.”

<sup>39</sup>“Don’t stop<sup>pl</sup> him. Nobody that performs a miracle in my name will turn around right away and say something bad about me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name because you’re following the Messiah, will certainly not miss out on his reward. Mk 9:33-41

### The Question of Stumbling Blocks

<sup>42</sup>“Whoever makes one of these little ones stumble that believes in me, would be better off to have a large millstone put around their neck and be thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you problems, cut it off. It’s better to go about life deformed than to have two hands and go to hell—into the unquenchable fire. <sup>44</sup>]<sup>ms</sup> <sup>45</sup>If your foot causes you problems, cut it off. It’s better to go about life deformed than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>46</sup>]<sup>ms</sup> <sup>47</sup>If your eye causes you problems, gouge it out. It’s better to get in God’s kingdom with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where the worms don’t die, and the fire doesn’t burn out.

<sup>49</sup>“Everybody will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt’s good, but if it loses its saltiness, how will you make it salty? Have salt in yourselves and get along with each other.” Mk 9:42-50

### Jesus in Perea; Teaching About Divorce

**10:1**From there he went<sup>p</sup> to places in Judaea and beyond the Jordan. Again, crowds went<sup>p</sup> with him; and he was teaching them like usual.

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came and asked if a man could legally divorce his wife—testing him.

<sup>3</sup>He answered, “*What did Moses command you?*”

<sup>4</sup>“*Moses allowed a husband to write a certificate of divorce and divorce her*” [Deut 24:1, 3].

<sup>5</sup>Jesus said, “*He wrote that because of your hardheartedness.* <sup>6</sup>From the beginning of creation, **‘he made them male and female** [Gen 5:2]. <sup>7</sup>**So a man is to leave his parents and be unite with his wife,** <sup>8</sup>**and they’ll become a physical unit**” [Gen 2:24]; they’re no longer two but one. <sup>9</sup>**What God has joined, people are not to separate.**”

<sup>10</sup>In the house the disciples asked him about it again.

<sup>11</sup>“*Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.*

<sup>12</sup>*If a woman divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.*” Mk 10:1-12

### Jesus and the Little Children

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing their kids so he could touch them, but the disciples fussed at them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw it, he was indignant, “*Let them come to me. Don’t get in their way. God’s kingdom is made up of people like them.*” <sup>15</sup>*Whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a little child, will certainly not get into it.”* <sup>16</sup>He took the children in his arms and laid hands on them.

**Mk 10:13-16**

#### **The Rich Young Ruler**

<sup>17</sup>As he was going out to the road, a man ran and knelt to him, “*Good Rabbi, what can I do to inherit eternal life?”*

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said, “*Why are you calling me good? Only God is good. 19 You know the commandments, ‘do not murder, commit adultery, steal, lie, or swindle; respect your parents’*” [Ex 20:12-16; Deut 5:16-20; 24:14].

<sup>20</sup>“*I’ve kept those since I was a boy.”*

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and liked him, “*There is one thing you lack. Sell what you own, give it to the poor, and you’ll have wealth in heaven; come with me.”*

<sup>22</sup>He was shocked and went away discouraged because he owned a lot. **Mk 10:17-22**

#### **The Peril of Wealth**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said<sup>p</sup> to his disciples, “*It’s so hard for wealthy people to get into God’s kingdom.”*

<sup>24</sup>That surprised the disciples, but he said<sup>p</sup> it again; “*Children, it’s so hard to get into God’s kingdom. 25 It’s easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for rich people to get into God’s kingdom.”*

<sup>26</sup>They were surprised even more and said to one another, “*So who can be saved?”*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said<sup>p</sup>, “*It’s not possible with people, but with God everything’s possible.”*

<sup>28</sup>Peter spoke up, “*We’ve left everything to follow you.”*

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “*Everybody that’s left a house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or fields for my sake 30 will receive houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields 100 times over in this age with persecution and eternal life in the age to come. 31 Many first will be last and last, first.”*

**Mk 10:23-31**

#### **Another Prediction of His Death**

<sup>32</sup>On the way up to Jerusalem, Jesus was ahead of them. They were wondering what was going to happen, and the people behind were afraid. He called the Twelve again and explained to them what was about to happen: <sup>33</sup>“*We’re going to Jerusalem, and I’ll be betrayed to the chief priests and the scribes. They’ll condemn me to death and turn me over to the Gentiles. 34 They’ll make fun of me, spit on me, flog me, and put me to death. Three days later I’ll resurrect.”*

**Mk 10:32-34**

#### **James and John’s Request for Rank**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, Zebedee’s sons, came<sup>p</sup>, saying, “*Rabbi, we want you to do something.”*

<sup>36</sup>“*What is it?”*

<sup>37</sup>“*Let us sit on your right and left hand in your glory.”*

<sup>38</sup>Jesus told them, “You don’t know what you’re asking. Can you drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I’m baptized with?”

<sup>39</sup>“Yes.”

Jesus said, “You’ll drink the cup I drink all right and be baptized with the baptism I’m baptized with. <sup>40</sup>But I’m not the One that decides who sits on my right and left hand. They’re the ones it’s prepared for.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard it, they were indignant over what James and John had done.

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said<sup>p</sup>,

“You know that rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants toward them. <sup>43</sup>It’s not that way with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you will be the servant of all. <sup>45</sup>Even I didn’t come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”

**Mk 10:35-45**

#### Healing a Blind Man at Jericho

<sup>46</sup>They came<sup>p</sup> to Jericho. As he, his disciples, and a sizeable crowd were leaving the city, Bartimaeus (“Son of Timaeus”), a beggar, was sitting by the road. <sup>47</sup>When he heard it was Jesus the Nazarene, he started yelling, “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>48</sup>People told him to quiet down, but he yelled louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me.”

<sup>49</sup>Jesus stopped, “Call him over here.”

They called him, “Okay; get up; he’s calling for you.”

<sup>50</sup>He threw his cloak aside, jumped up, and went to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup>Jesus answered him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Rabbi, I want to see again.”

<sup>52</sup>“Go on, your faith has made you able to see.” Instantly he could see again, and he went with Jesus on the road.

**Mk 10:46-52**

#### The Triumphal Entry

<sup>11:1</sup>When they got<sup>p</sup> close to Jerusalem—to Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent<sup>p</sup> two disciples, <sup>2</sup>“Go in the village over there. Just inside, you’ll find a donkey colt tied that nobody has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anybody says, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it,’ and he’ll send<sup>p</sup> it here right away.”

<sup>4</sup>They went and found the colt tied at the gate outside by the road and untied<sup>p</sup> it. <sup>5</sup>Some of the ones standing there said, “What’re you doing, untying the colt?”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples said what Jesus told them to say, and they let them take it. <sup>7</sup>They brought<sup>p</sup> it to Jesus and put<sup>p</sup> their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>People spread their cloaks on the road and brought leafy branches they’d cut out of the fields. <sup>9</sup>The ones in front and behind started shouting,

**“Hosanna!**

**Blessed be the one that’s coming in the name of the LORD [Ps 118:25-26]!**

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

**Hosanna in the highest!”**

**11**He entered the Temple in Jerusalem and looked around at everything. It was already evening, and he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. Mk 11:1-11

**Cursing the Fig Tree;  
Second Cleansing of the Temple**

**12**The next day, when they left Bethany, he was hungry. **13**From a distance he saw a fig tree leafed out and went to see if he'd find anything on it. He didn't find anything but leaves—it wasn't the season for figs yet. **14**He said to it, "*May nobody ever eat fruit from you again.*" His disciples heard it.

**15**They went<sup>p</sup> into Jerusalem. In the Temple, he started putting out the buyers and sellers. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and the chairs of men selling doves. **16**He wouldn't let anybody carry a container through the Temple. **17**He began to teach, "*Doesn't scripture say,*

**'Call my house a house of prayer for all the nations'?** [Is 56:7]

**You've made it 'a den of thieves'!'** [Jer 7:11]

**18**The chief priests and scribes heard about it and kept looking for a way to destroy him. They were afraid of him, and the crowd was astonished at his teaching. **19**In the evening, he and his disciples left the city. Mk 11:12-19

**Discussing the Shriveled Fig Tree**

**20**As they went by early the next morning, they saw the fig tree completely shriveled up.

**21**Peter remembered, "*Rabbi, the fig tree you cursed has shriveled up!*"

**22**Jesus said<sup>p</sup>, "*Trust God.* **23**Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be picked up and thrown into the sea,' and doesn't doubt, it'll happen. **24**As many things as you ask for in prayer, believe you've as good as received it<sup>aorist</sup>, and you will. **25**When you stand praying, if you have anything against anybody, forgive him so your Father in heaven will forgive you." [**26**]<sup>ms</sup> **Mk 11:20-26**

**Jesus' Authority Challenged**

**27**They went<sup>p</sup> into Jerusalem again. While he was walking in the Temple, the Pharisees, scribes, and elders came<sup>p</sup>, **28**"*What right do you have to do this? Who gave you that right?*"

**29**Jesus said, "*I'll ask you something. Answer me and I'll tell you what right I have to do this.* **30***Was John's baptism from heaven or humans? Answer that.*"

**31**They consulted with one another, "*If we say, 'From heaven,' he'll say, 'Why didn't you believe him?'* **32***But if we say, 'From humans'*"—they were afraid of the crowd because they all certainly considered John a prophet. **33**They answered<sup>p</sup>, "*We don't know.*"

Jesus said<sup>p</sup>, "*I won't tell you either what right I have to do this.*" Mk 11:27-33

**Parable About a Vineyard**

**12:1**He started telling parables.

*"A man planted a vineyard, put a wall around it, dug a wine pit with a trough under it, rented it out to tenants, and left on a trip. **2**At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to receive the fruit from the vineyard. **3**They took him and*

beat him up and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>He sent another servant, and they beat him over the head and abused him. <sup>5</sup>He sent another, and they killed him. He sent many others. They beat up some and killed others.

<sup>6</sup>“He still had one, dear son. He sent him to them last, ‘They’ll respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will belong to us.’ <sup>8</sup>They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>9</sup>What will the owner do? He’ll come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to other people. <sup>10</sup>Didn’t you ever read this scripture:

**‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

<sup>11</sup>**That has come from the LORD;  
it’s amazing to us.’”** [Ps 118:22-23]

<sup>12</sup>The Pharisees were trying to find a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds. They knew he’d aimed the parable at them, and they left. Mk 12:1-12

#### Question About Tribute to Caesar

<sup>13</sup>They sent some Pharisees and Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup>They said, “*Rabbi, we know you tell the truth, you don’t defer to anybody, you don’t respect persons, you teach the way of God correctly. Is it lawful to pay tribute to Caesar?*”

<sup>15</sup>He saw through their hypocrisy, “*Why are you trying to put me on the spot? Bring me a denarius.*”

<sup>16</sup>They brought him one, and he said, “*Whose image and inscription are these?*”  
“*Caesar’s.*”

<sup>17</sup>“*So pay Caesar what you owe Caesar and pay God what you owe God.*”

They were stunned. Mk 12:13-17

#### Question About Resurrection

<sup>18</sup>The Sadducees came—who say there’s no resurrection,

<sup>19</sup>“*Rabbi, Moses wrote to us that if someone’s brother dies and leaves a wife and no child, his brother is to take the wife and raise up heirs for his brother* [Gen 38:8; Deut.25:5]. <sup>20</sup>There were seven brothers. The first married a wife and left no offspring when he died. <sup>21</sup>The second married her and died, with no offspring. The third did the same thing. <sup>22</sup>All seven died, not leaving any offspring. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup>Whose wife will she be in the resurrection? The seven had her as a wife.”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus said,

“*Don’t you err because you don’t know the scriptures or God’s power?*”

<sup>25</sup>When people resurrect, they don’t get married. They’re like angels in heaven.

<sup>26</sup>“*As to the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read in the book of Moses in the bush passage how God spoke to him: ‘I’m Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob’s God’?* [Ex 3:6, 15-16] <sup>27</sup>He’s not a God of the dead but of the living. You’re greatly mistaken.” Mk 12:18-27

### Question About the Most Important Commandment

<sup>28</sup>When one of the scribes heard them arguing and saw that Jesus had answered them well, he came and asked, “*What is the most important commandment?*”

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “*The most important is, ‘Listen, Israel, the LORD your God is LORD alone.* <sup>30</sup>*Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength’* [Deut 6:4-5]. <sup>31</sup>*The second is, “Love your neighbor as yourself”* [Lev 19:18]. *There’s no commandment more important than those.*”

<sup>32</sup>The scribe said, “*Well put, Rabbi; you’re right that he is the only one* [Deut 6:4]; *there is no other God besides him* [Deut 4:35; Is 45:21]. <sup>33</sup>*Loving him with all your heart, mind* [Deut 6:5; Josh 22:5], *and strength, and loving your neighbor as yourself* [Lev 19:18] *is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus saw he’d made a sensible comment, “*You’re not far from God’s kingdom.*”

Nobody dared ask him any more questions.

Mk 12:28-34

### Question About the Son of David

<sup>35</sup>After he answered those questions, as he was teaching in the Temple, he said, “*How can the scribes say that the Messiah is David’s son?*” <sup>36</sup>*David said by the Holy Spirit,*

*‘The LORD said to my Lord,*

*“Sit at my right hand*

*till I put your enemies under your feet”* [Ps 110:1].

<sup>37</sup>*David himself called him ‘Lord’; how can he be his son?*” The huge crowd loved it.

### Denunciation of the Pharisees

<sup>38</sup>In his teaching, he was saying, “*Watch out for the Pharisees. They like to walk around in long robes, receive greetings in marketplaces,* <sup>39</sup>*occupy prominent seats in synagogues and places of honor at banquets.* <sup>40</sup>*They confiscate widows’ houses and offer long prayers for show. They’ll receive more severe condemnation.*”

Mk 12:35-40

### The Widow’s Mite

<sup>41</sup>He sat down across from the Treasury and watched *people from the crowd* put copper coins in the Treasury. Wealthy people were putting in big amounts. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two leptons, which equal a quadrans. <sup>43</sup>He called his disciples over, “*That poor widow put in more than all the others.* <sup>44</sup>*They donated out of their abundance, but she donated out of her poverty—everything she had to live on.*”

Mk 12:41-44

### The Olivet Discourse

**13:1** As he was leaving the Temple, one disciple said<sup>p</sup>, “*Rabbi, look at what wonderful stones and magnificent buildings!*”

<sup>2</sup>Jesus said, “*You see these large buildings? Not one stone will be left on top of another here.*”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“*Tell us when that will happen and what will indicate that it’s about to happen.*”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus told them,

“Make sure nobody deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many will come, saying, ‘I’m the Messiah,’ and deceive lots of people. <sup>7</sup>When you hear about wars and reports about wars, don’t panic. They need to happen, but that’s not the end yet. <sup>8</sup>Nation will attack nation; kingdom will attack kingdom. There’ll be earthquakes and famines in many places. They’re the beginning of labor pains. Mk 13:1-8

<sup>9</sup>“Watch out. They’ll take you to court and flog you in the synagogues. You’ll stand in front of governors and kings to speak for me. <sup>10</sup>The good news needs to reach all the countries first. <sup>11</sup>When they arrest you and put you on trial, don’t worry about what you’re going to say. Say what comes to you at that time; you won’t be the ones speaking; it’ll be the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and father will betray child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>People will hate you because of me. The one that endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>14</sup>“When you see ‘the abomination of desolation’ positioned where it shouldn’t be (reader, understand), people in Judaea need to flee to the hill country. <sup>15</sup>The one on the housetop must not go down to get what’s in the house. <sup>16</sup>The one in the field must not go home to get his cloak. <sup>17</sup>Woe to those who are pregnant or nursing then. <sup>18</sup>Pray that it won’t happen in the wintertime. <sup>19</sup>Those days will be the worst ever—from the beginning of God’s creation till now or ever will be. <sup>20</sup>If the LORD hadn’t shortened them, nobody would survive. But, because of the Chosen, he has shortened them. Mk 13:9-20

<sup>21</sup>“If anybody says, ‘Here’s the Messiah,’ or ‘There’s the Messiah,’ don’t believe it. <sup>22</sup>False Messiahs and false prophets will arise and give signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the Chosen. <sup>23</sup>But you be careful. I’ve told you all this ahead of time.

<sup>24</sup>“After that distress,  
the sun will go out, and  
the moon won’t shine.

<sup>25</sup>Stars will fall from the sky, and  
the powers in the sky will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then people will see **the Son of Man coming on the clouds** [Dan 7:13-14] with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>He’ll send out his angels to gather the Chosen from every direction, from the end of earth to the end of sky.

<sup>28</sup>“Take a lesson from a fig tree. When its branches get tender and sprout leaves, you know summer’s coming. <sup>29</sup>The same way, when you see these things happening, you know he’s at the door. <sup>30</sup>They’ll take place in this generation.

<sup>31</sup>Earth and sky will pass away, but what I say won’t pass away. Mk 13:21-31

<sup>32</sup>“Nobody knows about that day or hour—not the angels in heaven, not the Son of Man, only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be careful, stay alert; you don’t know when it will happen<sup>p</sup>. <sup>34</sup>A man leaving on a trip gives each servant the authority to do his job and tells the doorkeeper to stay alert. <sup>35</sup>Watch; you don’t know when the master of the household will come back—in the evening, at midnight, at rooster

*crowning, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup>so if he comes unexpectedly, he won't catch you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>What I'm saying I'm saying to all of you. Watch!"*      Mk 13:32-37

## **Fifth Prediction of His Death**

**14:1**The Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread was two days away. The chief priests and scribes were trying to find a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and put him to death. **2**They said, “*Not during the festival; the people will riot.*” **Mk 14:1-2**

## **The Anointing of Jesus by Mary**

<sup>3</sup>When he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster cruise of expensive pure nard ointment. She broke open the alabaster cruise and poured it on his head. <sup>4</sup>Some were expressing their indignation to one another, “*Why has she wasted this ointment? 5She could've sold it for over 300 denarii and given it to the poor.*” They started fussing at her.

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She’s done me a good turn. <sup>7</sup>You always have poor people with you; you can do something good for them any time. You won’t always have<sup>p</sup> me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could: she anointed my body ahead of time for burial. <sup>9</sup>Wherever you deliver the good news in the world, tell what she’s done in memory of her.” Mk 14:3-9

## Judas' Plot to Betray Jesus

<sup>10</sup>Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the high priests to deliver Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard his offer, they were elated and promised to give him silver; so he started looking for a chance to turn him over. Mk 14:10-11

## Preparation for the Passover Meal

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, his disciples said, “Where do you want us to get things ready for eating the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>He sent<sup>p</sup> two disciples and said<sup>p</sup>, “On the way into the city, you’ll meet a man carrying a clay pot of water. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and where he goes in, say to the owner, ‘The Rabbi says, ‘Where’s the guest room so I can eat the Passover with my disciples?’’’ <sup>15</sup>He’ll show you a big room upstairs, furnished and set up. Get things ready there.”

<sup>16</sup>The disciples went into the city and found it the way Jesus had said and got things ready. Mk 14:12-16

## The Passover Meal;

## Judas Identified as Traitor

<sup>17</sup>He arrived<sup>p</sup> that evening with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup>As they were reclining at table eating, he said<sup>p</sup>, “*One of you that’s eating with me is going to betray me.*”

**19**They became sad and said one by one, “*It’s not me, is it?*”

**20**He said, “It’s one of the Twelve that’s dipping with me in the bowl. **21**The Son of Man will go like scripture says, but woe to the one that betrays him! It would’ve been better for him if he hadn’t been born.” Mk 14:17-21

### The Lord's Supper Instituted

<sup>22</sup>During the meal Jesus took a loaf, blessed it, broke it, and handed it to them: “*Take it; this is my body.*” <sup>23</sup>He took a cup, blessed it, handed it to them, and they all drank out of it. <sup>24</sup>He said, “*This is my blood of the covenant that's shed for many.*” <sup>25</sup>*This is the last time I'll drink the fruit of the vine till I do it in God's kingdom.*”

<sup>26</sup>They sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Mk 14:22-26**

### The Disciples Warned

<sup>27</sup>Jesus told<sup>p</sup> them, “*You're all going to desert me because scripture says, 'I'll strike down the shepherd, and his sheep will scatter'*” [Zech 13:7].

<sup>28</sup>*But after I resurrect, I'll go ahead of you to Galilee.*”

<sup>29</sup>Peter said, “*Even if everybody else deserts you, I won't.*”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus said<sup>p</sup>, “*I tell you, before a rooster double-crows in the morning, you're going to deny me three times.*”

<sup>31</sup>He kept insisting, “*Even if I have to die with you, I won't deny you.*”

That's what they all said.

**Mk 14:27-31**

### The Agony in the Garden

<sup>32</sup>They came<sup>p</sup> to a place named Gethsemane, and he told<sup>p</sup> his disciples, “*Sit here while I pray.*” <sup>33</sup>He took<sup>p</sup> Peter, James, and John, and began to feel stress and dread. <sup>34</sup>“*I'm really stressed. Stay here and keep watch.*” <sup>35</sup>He went on a little way and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if possible, the time would pass him by. <sup>36</sup>“*Abba (Father), you can do anything. Take this cup away from me. But not what I want, but what you want.*” <sup>37</sup>He came<sup>p</sup> and found<sup>p</sup> them sleeping and said<sup>p</sup> to Simon, “*You're<sup>sg</sup> sleeping? Couldn't you<sup>sg</sup> watch for one hour?*” <sup>38</sup>*Watch<sup>pl</sup> and pray so you<sup>pl</sup> won't be tempted. The spirit's willing but the flesh is weak.*” <sup>39</sup>He went again and prayed the same thing. <sup>40</sup>When he came back, he found them sleeping; they couldn't keep their eyes open. They didn't know what to say. <sup>41</sup>He came<sup>p</sup> the third time, “*You're still sleeping and resting? The time has come. The Son of Man is being betrayed to sinners.*” <sup>42</sup>*Get up; let's go! The one that's betraying me is coming.*”

**Mk 14:32-42**

### The Arrest of Jesus

<sup>43</sup>While he was still talking, Judas came<sup>p</sup> with a crowd from the chief priests, scribes, and elders, carrying<sup>pl</sup> swords and clubs. <sup>44</sup>The traitor had given them a signal, “*The one I kiss is him. Arrest him and take him away safely.*” <sup>45</sup>He came right up to Jesus and said<sup>p</sup>, “*Rabbi,*” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>They grabbed jesus and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>One of those standing by drew his sword and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Jesus responded to them, “*You've come out here with swords and clubs to arrest me like an insurgent?*” <sup>49</sup>*I was with you every day in the Temple teaching, and you didn't arrest me. But this is happening to fulfill the scriptures.*” <sup>50</sup>*The disciples ran away.* <sup>51</sup>A young man was following him with a linen sheet around his naked body. They grabbed at him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the sheet behind and fled naked.

<sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest. The chief priests, elders, and scribes convened<sup>p</sup>.  
<sup>54</sup>Peter followed him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard and sat down with the officers to warm himself at the fire.

**Mk 14:43-54**

#### The Trial Before Caiaphas

<sup>55</sup>The chief priest and the full Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus so they could put him to death, but they couldn't find any. <sup>56</sup>A number of people gave false testimony against him, but their testimonies didn't agree with each other. <sup>57</sup>Some got up and gave false testimony, <sup>58</sup>*"We heard him say he'd tear down this sanctuary made with hands and build another one in three days without hands."* <sup>59</sup>Their testimonies didn't agree even on that point.

<sup>60</sup>The high priest stood up and asked Jesus, *"Aren't you going to answer anything these men are testifying against you?"*

<sup>61</sup>He didn't answer.

The high priest asked him again, *"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?"*

<sup>62</sup>*"I am;*

*'You'll see the Son of Man  
sitting on the right hand of Power and  
coming with the clouds'" [Ps 110:1; Dan 7:14].*

<sup>63</sup>The high priest tore his clothes, *"Why do we still need witnesses? 64 You've heard the blasphemy. What's your verdict?"*

They ruled for the death penalty.

<sup>65</sup>Some started spitting on him, blindfolding and slapping him, *"Say who did that!"* The officers took him, slapping him.

**Mk 14:55-65**

#### Peter's Denials

<sup>66</sup>Peter was down below in the courtyard. A servant girl of the high priest came. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him closely, *"You were with the Nazarene, Jesus."*

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it, *"I don't know what you're talking about,"* and he went out to the entryway.

<sup>69</sup>The servant girl saw him again and started telling the ones standing around, *"This is one of them."*

<sup>70</sup>He denied it again.

A little later the ones standing around said, *"You really are one of them; you're a Galilean."*

<sup>71</sup>He started taking oaths and swearing, *"I don't know the man you're talking about."*

<sup>72</sup>Immediately a rooster double-crowed, and Peter remembered: *"Before a rooster double-crows, you'll deny me three times."* He broke down sobbing.

**Mk 14:66-72**

#### The Two Trials Before Pilate

<sup>15:1</sup>At daylight, the chief priests held session with the elders, scribes, and full Sanhedrin. They bound Jesus and led him away to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, *"Are you the 'King of the Jews'?"*

*"Yes."*

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of all kinds of things.

<sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, “*You’re not saying anything? Look at all the things they’re accusing you of.*” <sup>5</sup>Jesus still didn’t answer. Pilate was surprised.

<sup>6</sup>At each festival, Pilate would release a prisoner that they asked for. <sup>7</sup>A prisoner called Barabbas was incarcerated with insurgents that<sup>pl</sup> had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came forward and started asking Pilate to do as he customarily did for them.

<sup>9</sup>Pilate answered, “*Do you want me to release ‘the King of the Jews’?*” (<sup>10</sup>He knew the high priests had delivered him over because they envied him.)

<sup>11</sup>But the high priests stirred up the crowd to ask for Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup>Pilate answered again, “*What do you want me to do then with the one you call ‘the King of the Jews’?*”

<sup>13</sup>“*Crucify him!*”

<sup>14</sup>“*What’s he done?*”

They shouted louder, “*Crucify him!*”

<sup>15</sup>Pilate wanted to quiet the crowd, so he released Barabbas and delivered Jesus to be flogged and crucified.

**Mk 15:1-15**

#### **Torture by the Roman Soldiers**

<sup>16</sup>The soldiers took him into the court—The Praetorium—and got the whole cohort together. <sup>17</sup>They dressed him in purple and twisted together a crown made out of thorns and put it on him. <sup>18</sup>They began to acclaim him, “*Hail, King of the Jews!*” <sup>19</sup>and were beating him on the head with a reed, spitting on him, and kneeling and bowing to him. <sup>20</sup>When they were done making fun of him, they took off the purple robe and dressed him in his own clothes, and took<sup>p</sup> him away to crucify him.

**Mk 15:16-20**

#### **The Way to Golgotha**

<sup>21</sup>They conscripted<sup>p</sup> Simon, a Cyrenian coming in from the countryside—father of Alexander and Rufus—to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>They took<sup>p</sup> him to Golgotha (“The Skull”), <sup>23</sup>and offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he didn’t take it. <sup>24</sup>When they’d crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots for what each soldier would take.

**Mk 15:21-24**

#### **The Death of Messiah**

<sup>25</sup>It was 9 o’clock when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>Pilate inscribed his accusation above him, “*The King of the Jews.*” <sup>27</sup>They also crucified<sup>p</sup> two insurgents with him, one on each side. <sup>[28]</sup><sup>ms</sup>

<sup>29</sup>The people going past threw insults at him and shook their heads, “*Ha! You that tear down the sanctuary and rebuild it in three days, save yourself; come down from the cross!*”

<sup>31</sup>The chief priests along with scribes made fun of him too, “*He saved other people; he can’t save himself!*” <sup>32</sup>*Messiah, King of Israel, come down now from the cross so we can see and believe!*” Even the ones crucified with him were insulting him.

<sup>33</sup>At noon it got dark over the whole country till 3. <sup>34</sup>At 3 o’clock Jesus cried out very loud, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani* (My God, my God, why have you deserted me) [Ps 22:1]?”

<sup>35</sup>Some of the people standing nearby heard it, “*He’s calling for Elijah.*”

<sup>36</sup>One man ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave him a drink, “*Let’s see if Elijah will come and take him down.*”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus let out a loud cry and quit breathing.

Mk 15:25-37

#### Miracles Accompanying Messiah’s Death

<sup>38</sup>The curtain in the sanctuary tore in two, top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>When the centurion standing beside him saw the way he quit breathing, he said, “*This man really was God’s Son.*”

<sup>40</sup>Some women watching from a distance included Mary the Magdalene; Mary, mother of James the Less and Joses; and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they traveled with him and helped him. There were some other women that came up with him to Jerusalem.      Mk 15:38-41

#### The Burial of Jesus

##### and Watch at the Tomb

<sup>42</sup>When evening came, since it was Preparation, the day before Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea—a respected member of the Sanhedrin, who was waiting for God’s kingdom—gathered the courage to go to Pilate and ask for Jesus’ body. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised that he’d already died. He called the centurion to ask him if Jesus was dead already. <sup>45</sup>When he understood from him that Jesus was dead, he let Joseph have the body. <sup>46</sup>Joseph had bought a linen sheet; he took Jesus down and wrapped him in it. He put him in a rock-hewn tomb and rolled a stone over the entrance. <sup>47</sup>Mary the Magdalene and Mary, mother of Joseph, watched where they laid him.

Mk 15:42-47

#### The Resurrection of Messiah

<sup>16:1</sup>When Sabbath had passed, Mary the Magdalene; Mary, mother of James; and Salome bought aromatic oils to put on his body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, they came<sup>p</sup> to the tomb as the sun was just starting to come up. <sup>3</sup>They were saying to one another, “*Who’s going to roll the stone away for us from the entrance to the tomb?*” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw<sup>p</sup> the big stone had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>They went into the tomb and saw a young man sitting on the right wearing a white robe, and they were startled. <sup>6</sup>He said<sup>p</sup>, “*Don’t be startled. You’re looking for Jesus the Nazarene that was crucified. He’s not here; he resurrected. See where they laid him. Go tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You’ll see him there like he said.’*” <sup>7</sup>They went out and ran from the tomb because trembling and excitement gripped them. They didn’t talk to anybody because they were afraid.

Mk 16:1-8

#### Appearance to Mary the Magdalene

<sup>9</sup>After he’d resurrected early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, that he’d cast seven demons out of. <sup>10</sup>She reported it to the ones that had been with him, who were mourning and crying. <sup>11</sup>When they heard she’d seen him alive, they didn’t believe it. [Mk 16:9-11]

#### Appearance to Two Disciples and to the Ten

<sup>12</sup>After that, he appeared to two of them in a different form as they were walking<sup>p</sup> into the countryside. <sup>13</sup>They went back to Jerusalem to report it to the rest, but they didn’t believe them either.

<sup>14</sup>Later, he appeared to the eleven as they were reclining at table and chided them for their resistance to believing the ones that had seen him resurrected. [Mk 16:12-14]

### Appearance in Jerusalem

<sup>15</sup>He told them,

*“Go all over the world and tell everybody the good news. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever disbelieves will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>These signs will follow the ones that believe:*

*they’ll cast out demons in my name;*

*they’ll speak in new languages;*

*<sup>18</sup>they’ll pick up snakes, and*

*if they drink anything deadly, it won’t hurt them;*

*they’ll lay hands on sick people, and they’ll recover.”*

[Mk 16:15-18]

### The Ascension

<sup>19</sup>After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down on God’s right hand. <sup>20</sup>*The disciples went out and delivered the good news everywhere, and the Lord worked with them by confirming the message with the signs that followed.]]* [Mk 16:19-20]

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