The Gospel According to Mark

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John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus

This is the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it has been written by the prophet Isaiah,

“Look! I send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way,
3 There is a voice crying out in the wilderness
‘Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make his paths straight!’”

4 John was baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole countryside of Judea and everyone from Jerusalem were going out to him. 6 They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, wore a leather belt around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He continually proclaimed, “He who is greater than I comes after me. I am not worthy to kneel down and untie the strap of his sandals. 8 I baptized you with water but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus is Baptized

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and he was baptized in the Jordan River by John. 10 As soon as he came out of the water he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, whom I love. I am pleased with you.”

Jesus is Tempted in the Wilderness

12 Immediately, the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan. He was among wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Jesus Proclaims the Good News

14 But after John was imprisoned, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the Good News 15 saying, “The time has come and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe in the Good News!”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

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1 Or Gospel

2 Lit. Before your face
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16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.” 18 So they immediately left their nets and followed him. 19 Going a little farther he saw James the Son of Zebedee and his brother John in the boat mending their nets. 20 Immediately, Jesus\(^1\) called them and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers and followed him.

21 They went into Capernaum and on the Sabbath Jesus immediately entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them like one who had authority and not like the religious scholars.

23 At that moment there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit and he shouted out, 24 “What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God.” 25 Jesus rebuked him saying, “Shut up\(^2\) and come out of him!” 26 The unclean spirit convulsed him and crying out with a great shout came out of him. 27 Everyone was so amazed that they discussed among themselves, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits and they obey him!” 28 So the news about Jesus\(^3\) went out immediately in the whole countryside surrounding Galilee.

**Jesus Heals Many**

29 And immediately he\(^4\) left from the synagogue and went into the home of Simon and Andrew with James and John. 30 But Simon’s mother-in-law was lying down sick with a fever, and they told Jesus\(^5\) immediately about her. 31 When he came near, he helped\(^6\) her up by the hand. The fever left her and she began to serve them.

32 When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole city was gathered together at the door 34 and he healed many who were sick with various diseases and he had driven out many demons. He also would not allow the demons to speak because they knew who he was.

**Jesus Preaches in Galilee**

35 Rising very early while it was still dark, Jesus\(^7\) went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 Simon and those with him searched fervently for him. 37 When

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1 Lit. *He*

2 Or *Be silent*

3 Lit. *him*

4 Some manuscripts *they*

5 Lit. *him*

6 Lit. *lifted*

7 Lit. *him*
they found him they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” 38 But he said to them, “We should go into next villages so that I can preach there, for this is why I came.” 39 So he went into all of Galilee preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**Jesus Cleanses a Leper**

40 A leper came to him begging him and falling to his knees saying to him, “If you are willing you can cleanse me.” 41 Being moved to compassion, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I am willing. Be clean.” 42 The leprosy immediately left him and he was clean. 43 But Jesus strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 saying to him, “See no one, speak to no one, but just leave. Show yourself to the priest and offer a gift for your cleansing, which Moses commanded as proof to them.” 45 But when he left he began to proclaim it openly. He spread it so widely that Jesus could no longer go openly into a city, but had to remain outside in desolate places. Still, the people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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**Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man**

After a couple of days they went back into Capernaum where it was heard that Jesus was at home. 2 So many people had gathered in the home that there was no space, not even at the door. Jesus began to speak his message to them 3 and some people came bringing to him a paralyzed man carried by four men. 4 But they could not carry him through the crowd so they unroofed the roof where Jesus was standing. After digging out a hole they lowered the mat where the paralyzed man was lying. 5 After he saw their faith Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

6 Yet some of the religious scholars were sitting there and questioning in their hearts, 7 “Why does he speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God alone?” 8 Immediately perceiving in his Spirit what they were questioning among themselves, Jesus said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 What is easier to tell this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or ‘Get up, take your

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1 Lit. moved in the bowels
2 Lit. he
3 Lit. testimony
4 Lit. he
5 Lit. they
6 Lit. He
7 Lit. they
mat, and walk’? 10 But so that you might understand that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth…” He then told the paralyzed man, 11 “I say to you, ‘Arise, take up your mat and go to your house.’” 12 Then the man\(^1\) was raised up. He immediately took his mat and went out in front of everyone so that they were all amazed and glorified God saying, “We have never seen such a thing!”

**Jesus Came to Call Sinners**

13 Jesus\(^2\) went out again alongside the sea. The whole crowd kept coming to him and he kept teaching them. 14 Passing along he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus’ sitting in at tax collector’s booth. Jesus\(^3\) said to him, “Follow me.” So he got up and followed him. 15 Afterwards he came to eat dinner\(^4\) in his home. Many tax collectors and sinners were also dining with Jesus and with his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the religious scholars from the Pharisees saw that he ate with sinners and tax collectors, they started asking his disciples, “Why does he eat and drink\(^5\) with tax collectors and sinners?” 17 When he heard this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. I didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Jesus Explains Fasting**

18 Now, the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting. People\(^6\) kept coming and saying to him, “Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples don’t fast?” 19 Jesus said to them, “Are the groomsmen\(^7\) able to fast while the bridegroom is still with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 21 No one sews a patch of new cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the patch is torn from it, the new from the old, and makes a worse tear. 22 No one pours new wine into old wineskins, for otherwise the wine will burst the wineskins, ruining the wine as well as the wineskins. But new wine is meant for new wineskins.”

**Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath**

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1 Lit. *he*

2 Lit. *He*

3 Lit. *He*

4 Lit. *to recline* (at one’s table)

5 Some manuscripts lack *and drink*

6 Lit. *They*

7 Or *wedding guests*
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23 It came about during a Sabbath that Jesus passed by grain fields, and his disciples began to make their way plucking ears of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, “Look! Why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?” 25 So Jesus said to them, “Have you never read about what David did he when was hungry and in need along with those who were with him? 26 How did he enter the house of God during Abiathar’s service as high priest and eat the sacred bread, which is unlawful to be eaten except by the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?” 27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord even over the Sabbath.”

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Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

He entered the synagogue again and there was a man with an injured hand. 2 They were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man with the injured hand, “Come into the middle of the room.” 4 And he said to the Pharisees, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good things or to do evil things; to save a life or to destroy it?” But they kept silent. 5 Looking around at them in anger, grieved at their calloused hearts, he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand and it was restored. 6 Then the Pharisees left immediately and began to plot with the Herodians how they could kill Jesus.

Jesus’ Popularity and Power

7 Then Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea. But a great multitude followed him not only from Galilee but also from Judea, 8 Jerusalem, Idumea, and those beyond the Jordan as well as those from Tyre and Sidon. When the great multitude heard all the wonderful things he was doing they came to him. 9 So Jesus told his disciples to get a boat ready for him so the crowd would not crush him, 10 for he had healed so many people that they were falling on him in order to touch him because of their severe diseases. 11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw him they would fall down before him and shout, “You are the Son of God!” 12 But he kept threatening them so that they would not reveal who he was.

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1 Lit. withered also in v. 2
2 Lit. him
3 Lit. come to the middle
4 Lit. him
5 Lit. rebuking

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**Jesus Appoints the Twelve Apostles**

13 He then went up into the mountain calling to himself the ones whom he desired and they came to him. 14 There he appointed the twelve (whom he also named “apostles”) to be with him, to be commissioned to preach, 15 and to have authority to drive out demons. 16 So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he had given the name Peter), 17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he had given the name Boanerges, which means “Sons of Thunder”), 18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Canaanite, 19 and Judas Iscariot (the one who also betrayed him).

**Jesus’ Authority is Questioned**

20 Then he went home and a crowd gathered again that they were not able to eat. 21 But when his family heard about this, they came to grab him because they were saying, “He is crazy!”

22 The religious scholars who had come down from Jerusalem kept saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul!” and “He drives out demons by the ruler of demons!” 23 So, calling them towards him Jesus\(^1\) began to speak to them in parables saying, “How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 So, if Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he cannot stand and he has come to his end. 27 But no one can enter the house of the strongman to pillage his goods, unless he first binds the strongman. Then he can pillage his house.

28 Amen,\(^2\) I say to you that all sins will be forgiven to the sons of men\(^3\) and the terrible\(^4\) blasphemies they utter, 29 but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never receive forgiveness. He is guilty of eternal sin.” 30 For, they had been saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

**Jesus’ True Family**

31 His mother and his brothers came and were standing outside sending for him and calling to him. 32 There was a crowd sitting around him and they said to him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.” 33 In response he said to them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34 Looking at those sitting in a

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1 Lit. *he*

2 Amen is Hebrew for *truthfully* or *certainly*. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.

3 Hebraic idiom meaning *people*

4 Lit. *great*
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circle around him he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. 35 Whoever does the will of God are my brother and sister and mother.”

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Jesus Tells the Parable of the Farmer

Again, he was teaching alongside the sea and a huge crowd gathered around him. So he got into a boat on the sea and sat down and the whole crowd was at the shore. 2 He began to teach them many things in parables. In his teaching he was saying to them, 3 “Listen! A farmer\(^1\) went out to sow, 4 and as he was sowing some seed fell alongside the road, and the birds came and devoured it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground where it did not have much soil/ It sprouted immediately because it did not have much depth. 6 But when the sun came up it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered. 7 Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and it choked it and it produced no fruit. 8 Other seed fell into the good soil and it produced fruit that grew, increased in sized, and yielded thirty, sixty, and hundred times what was sown. 9 And he said, “The one who has ears for hearing, let him listen!”

The Purpose of the Parables

10 When he was alone with the twelve and those around him, they began to ask him about the parables. 11 So he said to them, “I have given the secret\(^2\) about the kingdom of God to you. But for those on outside, everything is in parables. 12 Because, ‘Seeing, they may see but do not perceive, and hearing, they may hear but do not understand, otherwise they may turn back and be forgiven.’”

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Farmer

13 Then he said to them, “If you do not understand this parable, how then will you understand any of the parables? 14 The farmer sows the word. 15 These are the ones along the road, where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that is sown in them. 16 These are the ones sown in the rocky ground. When they hear the word they immediately receive it with joy, 17 but they have no root in themselves and endure only for a while. Then hardships or persecution come because of the word, and they immediately fall away.\(^3\) 18 The others are those sown among the thorns. These are the ones who listen to the word, 19 but the worries of society,\(^4\) the deception of wealth, and the pursuit of other desires choke the word and it

\[^{1}\text{Lit. one who sows}\]

\[^{2}\text{Lit. mystery}\]

\[^{3}\text{Lit. stumble}\]

\[^{4}\text{Lit. age}\]
becomes fruitless. 20 But the ones sown in the good soil hear the word, accept it, and produce fruit thirty, sixty, and a hundred times what was sown.

**Everything will be Revealed**

21 He was also saying to them, “Is a lamp brought inside to be placed under a basket or under a bed? Should it not be placed on a lamp stand? 22 For nothing is hidden unless it is to be revealed, and nothing is secret unless it is meant to come to light. 23 If someone has ears to hear, let him listen!” 24 He continued saying to them, “Pay attention to what you hear. With the measure that you measure, it will be measured to you and then added to you. 25 For whoever who has something, more will be given to him. But whoever has nothing, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

26 He also was telling them, “The kingdom of God is as if a man scattered seed upon the ground. 27 He sleeps and gets up night and day while the seed sprouts and grows, even though he doesn’t know how. 28 On its own the ground produces the stalk, then the ear, then full grain in the ear. 29 But whenever the crop is ripe he immediately gets his sickle because the harvest has come.”

**Jesus tells the Parable of the Mustard Sea**

30 He was also saying, “How should we compare the kingdom of God or what parable should we use? 31 It is like a grain of a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all the seeds sown in the ground. 32 Whenever it is planted, it grows and becomes larger than all of the garden plants, making such large branches that the birds of the sky can make nests in its shade.”

**Jesus’ Use of Parables**

33 So with such parables he kept speaking to the people1 so that they were able to hear. 34 He did not speak to them unless in parables,2 but privately to his own disciples he continually explained everything.

**Jesus Commands the Sea**

35 On that day, when evening had come he said to them, “Let us go on to the other side.” 36 Leaving the crowd, they took him in the boat just as he was and there were other boats with him. 37 A furious storm came with such a powerful wind that the waves were beating against the boat, so that the boat was already being filled with water. 38 But Jesus was in the back of the boat sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, “Teacher! Don’t you care that we are dying? 39 When he was completely awoken he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Quiet! Stay calm.” 40 Then he said to

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1 Lit. *them*

2 Lit. *without a parable*
them, “Why are you such cowards? Don’t you have faith yet?” 41 They were terrified and kept saying to one another, “Who is this man that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

They came to the other side of the sea into the countryside of Gerasenes. 2 As soon as Jesus came out of the boat, a man from the tombs met him with an unclean spirit. 3 He was living among the tombs and no one could restrain him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had been bound many times by shackles and chains but he had broken the chains apart and had shattered the shackles. No one could constrain him. 5 Every night and day among the tombs in the hills he was shouting and mutilating himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him. 7 Shouting with a loud voice he said, “What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to me by God that you will not torture me!” 8 For Jesus started to say “Unclean spirit, come out of the man!” 9 He asked him, “What is your name?” He said to him, “Legion is my name because we are many.” 10 Then, he began to beg him earnestly to not to send them out of the region. 11 There was a large herd of pigs nearby in the hills, 12 and they begged him earnestly saying, “Send us into the pigs so that we may go into them.” 13 So he allowed them. When the unclean spirits came out they went into the pigs and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea. As many as 2,000 drowned in the sea. 14 But those who were feeding them began to flee and reported to those in the city and in the fields and the people came to see what had happened.

15 When they came towards Jesus they observed the demon-possessed man sitting, clothed, and in his right mind (the one who had been possessed by Legion), and they were afraid. 16 Those who were watching began to recount to the people how he was demon-possessed and what happened to the pigs. 17 And they were begging him earnestly to leave their region.

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1 Lit. feared with a great fear
2 Lit. he
3 Lit. I adjure you by God
4 Lit. he
5 Lit. they
6 Lit. them
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18 As Jesus\(^1\) got into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged him earnestly so he could remain with him. 19 He didn’t let him but said to him, “Go back into your home to your family and proclaim to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he showed you mercy.” 20 So, the man left and began to proclaim in Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.

**Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus’ Daughter**

21 After Jesus crossed to the other side again in a boat, a huge crowd gathered around him. He was beside the sea. 22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jarius, came and when he saw him, he fell at his feet. 23 He began to beg him earnestly saying, “My little daughter is about to die. Please come so that you might lay your hands on her that she might be healed\(^2\) and live.” 24 So, he went with him and a large crowd began to follow and envelope him.

25 There was a woman who had a disease of continual bleeding for twelve years. 26 Although she suffered under many doctors, spending everything she had, she did not get any better but grew worse instead. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she went through the crowd from behind and touched his garment. 28 For she kept saying, “If I could just touch his garment I will be healed.” 29 And immediately her bleeding stopped\(^3\) and she knew that her body had been healed from the disease. 30 But in that instant Jesus perceived that his power left him and turning to the crowd he said, “Who touched my garment?” 31 His disciples said to him, “Look at the crowd smothering you and you say, ‘Who touched me?’” 32 But he kept looking around to find\(^4\) the woman who did this. 33 The woman, however, was afraid and trembled, having known what had happened to her. So, she came and fell before him and told him the whole truth. 34 Then he said to her, “My daughter, your faith has healed you. Go away in peace and be healed of your disease.”

35 While he was speaking, men came from the house of the leader of the synagogue saying, “Your daughter has died. Why should you still bother the teacher?” 36 But when Jesus heard this message spoken he said to the leader of the synagogue, “Don’t fear. Just believe.” 37 He did not let anyone follow along with him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38 They went into the house of the leader of the synagogue and Jesus\(^5\) observed the great commotion – loud weeping and great wailing. 39 So, when he entered he said to them, “Why are you making such commotion and

\(^1\) Lit. *he*

\(^2\) Lit. *saved* also in v. 28 and 34

\(^3\) Lit. *the source of her blood dried up*

\(^4\) Lit. *look*

\(^5\) Lit. *he*
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weeping? The child did not die but is sleeping.” 40 They began to mock him. So after making everyone leave, he brought the child's father and mother, and those with him, and went into the room1 where the child was. 41 Taking hold of the child’s hand Jesus said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, ‘Get up!’” 42 The little girl got up at once and began to walk. Because she was twelve years old they were immediately overwhelmed with great amazement. 43 But he commanded them severely that no one should know about this. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

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Jesus Rejected in His Hometown

Jesus left there and came into his hometown and his disciples followed him. 2 During the Sabbath he was teaching in the synagogue, and many who were listening were astonished saying, “Where did he get these things? Who gave this wisdom to him? What incredible miracles2 are being done by his hands? 3 Is this not the builder, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses, Judah, and Simon? Are his sisters not here with us?” They were deeply offended by him. 4 So, Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own home.” 5 He could not perform a miracle there except to lay his hands on a few of the sick and heal them. 6 He was amazed by their unbelief. However, he kept going and teaching throughout the countryside.

Jesus Sends out the Twelve

7 He called the twelve towards him and he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them to take nothing on the journey except only a staff; no bread, no bag, and no money on their belts. 9 They could use sandals, but no extra clothing.3 10 He was saying to them, “When you enter a house, remain there until you leave from that place. 11 If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave from there and shake the dust off from underneath your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that the people should repent. 13 They were driving out demons, as well as pouring4 oil on many who were sick and healing them.

The Death of John the Baptist

1 Greek lacks the room
2 Lit. mighty acts
3 Lit. two tunics
4 Lit. anointing
14 Now, King Herod heard about this because Jesus’ name had become well-known.
   He was saying, “John the Baptist has risen from the dead and because of this, miracles are working in him!” 15 But others were saying, “He is Elijah.” And still others were saying, “He is a prophet just like one of the prophets.” 16 But when Herod heard this he said, “John, the one I beheaded, has been raised.” 17 For Herod himself sent for John to be arrested and bound in prison because Herod married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. 18 For John was saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19 So Herodias held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. However, she couldn’t, 20 because Herod feared John knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, so he kept him safe. Whenever Herod listened to him he did many of the things he said and even enjoyed listening to him.

21 But one day an opportunity came when Herod gave a banquet on his birthday for his nobles, commanders, and the leading men of Galilee. 22 When his daughter by Herodias herself came in and danced, it pleased Herod and those sitting with him. So, the king said to the young girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” 23 He swore to her, “Whatever you ask I will give you up to half of my kingdom.” 24 When she came out she said to her mother, “What should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” 25 When the young girl came in, she immediately ran to the king and said, “I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter right now!” 26 The king was deeply saddened but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to refuse her request. 27 At once the king sent an executioner and commanded him to take John’s head. Departing, he beheaded him in the prison. 28 He then carried his head on a platter and gave it to the young girl and she gave it to her mother. 29 When John’s disciples heard, they came and took his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

30 The Apostles gathered around Jesus and they told him all the things they did and taught. 31 Then he said to them “Come by yourselves into a desolate place and rest for a while.” (For there were so many coming and going and they did not have time to eat.) 32 So they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 But many

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1 Lit. manifest
2 Some manuscripts he was greatly perplexed
3 Lit. he listened to him gladly
4 Lit. made
5 Lit. reclining
6 Lit. she
7 Lit. his
saw them leaving and when they recognized them they ran together there on foot from every city and arrived ahead of them. 34 When they came out of the boat, Jesus saw the large crowd and he was moved to compassion\(^1\) for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

35 When it became late his disciples came to him and said, “This place is desolate and it is already late. 36 Let the people\(^2\) leave so that they may go into the surrounding fields and villages where they can buy something to eat for themselves.” 37 But in response, he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Should we leave and buy them loaves of bread worth eight months’ wages,\(^3\) and give it to them to eat?” 38 Then he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” When they found out they said, “Five and two fish.” 39 He then commanded them to all to sit in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 When he took the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up into heaven, blessed them, and broke the loaves into pieces. He kept giving them to the disciples so that they could set it before the people,\(^4\) and he distributed the two fish to everyone. 42 Everyone ate and was satisfied. 43 There were twelve baskets full of the bread fragments and fish. 44 Those who ate the loaves were 5,000 men.

**Jesus Walks on Water**

45 Jesus made his disciples get into the boat at once and go before him to the other side towards Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 When he said farewell to them he departed into hillside to pray. 47 When evening came the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 He saw them being harassed as they drove forward because the wind was against them. Sometime before dawn\(^5\) he came toward them walking on the sea. He wanted to pass by them, 49 but they saw him on the sea walking and thought he was a ghost. So they cried out, 50 because everyone saw him they started to freak out.\(^6\) But he spoke with them immediately, and said to them, “Be brave! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 51 Then he got into the boat with them and the wind calmed down. They were utterly amazed within themselves, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

53 When they crossed over, they came ashore at Gennesaret and laid anchor. 54 And when they came out of the boat, the people recognized him immediately. 55 So they

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1 Lit. *moved in the bowels*

2 Lit. *them*

3 Lit. 200 *denarii*; a denarius was the average day’s wage

4 Lit. *them*

5 Lit. *In the fourth watch of the night* (between 3 A.M. and 6 A.M.)

6 Or *were terrified*
ran throughout that entire countryside and began bringing the sick on their mats to any place where they heard he was. 56 Wherever he came, whether in a village, city, or field, they placed the sick in the market places and begged him earnestly to allow them to touch the fringes of his garment. As many who touched it were healed.

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Jesus Challenges the Traditions of Men

1 Then some of the Pharisees and the religious scholars coming from Jerusalem gathered around him. 2 They noticed some of his disciples were eating their loaves of bread with defiled hands, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees and all of those from Jerusalem do not eat unless they wash ceremonially, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 If they come from the market they do not eat unless they immerse it into water. There are many other traditions they received such as the washing of cups, pitchers, brass pots, and dining couches.) 5 So, the Pharisees and the religious scholars asked him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with defiled hands?” 6 So Jesus said to them, “Isaiah correctly prophesied about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain they worship me, teaching doctrines and commandments from men.’

8 When you let go of the commandment of God you hold onto the tradition of men.”

9 Then he said to them, “You are good at rejecting the commandments of God in order to keep your tradition! 10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’” and ‘The one who insults his father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say, ‘If a person says to his father or mother, “Whatever support you would have received is Corbin,”’ (that is a gift offered to the temple) 12 ‘you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or mother.’ 13 You are making the word of God useless by your tradition, which you have passed on. And you do many things like that.”

Jesus Explains What Defiles a Person

1 Lit. wash with the fist
2 Lit. baptized
3 Some manuscripts do not include dining couches
4 Lit. walk according to
5 Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16
6 Exodus 21:27; Leviticus 20:9
MARK

14 When he called the crowd again to himself, he began to say to them, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand! 15 There is nothing on the outside of a person that by going inside him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen!” 17 When he went from the crowd into his home, his disciples were asking him about the parable. 18 He said to them, “So, you too are ignorant? Don’t you know that nothing entering a person from the outside can defile him, 19 since it does not enter his heart, but his stomach, and then goes out into the toilet?” (By this, he declared all foods clean.) 20 Then he continued, “What comes out of a person is what defiles the person. 21 For from within, from the heart of people, come evil thoughts, immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, evil, deceit, sensuality, jealousy, blasphemy, arrogance, and foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile the person.”

Jesus Heals a Greek Woman

24 When he arose from there he went out into the hills of Tyre and coming into a house he did not want anyone to know it, but he could not be hidden. 25 Instead after hearing about him, a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, came immediately and fell down at his feet. 26 But the woman was Greek, Syrophoenician by birth. She kept asking him to drive out the demon from her daughter. 27 He began to say to her, “Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not right to take bread from the children and throw it to the little dogs.” 28 But she responded and said to him, “Yes sir, even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” 29 Then he said to her, “Because of this response,2 go. The demon has left your daughter.” 30 When she went back to her home she found the child lying on the bed and the demon was gone.

Jesus Does Everything Well

31 Again leaving the region of Tyre, he came through Sidon by the Sea of Galilee into the region of the Decapolis. 32 The people3 carried to him a person who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay hands on him. 33 Taking him by himself apart from the crowd he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting he touched his tongue. 34 Looking up into the sky, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” which is, “Be opened.” 35 The man’s4 ears opened and the constraint5 on his tongue was loosened, and he spoke correctly. 36 Jesus6 charged them severely to say nothing. But the

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1 Some manuscripts do not include verse 16, If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen.

2 Lit. word

3 Lit. they

4 Lit. his

5 Lit. bond

6 Lit. He
more he charged them, the more they proclaimed. 37 They were astounded beyond
measure saying, “He does everything well! He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

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Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

1 In those days, there was a great crowd again, and they did not have anything to
eat. 2 So calling the disciples to himself, Jesus\(^1\) said to them, “I am moved with
compassion\(^2\) for this crowd because they have already stayed with me for three days and
have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them away to their home hungry they will be exhausted on
the road and some of them have come from so far away.” 4 But his disciples asked him,
“How can we feed all these people\(^3\) here in such a desolate place?” 5 Then he asked
them, “How many loaves do you have?” They answered, “Seven.” 6 Then he directed the
crowd to sit\(^4\) on the ground. When he took the seven loaves and had given thanks, he
broke the loaves of bread and started giving them to his disciples to distribute to the
crowd. 7 They also had a few small fish and when he blessed them he said to distribute
these as well. 8 So they ate and were satisfied and there was an abundance of leftovers\(^5\) in
seven full baskets. 9 There were as many as four thousand people. 10 Immediately he got
into the boat with his disciples and went into the region of Dalmanutha.

Jesus Refuses to Give a Sign

11 The Pharisees came out and began to debate with him, seeking a sign from
heaven from him to test him. 12 Sighing deeply in his spirit he said, “Why does this
generation seek a sign? Amen,\(^6\) I say to you, there will definitely be no sign given to this
generation.” 13 Leaving, he got in the boat\(^7\) again, and went to the other side.

The Hardness of the Disciples' Hearts

14 They forgot to take the loaves of bread, and except for one loaf, they did not
have any with them in the boat. 15 Then he began to command them saying, “Watch out
and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod!” 16 So they began to

\(^1\) Lit. he

\(^2\) Lit. moved in the bowels

\(^3\) Lit. these ones

\(^4\) Or recline

\(^5\) Lit. fragments

\(^6\) Amen is Hebrew for truthfully or certainly. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers, however Jesus is
the only one who used it to begin a statement emphasizing his authority.

\(^7\) Greek lacks in the boat
discuss with one another that they had no bread. 17 Knowing this, he said to them, “Why are you discussing that you have no bread? Do you still not understand or comprehend? Do you have hardened hearts? 18 Though you have eyes, do you not see, and though you have ears, do you not listen? Do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many full baskets of leftovers did you take up?” They told him, “Twelve.” 20 “When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many full baskets of leftovers did you take?” They told him, “Seven.” He said to them, “Do you still not understand?”

**Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida**

22 Then they came into Bethsaida and they carried a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. 23 Taking hold of the blind man’s hand, he led1 him outside of that village. After spitting into his eyes he placed his hands on him and asked him, “What do you see?” 24 When he looked up he said, “I see men that are like trees. I see them walking.” 25 Then he placed his hands again on his eyes, and he saw clearly. His sight was restored, and he was observing everything that was in the distance. 26 He sent him to his home saying, “Do not go into the village.”

**Peter's Confesses that Jesus is the Christ**

27 Jesus and his disciples went into the village of Caesarea Philippi. Along the road he started to ask his disciples, “Who do the people say that I am?” 28 So, they said to him, “John the Baptist,” and others, “Elijah,” and others “One of the Prophets.” 29 Then he asked them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” Answering, Peter said to him, “You are the Christ.” 30 So he warned2 them to tell no one about him.

**Jesus Speaks of His Death and Resurrection**

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the high priests, and the religious scholars, and be killed and after three days rise. 32 He was speaking this statement3 plainly. Then taking him aside Peter began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples he rebuked Peter and said, “Get away from me,4 Satan, because you are not thinking the things of God but the things of man!”

**Jesus' Call of Discipleship**

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1 Lit. carried
2 Lit. rebuked
3 Lit. word
4 Lit. get behind me
MARK

34 Then calling the crowd to himself with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his soul will destroy it. But whoever will destroy his soul for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a person give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and my words among this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him whenever he comes into the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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1 He was also saying to them, “Amen, I say to you that there are some standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God coming in power.”

Jesus’ Appearance is Changed

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and brought them alone to a high mountain. His appearance changed in front of them and his clothes were dazzling, extremely white as no one on Earth could bleach. 4 Elijah and Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.

5 In response, Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here! We should make three tents; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 6 (He didn’t know what should be said because they were terrified.)

7 Then a cloud came and overshadowed them and there was a voice from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” 8 In that moment, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone except Jesus alone with them.

9 While they were coming down the mountain he commanded them to tell no one about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 They kept this matter to themselves, trying to figure out what this “rising from the dead” meant. 11 They began to ask him saying, “Why do the religious scholars say that Elijah must come first?” 12 So he said to them, “When Elijah indeed comes first he will restore all things. Yet, why is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be despised? 13

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1 Amen is Hebrew for truthfully or certainly. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.

2 Or transfigured

3 Lit. cloth refiner

4 Rabbi is Hebrew for my teacher or my master

5 Lit. immediately

6 Lit. word

7 Lit. seeking together
MARK

But I also say to you that Elijah has come and they did to him whatever they desired, just as it is written about him.”

Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon

14 When they came towards the other disciples they saw a large crowd around them and the religious scholars were arguing with them. 15 The whole crowd saw him immediately and was greatly excited. So they ran up to him and greeted him. 16 Then he asked them, “What are you discussing with them?” 17 One from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you because he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 When it takes hold of him it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth, leaving him exhausted. 19 Responding to them he said, “You unbelieving generation! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me.”

20 So they brought him to Jesus. When the spirit saw him, it immediately convulsed him, and when he fell on the ground he was rolling and foaming at the mouth. 21 Jesus questioned his father, “For how long has this been happening to him?” He said, “From childhood. 22 Many times it threw him into the fire and water so it could kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 Then Jesus said to him, “If I can? All things are possible to the one who believes.” 24 Immediately crying out in tears, the father of the child said, “I believe! Help my unbelief!” 25 When Jesus saw that the crowd was running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, ‘Come out of him and never enter him again!’” 26 Shouting and convulsing violently, it came out. The child lied there as if he was dead and many said that he died. 27 Then Jesus, taking him by his hand, lifted him, and the boy got up.

28 When they entered into his home, his disciples were alone with him and began to ask him, “Why couldn’t we drive out the spirit?” 29 He said to them, “This type cannot be thrown out except through prayer and fasting.”

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1 The Greek lacks other
2 Lit. Until when will I be with you?
3 Lit. Until when will I endure you?
4 Lit. him
5 The Greek does not include at the mouth
6 Lit. he
7 Lit. moved in the bowels
8 Lit. he
9 Some manuscripts do not include and fasting
MARK

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

30 When they left from there, they proceeded through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He began to say to them, “The Son of Man will be given over to the hands of men and they will kill him. But although he is killed, after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand this saying and they were too afraid to question him.

Jesus Explains True Greatness

33 Then they came into Capernaum. While they were in the home, he began to ask them, “What were you discussing on the road?” 34 But they kept silent, because they were debating who was the greatest with one another on the road. 35 Sitting down, he called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first he will be the least of everyone and a servant to everyone.” 36 Then, taking a child who stood in their midst, he embraced the child into his arms and said to them, 37 “Whoever receives such a little child as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me does not receive me, but the one who sent me.”

Works Done in Jesus’ Name

38 John said to him, “Teacher we saw some driving out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” 39 But Jesus said, “Don’t stop him, for there is no one who will do a great work in my name and be able to speak evil of me. 40 For whoever is not against us is for us. 41 Amen, 1 I say to you that whoever gives a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will definitely not lose his reward.”

Causing others to Sin

42 Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin, 2 it would be better for him if he had a huge millstone hung around his neck and were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to go into hell 3 with both hands, into the unquenchable fire. 45 If you foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with both feet. 47 If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than to be thrown into hell having both eyes, where their worm has no end and the fire is never put out. 49 For everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice

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1 Amen is Hebrew for truthfully or certainly. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.

2 Lit. cause to stumble also in verses 43 and 45.

3 Or Gehenna also in verse 45
will be salted with salt.\(^1\) 50 Salt is good, but if salt loses its flavor\(^2\), how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves and live peacefully with one another.

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**Jesus Teaches on Divorce**

1 Rising from there Jesus\(^3\) went into the mountains of Judea and on the other side of the Jordan. Again the crowds were flocking together towards him and he began to teach them as he usually did. 2 But when the Pharisees came out, they began asking him if it was possible for a man to divorce his wife, so they could test him. 3 In response, he said to them, “What did Moses command you?” 4 They said, “Moses allowed us to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” 5 Jesus then said to them, “It was for your hardened hearts that he wrote this command to you. 6 However, from the beginning of creation God\(^4\) made them male and female. 7 For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and will be faithfully devoted\(^5\) to his wife, 8 and the two will be one flesh.\(^6\) 9 Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

10 Now, in the house the disciples were once again asking him about this matter.\(^7\) 11 So he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her. 12 If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

**Jesus Welcomes the Children**

13 Some\(^8\) were trying to bring him children so he would touch them, but the disciples prevented\(^9\) them. 14 However, when Jesus saw this he became angry, and said to them, “Let the children come to me. Stop hindering them, for the kingdom of God is made up of such as these. 15 Amen,\(^10\) I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom

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1 Some manuscripts do not include *and every sacrifice will be salted with salt*
2 Lit. *becomes unsalty*
3 Lit. *he*
4 Some manuscripts do not include *God*
5 Lit. *hold fast*
6 Deut. 9:6; Gen. 1:27, 5:2
7 Lit. *word*
8 Lit. *They*
9 Lit. *rebuked*
10 Amen is Hebrew for *truly* or *certainly*. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.
of God as a child will certainly not enter it.” 16 Hugging the children¹, he kept blessing them as he laid hands on them.

**The Difficulty of Entering the Kingdom of God**

17 While they proceeded into the road, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to gain eternal life?” 18 Jesus then said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: Don’t murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give a false testimony. Don’t defraud. Honor your father and mother.” 20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things since my youth.” 21 After looking at him intently, Jesus loved him and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go and sell all that you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me.” 22 But he was appalled at this statement,² and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. 23 After Jesus had looked around he said to his disciples, “How difficult is it for those who have wealth to enter into the kingdom of God.” 24 The disciples were amazed at his statements. In response, Jesus said to them, “Children, how difficult it is for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God. 25 It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 They were utterly astounded saying to themselves, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Looking around at them, Jesus said, “For man it is impossible but not for God, because everything is possible for God.”

**The Cost and Reward of Following Jesus**

28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and have followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Amen,³ I say to you, there is no one who leaves home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, 30 who will not receive a hundred times more than now, at this time — houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms, along with persecution — in the coming age, which is life eternal. 31 But many who are first will be last and those last will be first.”

**Jesus Predicts His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection**

32 Then, they were on the road going up into Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them. They were amazed and the ones who were following were continually in awe. After taking the twelve aside again, he began to speak to them the things that were about to happen to him, “Look! We are going up into Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be given over to the high priests and the religious scholars, and they will condemn him to

¹ Lit. *them*

² Lit. *word* also in verse 24

³ Amen is Hebrew for *truly* or *certainly*. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.
death and will give him over to the gentiles. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, whip him, and kill him. But after three days he will rise.”

**Jesus Explains True Greatness Again**

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came towards him saying to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36 He then said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” 37 They said to him, “Grant us that we will sit with you in your glory, one on the right and one on the left.” 38 Jesus said to them “You don’t know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I will be baptized?” 39 They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup which I drink and be baptized with the baptism with which I will be baptized. 40 But to sit on my right hand or on the left is not for me to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” 41 When the other ten heard, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 Then Jesus called them forward and said to them, “You know how those who presume to rule among gentiles lord it over them? And how their great ones tyrannize them? 43 This is not to be the same among you. But if anyone wants to become great among you, he will be a servant among you. 44 And if anyone would want to be first, he will be a slave of everyone. 45 For even the Son of Man didn’t come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

**Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar**

46 Then they came into Jericho. When Jesus, his disciples, and a large crowd came out of Jericho, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. 47 When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there he began to shout, “Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!” 48 Many rebuked him in order to silence him but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” 49 Stopping Jesus said, “Call him!” They called the blind man, saying to him, “Cheer up and stand! He is calling you!” Throwing off his coat, he jumped up and came to Jesus. In response to him, Jesus said, “What do you want me to do?” The blind man said to him, “Rabbi, I want to see.” 52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go. Your faith has healed you.” Immediately he could see and he began to follow him on the road.

**11 Jesus’ Triumphant Approach towards Jerusalem**

1 Lit. scourge

2 Lit. he

3 Rabbi is Hebrew for my teacher or my master

4 Lit. saved
1 As they were approaching Jerusalem, near Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mountain of Olives, Jesus\(^1\) sent two of his disciples. 2 He said to them, “Go into the village across from you, and as soon as you enter the village, find a donkey\(^2\) tied up, on which no man has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If someone should say to you ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The master\(^3\) needs it, and he will send it back here at once.’” 4 So they departed and found a donkey tied up near a door outside on the street, and they untied it. 5 Some of the people\(^4\) standing there began to say to them, “What are you doing, untying the donkey?” 6 So they told them exactly what Jesus had said, and they gave them permission. 7 They brought the donkey to Jesus, and they threw their coats on it and he sat on it. 8 Then they spread many of their coats on the road and others spread leaves cut from the field. 9 Those going ahead and those following were shouting, “Hosanna,\(^5\) blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed be the coming kingdom of our father, David! Hosanna in the highest!”

11 Then he came into Jerusalem and went into the temple looking around at everything. Since the hour was already late, he went into Bethany with the twelve.

*The Barren Fig Tree and Temple*

12 On the next day, while they were coming out of Bethany, Jesus\(^7\) became hungry. 13 Seeing a fig tree with leaves from a distance, he went to find something on it. But after coming upon it he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response to this, he said to it, “May no one eat from your fruit ever again!” His disciples were listening to this.

15 They went into Jerusalem. When they went into the temple he began to drive out those who were selling and buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 16 He allowed no one to bring any goods into the temple. 17 Then he began to teach, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer among all the nations?’\(^8\) But you have made it

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\(^1\) Lit. *he*

\(^2\) Or a *colt* or a *young animal* also in verses 4, 5, and 7

\(^3\) Or *Lord*

\(^4\) Lit. *the ones*

\(^5\) Hosanna is Hebrew for *Please save*

\(^6\) Psalm 118:26

\(^7\) Lit. *he*

\(^8\) Isaiah 56:7
a shelter\(^1\) for thieves.” 18 The high priests and the religious scholars heard and started to plan\(^2\) how they could destroy him, for they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was utterly astounded at his teaching.

19 Whenever night came they went outside the city. 20 But as they were passing along in the morning they saw the fig tree withered from the root. 21 Then Peter remembered, and said to him, “Rabbi,\(^3\) look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered. 22 In response, Jesus said to them, “Have faith in God. 23 Amen,\(^4\) I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and be thrown into the sea,’ and if he does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says is happening, it will be for him. 24 Because of this, I say to you, ‘Anything you pray for and ask, continually believe that you received it, and it will be for you. 25 Whenever you stand up to pray, if you have anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father, who is in Heaven, might forgive your sins.”\(^5\) 26 But if you do not forgive neither your Father, who is in Heaven, will forgive your sins.\(^6\)

**Jesus’ Authority Questioned**

27 Then they came again into Jerusalem. While Jesus\(^7\) was walking around the temple, coming towards him were the high priests, the religious scholars, and the elders. 28 They began to say to him, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do these things? 29 So, Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one thing.\(^8\) Answer me and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 30 Was John’s baptism from heaven or from men? Answer me.” 31 Then they began to discuss among themselves saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven’, he will say, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ 32 But should we say, ‘From men?’” (They were continually afraid of the crowd because all of the people continually held that John was really a prophet.) 33 So, when they answered Jesus they said, “We don’t know.” Then Jesus said to them, “Then I won’t tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

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\(^1\) Lit. cave or den; Jeremiah 7:11

\(^2\) Lit. seek

\(^3\) Rabbi is Hebrew for *my teacher or my master*

\(^4\) Amen is Hebrew for *truthfully or certainly*. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.

\(^5\) Lit. *trespasses* also in verses 26

\(^6\) Some manuscripts do not include verse 26

\(^7\) Lit. *he*

\(^8\) Lit. *word*
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Jesus Tells the Parable of the Wicked Tenants

1 He began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug out a place for the winepress, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went on a trip to a distant country. 2 Later, he sent a servant to the tenants at the proper season so that he could receive from the tenants some of the fruit from the vineyard. 3 But grabbing him, they beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent to them another servant and they hit that one on the head and abused him. 5 He sent another and they killed that one. There were many others, and indeed some they beat and some they killed. 6 He still had one more to send—a son, whom he loved. So he sent his son to them last saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 However, those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir! Come, let’s kill him and the inheritance will be ours!’ 8 When they grabbed him, they killed him and threw him outside the vineyard. 9 Therefore, what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants, and give the vineyard to others. 10 Haven’t you read this Scripture,

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
11 This is from the Lord
and this is wonderful in our eyes’?”

12 They tried to arrest him but they were afraid of the crowd. Knowing that he spoke this parable against them, they left him alone and departed.

Jesus is Questioned on Paying Taxes

13 They sent to him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians so they could trap him in what he said. 14 They came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are honest and that you don’t care what anyone thinks, for you don’t look at external appearances. Rather you teach the way of God truthfully. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or should we not?” But seeing through their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius so I can see it.” 16 So they brought it and he said to them, “Whose image is on it and what does it is the inscription?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” 17 Then Jesus said to them, “Pay to Caesar what is owed to Caesar and to God what is owed to God.” They were utterly astounded.

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1 Lit. dishonored
2 Lit. him
3 Lit. word
4 Lit. you don’t worry about anyone
5 Lit. the face of men
MARK

Jesus Explains the Resurrection
18 Then the Sadducees came to him, who said there was no resurrection, and they began to ask him, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a certain brother were to die and leave behind a wife but doesn’t leave a child, his brother must marry her and produce\(^1\) offspring\(^2\) for his brother. 20 There were seven brothers. The first one married, and when he died he didn’t leave an offspring. 21 The second also married her but he died and he also didn’t leave an offspring. The third was the same. 22 None of the seven left an offspring. Finally, the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection, whose wife will she be since all seven married her?” 24 Jesus said to them, “Are you not mistaken because you don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God? 25 For whenever people\(^3\) rise from the dead, they do not marry nor are they given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. 26 But as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, how God said to him at the bush, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? 27 He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are terribly wrong!”

Jesus Explains the Greatest Commandment
28 Then one of the religious scholars was coming towards them while he heard them discussing. After seeing that Jesus\(^4\) had answered them well, he asked him, “What is the most important of all the commandments?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one, 30 and you must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, with your whole mind, and with your whole strength.”\(^5\) 31 The second is this, “You must love your neighbor as yourself.”\(^6\) There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the teacher of the law said to him, “Correct, teacher! You have said truthfully because he is one and there is no one besides him. 33 To love him with all of your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love the neighbor as yourself is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 After Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” No one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus Questions about David’s Son
35 In response, Jesus began to say as he was teaching in the temple court, “How can the religious scholars say that Christ is David’s son? 36 David himself said in the Holy Spirit,

\(^1\) Lit. \textit{raise up}  
\(^2\) Lit. \textit{seed} also in verses 20, 21, 22  
\(^3\) Lit. \textit{they}  
\(^4\) Lit. \textit{he}  
\(^5\) Deuteronomy 6:4-5  
\(^6\) Leviticus 19:18
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‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies under your feet.”’
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37 So, how can David himself tell him, ‘Lord’, when he is also his son?’ The large crowd continued to listen to him with joy.2

Jesus Gives a Warning about the Religious Scholars
38 During his teaching he was saying, “Watch out for the religious scholars, dressed in their long robes, who want to walk around and be greeted in the market places, 39 and to have the most honorable seats in the synagogues and the best seat at dinners. 40 They consume the houses of widows and pray with evil motives. They will receive greater condemnation!”

Jesus Teaches a Lesson on Giving
41 As he was sitting on the other side of the offering box Jesus3 was observing how the crowd was putting money into that offering box. Many of the rich were putting in large sums.4 42 Then one poor widow came and put in two small coins5 worth almost nothing.6 43 Calling his disciples towards him, he said to them, “Amen,7 I say to you that this poor widow put in more than everyone who was giving to the offering box. 44 For everyone was giving out of their abundance, but she was giving out of her poverty all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

13

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple
1 While he was coming out of the temple court one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look! How great are the stones and how great are the buildings!” 2 Then Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Surely no stone here will be left on another that will not be destroyed.”

Jesus Explains the Beginning of the End

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1 Psalm 110:1
2 Lit. gladly
3 Lit. he
4 Lit. much
5 Lit. lepta; a lepta was the smallest coin in the Jewish economy during the 1st Century
6 Lit. two mites, which made a Roman quadrans; worth about 1/10 of a day’s wage
7 Amen is Hebrew for truthfully or certainly. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.
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3 As he was sitting down on the Mount of Olives on the other side of the temple court, Peter, James, John, and Andrew were alone with him and began to ask him, “Tell us when these things will happen, and what the sign will be whenever all these things are completed.” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Watch out so that no one might deceive you. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the one’ and will deceive many. 7 Whenever you hear wars and rumors of wars, don’t be alarmed. It must happen but it still won’t be the end. 8 For nation will be raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes everywhere and there will be famines. These things are just the beginning of birth pains.

Jesus Predicts Future Persecutions and Evangelism

9 But you, yourselves, must watch out. They will hand you over to the Council and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will stand before governors and kings for my sake as a witness to them. 10 But the Good News must be proclaimed to all the nations. 11 Whenever they take you and hand you over, do not be worried about what you might say, but it will be given to you in that moment what you should say, for you are not the ones speaking but the Holy Spirit. 12 Brother will betray brother to death and father, child, and children will rise up against parents and they will kill them. 13 You will be the ones hated by everyone because of my name. But the one who patiently endures will be saved.

Jesus Explains the Signs of the End

14 Whenever you should see abomination of the desolate standing where it should not be (the one who reading must understand), then those in Judea must flee into the mountains. 15 But the one on the rooftop must not come down or enter to remove anything from his house. 16 The one in the field must not turn back to get his coat. 17 But how awful it will be for women who are pregnant and women who are nursing in those days! 18 So pray that it won’t become wintertime. 19 For those days will come when a kind of tribulation that has never happened since the beginning of creation, which God created, until now and certainly has never been. 20 If the Lord had not shortened those days then no one would have been saved. 3 But because of the chosen, which he chose, he shortened the day. 21 So if someone might say to you, ‘Look! Here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look there he is!’ don’t believe. 22 For antichrists and false prophets will be raised and they will give signs and wonders to lead people astray and if possible, the chosen. 23 But you must watch out. I have warned you of everything.

The Coming of the Son of Man

24 But after the suffering in those days,

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1 Lit. Sanhedrin
2 Lit. hour
3 Lit. then all of flesh would not have been saved
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‘the sun will become dark,
the moon will not give its light,
25 the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the great works will shake the heavens.1

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with many great works and glory.
27 Then he will send his angels and he will gather his chosen from the four corners of the
ends of the earth until the end of heaven. 28 Learn from the parable of the fig tree.
Whenever its branch is already ripe and produces leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 In the same way, whenever you see things happening, know that the open door is near.
30 Amen,2 I say to you that this generation will not pass away until when all these things
take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass
away.

32 No one knows the time3 of these things – not the angels in heaven, not the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Watch out! Stay alert, for you don’t know when this time will
come. 34 It’s like a man who left his home on a journey. He put his servants in charge,
each his own work, and commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. 35 Therefore, keep
watching, for you do not know when the Lord comes home – whether in the evening,
night, when the rooster crows, or in the morning. 36 Otherwise he might come
suddenly and find you sleeping. But I am telling all of you to keep watch!’”

14

The Religious Leaders Plot to Kill Jesus

1 Now it was two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
The high priests and the religious scholars were trying to figure out deceptively how to
arrest him and kill him, 2 for they were saying, “Not during the feast, or else the people
will riot.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

3 But while Jesus5 was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, he was
reclining, and a woman came in with an alabaster flask of expensive perfume of pure
nard. Then she broke the alabaster flask poured it on his head. 4 There were some who
were upset and said among themselves, “Why was this perfume wasted like this? 5 This

1 Isaiah 13:10; 34:4; Joel 2:10
2 Amen is Hebrew for truthfully or certainly. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the
only one who used it to began a statement.
3 Lit. hour
4 Lit. there will be an uproar of the people
5 Lit. he
perfume could have been sold for a whole year's salary\(^1\) and given to the poor.” Then they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me, 7 for you will always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. 8 She has done what she could. In anticipation of my death she anointed my body for the preparation of my burial. 9 Amen,\(^2\) I say to you, wherever the Good News is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in her memory.”

**Judas to Betray Jesus**

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, left to meet up with the high priests so that he may betray Jesus to them. 11 When they heard this they were excited and promised to give him silver. So Judas began to seek the best opportunity to betray him.

**The Preparation of the Passover**

12 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was slain, Jesus' disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go so we can prepare the Passover meal for you to eat?” 13 So he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him, 14 and wherever he enters, tell the owner that the teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?” 15 Then he will welcome you to a large upper room that has been furnished, and you will prepare for us there.” 16 The disciples went out and came into the city and found it just as he told them, and they prepared the Passover.

**Jesus Predicts his Betrayal**

17 When evening came, Jesus\(^3\) arrived with the twelve. 18 While they were reclining and eating Jesus said, “Amen,\(^4\) I say to you that one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” 19 They started to grieve and said to him one after the other, “It’s not me, is it?” 20 Then he said to them, “It’s one of the twelve, one who dips the bread\(^5\) with me into the bowl. 21 Because the Son of Man indeed will go just as it is written about him. But how awful for the man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better if that man had not been born!”

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\(^1\) Lit. 300 *denarii*; a denarius was the average day’s wage

\(^2\) Amen is Hebrew for *truthfully* or *certainly*. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement.

\(^3\) Lit. he

\(^4\) Amen is Hebrew for *truthfully* or *certainly*. Often used liturgically at the end of prayers but Jesus is the only one who used it to began a statement. Also in verse 25, 30

\(^5\) Greek lacks the *bread*
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The Lord’s Supper

22 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after he blessed it he broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take it. This is my body.” 23 Then, after taking a cup, he gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, 1 which is being poured out for many. 25 Amen, I say to you that I will certainly not drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

26 After they sung a hymn, they went on the Mount of Olives. 27 Jesus said to them, “Every one of you will fall away 2 because it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will scatter.’ 3

28 However, after I am raised I will go before you into Galilee.”

29 Then Peter said to him, “Even if everyone falls away, I will not!” 30 Jesus said to him, “Amen, I say to you today, this night before the rooster crows twice you will deny me three times.” 31 But he began to speak emphatically, “Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!” And everyone kept saying the same thing.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

32 They came into the region named Gethsemane, and Jesus 4 said to his disciples, “Sit here until I can pray.” 33 He took Peter, James, and John with him. Then he became distressed and anguished. 34 So he said to them, “My soul has so much sorrow that I could die. Stay here and keep watch.” 35 Going a bit farther he fell down on the ground and began to pray that if it was possible the hour would pass from him. 36 He kept saying, “Abba, 5 Father! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me, but not what I want but what you want.” 37 He went back and found the disciples 6 sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Can't you watch with me for an hour? 38 Keep watch and start praying so you won't be tempted. The spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak.” 39 He left again and prayed saying the same thing. 40 When he came back he found them sleeping again, because their eyes were heavy. They didn't know what to say to him. 41 He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still asleep and resting?

1 Some manuscripts new covenant
2 Lit. be caused to stumble
3 Zechariah 13:7
4 Lit. he
5 Abba is Hebrew/Aramaic for Father
6 Lit. them
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Enough of this! For the hour has come. Look! The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Get up and let’s go! Look, my betrayer is near!”

**Jesus is Arrested**

43 Suddenly, while Jesus\(^1\) was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, showed up, and with him came a crowd carrying swords and clubs. Among them were some of the high priests, religious scholars, and elders. 44 The betrayer had given the signal saying, “Whomever I kiss is the one, grab him, and take him away safely.” 45 Judas\(^2\) immediately went up to Jesus\(^3\) and said, “Rabbi.” He greeted him with an affectionate kiss. 46 Then they put their hands on Jesus\(^4\) and arrested him. 47 But one of the guys standing there pulled out his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 48 In response Jesus said to them, “Why do you come out here to arrest me with swords and clubs like I'm an outlaw?” 49 I was with you day after day, teaching in the temple, and you did not arrest me, but it happens this way so the scriptures might be fulfilled.” 50 After they abandoned him they all fled.

**A Young Man Flees**

51 A certain young man, who was wearing nothing but a linen cloth, was following Jesus,\(^5\) and they grabbed him, 52 but he slipped out of the linen cloth and ran away naked.

**Jesus is Tried and found Guilty**

53 Then they took Jesus away to the high priest, and all of the high priests, elders, and religious scholars were gathered together. 54 Peter followed from a distance all the way to the courtyard of the High Priest, and he was sitting with servants as he warmed himself by the fire. 55 The high priests and the whole Council were trying to get a testimony against Jesus, so they could put him to death, but they were not finding one. 56 For many were falsely testifying against Jesus,\(^6\) but their testimonies were not consistent. 57 Some stood up and falsely testified against him saying, 58 “We heard him saying, ‘I will destroy the temple made by hands, and in three days build another not made by hands.’” 59 But their testimony was not even consistent. 60 Then high priest stood up in the middle of everyone and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to respond to anything they are saying against you?” 61 But he was silent, and did not answer a word. Again the High

\(^{1}\) Lit. *he*  
\(^{2}\) Lit. *he*  
\(^{3}\) Lit. *him*  
\(^{4}\) Lit. *him*  
\(^{5}\) Lit. *him*  
\(^{6}\) Lit. *him*
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Priest continued asking him, and said to him, “Are you the Christ, Son of the Blessed?”
62 Then Jesus said, “I am, and
   ‘you will see the Son of Man
   sitting at the right hand of Power,¹
   and coming with the clouds of heaven.”²
63 Then the High Priest tore his clothes and said, “What do we still need a witness for?
   You heard the blasphemy, what do you think?” Everyone judged him to be guilty, worthy
   of death. 65 Some even began to spit on him, and they covered his face, and hit him,
   telling him, “Prophesy!” The servants also took him and slapped him.

Peter Denies Jesus

66 While Peter was down in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high
   priest came, 67 and saw Peter warming himself. After looking closely at him she said,
   “You are also with Jesus of Nazarene.” 68 But Peter denied it saying, “I don't know or
   understand what you're talking about!” Then Peter went outside into the gateway, and a
   rooster crowed. 69 When the female servant saw him, she began saying to those around,
   “This man is one of them”, 70 but he denied it again. Again after a short time those
   standing around kept saying to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, since you are also
   from Galilee.” 71 And Peter began to curse and swear, saying, “I have never known this
   man that you are talking about!” 72 Immediately a rooster crowed for the second time,
   and Peter was reminded about what Jesus had said to him, “Before a rooster crows twice,
   you will deny me three times.” Then Peter broke down and cried.

15

Jesus is Handed Over to Pilate

1 As soon as it was morning, after high priests held a meeting with the elders, the
   religious scholars – indeed the whole Council, they tied Jesus up, took him away, and
   handed him over to Pilate. 2 So, Pilate asked him, “You are the King of the Jews?” In
   response Jesus³ said, “You say so.” 3 The high priests repeatedly accused him of many
   things. 4 So, Pilate began to ask him again saying, “Why don’t you answer anyone? See
   how many accusations are against you!” 5 But Jesus still did not answer anyone that it
   amazed even Pilate.

Jesus is Handed Over to be Crucified

6 During the festival, it was Pilate’s custom to release a prisoner whom the
   people⁴ requested. 7 But a man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the

¹ Psalm 110:1
² Daniel 7:13
³ Lit. He
⁴ Lit. they
insurrectionists\textsuperscript{1} who had committed murder during the uprising. 8 When the crowd came up they began to request for what Pilate\textsuperscript{2} was accustomed to do for them. 9 Pilate answered them saying, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews?” 10 For he had known that it was because of jealousy that the high priests had handed him over. 11 But the high priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead. 12 Pilate asked them again, “So what do you want me to do with the one you call the King of the Jews?” 13 So they shouted, “Crucify him!” 14 Pilate kept asking them, “Why? What has he done wrong?” 15 But since Pilate wanted to please the crowd he released Barabbas to them. After he flogged him he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

\textit{Jesus is Mocked by the Soldiers}

16 The soldiers led him into the courtyard, which is the governor’s palace,\textsuperscript{3} and they called the whole company together. 17 They clothed him in a purple robe and put a crown that they weaved together with thorns together on his head.\textsuperscript{4} 18 Then they began to address him, “Hey, king of the Jews!” 19 They continually struck his head with a reed and kept spitting on him. Getting on their knees, they kept mockingly\textsuperscript{5} kneeling before him. 20 When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his clothes on him. Then they led him outside to crucify him.

\textit{Jesus is Crucified}

21 The soldiers forced a man passing by as he was coming from the field to carry Jesus’\textsuperscript{6} cross. He was Simon, a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus. 22 They carried him to the Place of Golgotha, which is translated, “The Place of the Skull.” 23 They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh but he would not take it. 24 They crucified him and divided his clothes, throwing lots\textsuperscript{7} to see who would get them. 25 It was around nine in the morning\textsuperscript{8} when they crucified him. 26 There was an inscription of his charge that read, “The King of the Jews.” 27 They also crucified two insurrectionists\textsuperscript{9} with him,

\textsuperscript{1} Or thieves  
\textsuperscript{2} Lit. he  
\textsuperscript{3} Lit. Praetorian  
\textsuperscript{4} Lit. him  
\textsuperscript{5} Greek lacks mockingly  
\textsuperscript{6} Lit. his  
\textsuperscript{7} Throwing lots was an ancient custom, much like throwing dice, to decide certain matters.  
\textsuperscript{8} Lit. third watch  
\textsuperscript{9} Or thieves
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one on his right and one on his left. 1 Those passing by blasphemed him shaking their heads and saying, “How awful it is for you, the one who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days! 30 Save yourself by coming down from the cross!” 31 In the same way the high priests were mocking with the religious scholars as they were saying to each other, “He saved others, but he can’t save himself. 32 Christ, the king of Israel! Come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!” Those who were being crucified with him continually insulted him as well.

**Jesus Dies on the Cross**

33 When it was noon 2 it became dark on the entire land until it was three in the afternoon. 3 34 At three in the afternoon, Jesus shouted with a great shout, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachtani?” Which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 35 After hearing this some of those who had been standing by were saying, “Look, he is calling for Elijah.” 36 Then someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, wrapped it around a reed, and began to offer it to him saying, “Leave him alone! Let’s see if Elijah will come and take him down!”

37 But after Jesus let out a great shout he breathed his last. 38 Then the curtain of the temple was split into two, from the top to the bottom. 39 After a centurion who was standing by on the other side of him saw him breathe his last said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

**Jesus is Buried**

40 There were also women who watched from a distance. Among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the lesser, Joses, and Salome. 41 When they were in Galilee they continually followed and served him, and there were many others who went up with him into Jerusalem.

42 When evening arrived it was then the Day of Preparation, which is the day before the Sabbath. 43 So, Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy member of the Council 4 who was waiting for the kingdom of God, came to Pilate after he had gathered courage to ask for the corpse of Jesus. 44 Pilate was amazed that he had already died, and summoning a centurion he asked him if he had died. 45 When he confirmed this from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph. 46 After buying fine linen, Joseph 5 took him down, wrapped him in the fine linen, and placed him in the tomb, which was cut out of stone. Then he

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1 Some manuscripts include verse 28: *Then the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “He was counted with criminals.”*

2 Lit. *sixth hour*

3 Lit. *ninth hour*

4 Lit. *Sanhedrin*

5 Lit. *he*
rolled the stone over the door of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene, Mary, and Joses saw where he was placed.

16

Jesus is Raised from the Dead

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, bought spices so that when they came they could anoint him. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun was rising. 3 They began to say among themselves, “Who will roll the stone away from the door of the tomb for us?” 4 But when they looked up they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (It was an extremely heavy stone.) 5 As they went inside the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side dressed in a long, white robe and they were utterly amazed. 6 Then he said to them, “Stop being amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He was raised and he is not here. Look! The place where they laid him! 7 Now go and tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he goes ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there just as he told you.” 8 As they left they fled from the tomb, for they were trembling with fear and confusion. They did not speak to anyone because they were so afraid.

Jesus’ Appearances after the Resurrection

9 Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week he first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had driven out seven demons. 10 She left and proclaimed to those who had been with Jesus while they were grieving and crying. 11 When they heard that he was alive and that he had been seen by her, they did not believe.

12 But after these things he appeared in a different form to two of the disciples as they were walking into the country. 13 They left and proclaimed this to the others, but they did not believe either.

Jesus Commissions the Disciples

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1 Lit. *first of the Sabbaths* also in verse 9
2 Some manuscripts do not include verses 9-20.
3 Lit. *he*
4 Lit. *him*
5 Lit. *them*
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14 Finally, while the disciples¹ were reclining at the table, Jesus² appeared to the eleven. He rebuked their unbelief and hardened hearts because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen. 15 Then he said to them, “As you go into the entire world, proclaim the Good News to every creature. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

17 These are the signs that will characterize believers: in my name they will drive out demons; they will speak new languages; 18 they will pick up snakes; if they drink any deadly poison it will not harm them; they will place their hands on the sick and they will recover.”

Jesus Sits at the Right Hand of God

19 Then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken with them was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 As the disciples went out and preached everywhere the Lord continually worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

¹ Lit. they
² Lit. he