

English - With Implicit Information, Alternates, and Footnotes

Mark

Mark 1:1 Title: John the Baptist prepares people so that they would believe in Jesus. The gospel that is about Jesus Christ, who is God's Son, begins here.

Mark 1:2 Isaiah, who was God's prophet, wrote, "Listen to me. Primary: Before I send you, I'll send my messenger. Alternate 1: I'll send my messenger in front of you. Literal Alternate: And that messenger will prepare your path. Dynamic Alternate: And he'll announce that you're coming.

Mark 1:3 Literal Alternate: That messenger is like a voice that is shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the path for the Lord. Dynamic Alternate: He is shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare your lives so that they would be ready to receive the Lord's message. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: Make straight paths for the Lord!'" Dynamic Alternate: Do good things so that the Lord would be pleased with you!"

Mark 1:4 <<The messenger that Isaiah talked about was John the Baptist.>> John the Baptist came to the wilderness. <<And many people came to see John.>> John told those people that they should be baptized <with water>. Whenever a person is baptized <with water>, people know that he repented. Then God will forgive that person's sins.

Mark 1:5 All of the people who lived in <<the region named>> Judea and all of the people who lived in <<the city named>> Jerusalem went to John. <<Those people wanted to hear the things that John was saying.>> They confessed that they sinned. Then they were baptized by John in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:6 John wore clothes made of camel's hairs and wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <<He found that food in the wilderness.>>

Mark 1:7 And John preached this message. He said, "A person who is more important than me will come soon. I shouldn't untie the strings of that person's sandals because I'm less worthy than him.

Mark 1:8 I baptize you with water <<because you repented>>. But the person <<who will come after me>> will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:9 Title: John baptizes Jesus <with water>. In those days Jesus came from <<the town named>> Nazareth, which was in <<the region named>> Galilee, <to John>. And Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John.

Mark 1:10 Literal Alternate: When Jesus came out from the water, he immediately saw the sky being opened. Literal Alternate: Jesus also saw the Spirit <<of God>>, who looked like a dove, coming down onto him. Dynamic Alternate: When Jesus came out from the water, he immediately saw the Spirit <<of

God>>, who looked like a dove, coming down from the sky. Dynamic Alternate: And that Spirit came down onto Jesus.

Mark 1:11 A voice spoke from heaven and said, "You're my Son, whom I love dearly. I'm very pleased with you."

Mark 1:12 Title: Satan tempts Jesus. The Holy Spirit immediately sent Jesus into the wilderness <from the Jordan River>.

Mark 1:13 And Jesus stayed in the wilderness for forty days and was tempted by Satan during that time. <<But Jesus didn't do the things that Satan told him to do.>> He was with the wild animals. And angels took care of Jesus.

Mark 1:14 Title: Jesus preaches the gospel to people. <<King Herod arrested John.>> After John was put in a prison, Jesus went to <<the region named>> Galilee. And he preached God's gospel <to people> there.

Mark 1:15 Jesus said, "The time <<when God chose>> arrived. And God's kingdom is near you. Repent and believe the gospel!"

Mark 1:16 Title: Jesus chooses his first disciples. One day while Jesus was walking beside the <<big lake named>> Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew. Simon and Andrew were throwing a net into the lake <<to catch fish>> because they were fishermen.

Mark 1:17 Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, "Come and follow me. <<Previously you gathered fish.>> I'll teach you how to gather people instead of gathering fish. <<Then those people will follow me.">>

Mark 1:18 Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed Jesus.

Mark 1:19 Then Jesus continued walking and saw James and his brother John. James and John were the sons of <<a man named>> Zebedee. They were in a boat and were repairing their nets.

Mark 1:20 Jesus immediately called James and John. So James and John left their father named Zebedee and followed Jesus. Zebedee stayed in the boat with the men that he hired.

Mark 1:21 Title: Jesus orders an unclean spirit to leave a man. Then Jesus and those men went to <<the town named>> Capernaum. The next Sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and started teaching <God's message> <to the people who were there>. Footnote: The Sabbath is the day when Jews rest and they worship God on.

Mark 1:22 When the people heard Jesus' message, they were amazed because he taught <it> <to them> like a person who has authority teaches <messages> <to people>. Jesus didn't teach <that message> <to people> like the Scribes taught <messages> <to people>.

Mark 1:23 Then suddenly in that synagogue a man who was possessed by an unclean spirit cried out,

Mark 1:24 “Jesus, who is from Nazareth, why are you bothering us? Did you come here to destroy us? I know that you're God's holy person!”

Mark 1:25 Literal Alternate: Jesus commanded that unclean spirit, “Be quiet! Dynamic Alternate: He commanded that unclean spirit, “Stop talking! End of Alternates. And come out from this man!”

Mark 1:26 Then that unclean spirit shook that man severely. Then it cried out loudly and came out from that man.

Mark 1:27 All of the people <<who were in that synagogue>> were amazed. So they said to each other, “What does this event mean? These things that Jesus is teaching <to us> are new. And Jesus speaks using authority and even commands unclean spirits to do things! And those unclean spirits obey Jesus.”

Mark 1:28 <<People started immediately telling other people about the things that Jesus did.>> Literal Alternate: The news that was about Jesus spread quickly among the people who were in the whole region named Galilee. Dynamic Alternate: People who were in the whole region named Galilee heard quickly the news that was about Jesus.

Mark 1:29 Title: Jesus heals many sick people. After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, he and his disciples went immediately to Simon and Andrew's house.

Mark 1:30 Simon's mother-in-law was lying on a bed <<that was in his house>> because she had a fever. Some people immediately told Jesus about Simon's <<sick>> mother-in-law.

Mark 1:31 So Jesus went to Simon's mother-in-law. He held that mother-in-law's hand and helped her stand up. Literal Alternate: Then that mother-in-law stopped having a fever. Dynamic Alternate: Then she became healthy. End of Alternates. And she started serving food to Jesus and his disciples.

Mark 1:32 After the sun set in the evening, people brought to Jesus all of the people who were sick and all of the people that unclean spirits possessed.

Mark 1:33 Many people who lived in that town gathered at the door <<of Simon's house>>.

Mark 1:34 Then Jesus healed many people who had different kinds of diseases. And he ordered many demons to leave <people>. But he didn't allow those demons to speak because they knew him.

Mark 1:35 Title: Jesus prays alone. In the morning Jesus got up very early while it still was dark. He left <that house> <and that town> and went to a place where no other people were. And he prayed there.

Mark 1:36 Then Simon and the people who were with him started searching for Jesus.

Mark 1:37 When Simon and those people found Jesus, they said, “All of the people are searching for you! <<Perhaps we should return to the town.”>>

Mark 1:38 But Jesus said, “Let's go to the other villages that are near here so that I could also preach <God's message> to the people who are in those villages. I came for this reason.”

Mark 1:39 So Jesus traveled throughout Galilee and preached <God's message> <to people> in their synagogues. And he ordered evil demons to leave <people>.

Mark 1:40 Title: Jesus heals a man who has leprosy. One day a man who had leprosy came to Jesus. That man knelt in front of Jesus and begged him, "If you're willing <<to heal me>>, you're able to cause me to become clean." Footnote: Jewish law said that people who had leprosy weren't clean. So people who had leprosy weren't allowed to worship God in the synagogue. And those people weren't also allowed to go near other people.

Mark 1:41 Jesus felt pity for that man. So Jesus moved his hand toward that man and touched him. Then Jesus said, "I'm willing <<to heal you>>. Become clean!"

Mark 1:42 That man immediately became healthy and became clean.

Mark 1:43 Jesus immediately told that man to go <from there>. And Jesus warned that man sternly,

Mark 1:44 "Listen <to me>. You must not tell other people about this thing <<that happened>>. Instead, go and show yourself to the priest. And offer God the sacrifices that Moses commanded people to offer <to God> so that they would become clean. Primary: Those actions will testify to people that you're clean." Alternate 1: Those actions will testify to the priests that you're clean."

Mark 1:45 Instead, that man left that place and started telling <many people> about the things that happened. Literal Alternate: So the news that was about Jesus spread. Dynamic Alternate: So many people heard about Jesus. End of Alternates. Because of the things that that man said, Jesus wasn't able to enter towns publicly. <<People surrounded Jesus because they wanted him to heal them.>> So Jesus stayed <outside towns> in places where there weren't many people. But people continued coming from every place to Jesus.

Mark 2:1 Title: Jesus heals a paralyzed man. After a few days Jesus returned to Capernaum. And people heard that Jesus was at a house <<there>>.

Mark 2:2 And many people gathered <<in that house>> until there was no space <<for more people>>. There even wasn't space at the door. Jesus was preaching <<God>>'s message to those people.

Mark 2:3 Some other people came <to that house>. They brought a paralyzed man to Jesus. That man was carried by four men.

Mark 2:4 <<Those people wanted Jesus to heal that man.>> But they weren't able to bring that man <<through the door>> to Jesus because of the crowd. So they made a hole in the roof above Jesus. After those people made that hole, they lowered <to Jesus> the mat that the paralyzed man was lying on. Footnote: In those days in Israel houses had flat roofs that were made with poles, small sticks, and hard soil. So people were able to make holes in roofs easily.

Mark 2:5 After Jesus saw that those people had a lot of faith, he said to that paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:6 But some Scribes were sitting in that house. And those Scribes were thinking,

Mark 2:7 "Why is this man saying these things? He is blaspheming <<by talking like he is God>>! Who is able to forgive sins except God?"

Mark 2:8 Literal Alternate: Jesus knew immediately in his spirit that those people were thinking about those things. Dynamic Alternate: He realized immediately that those people were thinking about those things. End of Alternates. So he asked those people, "Why are you thinking about those things?"

Mark 2:9 What is easier for me to say? I might say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Or I might say, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk!'

Mark 2:10 But I'll show you that I, the Son of Man, have authority on the earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus said to that paralyzed man,

Mark 2:11 "I tell you, 'Get up. Pick up your mat and go to your house.'"

Mark 2:12 Then that man got up immediately and picked up his mat. And he left that house in front of all of those people <<who were there>>. Then those people were amazed and praised God. They said, "We never saw anything that is like this thing <<that recently happened>>!"

Mark 2:13 Jesus went from there to the shore of the lake <<named Galilee>> again. Many people came to Jesus. And Jesus started teaching those people.

Mark 2:14 Title: Jesus calls Levi. While Jesus was walking, he saw Levi, who was Alphaeus' son. Levi was sitting at the place where the tax collectors worked. Jesus said to Levi, "Follow me <<and become my disciple">>! So Levi stood up and followed Jesus.

Mark 2:15 <<Later>> Jesus and his disciples were reclining <<beside a table>> in Levi's house <<to eat a meal>>. And many tax collectors and many sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. For many people were following Jesus. Footnote: In those days people reclined beside a table while they ate a meal.

Mark 2:16 <<Some Scribes also were there.>> They saw Jesus eating with sinners and tax collectors. So those Scribes asked Jesus' disciples, "Why is Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners?"

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard the thing that those Scribes said, he said to them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor. But sick people need a doctor. Similarly, I didn't come to invite righteous people <<to follow me>>. But I came to invite sinners <<to follow me>>."

Mark 2:18 Title: People ask Jesus about people who fast. John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came to Jesus and said to him, "John's disciples and the Pharisees' disciples are fasting. Why don't your disciples fast?"

Mark 2:19 Jesus said to those people, “Do guests fast while the groom is with them? Guests don't fast while they are with the groom.

Mark 2:20 But in the future, the groom will be taken away from those guests. At that time those guests will fast.

Mark 2:21 No person repairs with new cloth a hole that is in old clothes. If a person does that, that new cloth will tear those old clothes. <<When that person washes that new cloth, it will become smaller.>> So that hole will become bigger.

Mark 2:22 And no person pours new wine into old wineskins. For that wine will cause those wineskins to burst. Then the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. Instead, people pour new wine into new wineskins <<because they are able to stretch>>.”

Mark 2:23 Title: Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. One Sabbath Jesus <and his disciples> were walking through fields of grain. While Jesus' disciples were walking, they started picking the grain <<to eat it>>.

Mark 2:24 Then some Pharisees asked Jesus, “Listen to us. Why are your disciples picking grain even though the Law doesn't allow people to work on the Sabbath?”

Mark 2:25 Jesus said to those Pharisees, “Didn't you read <<in the scriptures>> about the thing that King David did when he and the men who were with him were very hungry?

Mark 2:26 When Abiathar was the high priest, David entered God's house. And he ate the holy bread even though the Law allows only priests to eat it. And he also gave that bread to the men who were with him.”

Mark 2:27 Then Jesus said to those Pharisees, “The Sabbath was made <by God> to help people. People weren't made <by God> to help the Sabbath.

Mark 2:28 Literal Alternate: So I, the Son of Man, am Lord of the Sabbath.” Dynamic Alternate: So I, the Son of Man, have authority to choose the things that people may do on the Sabbath.”

Mark 3:1 Title: Jesus heals a man's hand on the Sabbath. One day Jesus went into a synagogue. And a man who had a shriveled hand was there.

Mark 3:2 Some Pharisees were watching Jesus carefully. They made a plan. If Jesus were to heal that man on the Sabbath, they would accuse him of sinning.

Mark 3:3 Jesus said to the man who had a shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of all of these people.”

Mark 3:4 Then Jesus said to those Pharisees, “Does the Law allow people to do good things on the Sabbath or to do evil things <<on it>>? Does the Law allow people to save people on the Sabbath or to kill them on it?” But those Pharisees didn't say anything to Jesus.

Mark 3:5 Then Jesus looked at those Pharisees. And he was angry with those Pharisees. He also felt very sad because those Pharisees were very stubborn. Then he said to the man <<who wasn't able to move his hand>>, "Show your hand to me." So that man showed his hand to Jesus. And that man's hand <<completely>> became healthy.

Mark 3:6 Then the Pharisees left and started plotting immediately with the people who supported <<King>> Herod to kill Jesus.

Mark 3:7 Title: Crowds of people follow Jesus. Later Jesus went from there to the lake <<named Sea of Galilee>> with his disciples. And a big crowd of people who were from Galilee and Judea followed Jesus.

Mark 3:8 Very many people who came from Jerusalem, <<the region named>> Idumea, places that were on the other side of the Jordan River, and places that were near <<the city named>> Tyre and <<the city named>> Sidon heard about all of the things that Jesus was doing. And they came to Jesus.

Mark 3:9 Then Jesus told his disciples because of the crowd to prepare a small boat for him so that those people wouldn't crowd around him. <<While Jesus was teaching God's message to the people who were on the shore, he wanted to sit in that boat.>>

Mark 3:10 Previously Jesus healed many people. <<And many other people who had diseases wanted to become healthy.>> So they were pushing each other to go close to Jesus so that they could touch him.

Mark 3:11 <<Some of those people were possessed by unclean spirits.>> Whenever the unclean spirits saw Jesus, they fell down in front of him. And those spirits caused those people to cry out <to Jesus>, "You're God's Son!"

Mark 3:12 But Jesus sternly warned those spirits that they must not tell <<other>> people about him.

Mark 3:13 Title: Jesus chooses the twelve apostles. One day Jesus went up a mountain and called the people that he wanted to come to him. So those people came to Jesus.

Mark 3:14 Then Jesus appointed twelve men <from those people> and called them 'apostles'. He appointed those apostles so that they would be with him and so that he could send them to preach the gospel <to other people>.

Mark 3:15 Jesus also wanted those apostles to have authority so that they could command demons to leave people.

Mark 3:16 The following twelve men are the men that Jesus appointed to become his disciples. Simon. (Jesus named Simon 'Peter'.)

Mark 3:17 James, who was Zebedee's son, James' brother John. (Jesus named James and John 'Boanerges'. Boanerges means 'thunder's sons'.)

Mark 3:18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, who was Alphaeus' son, Thaddaeus, Simon, who was called 'Zealot'. Footnote: Zealots opposed the Roman government.

Mark 3:19 And Judas Iscariot, who <<later>> betrayed Jesus.

Mark 3:20 Title: Certain people say that Jesus is possessed by a demon. Then Jesus entered a house. And a crowd gathered again so that Jesus and his disciples couldn't even eat food.

Mark 3:21 When Jesus' family heard about this thing, they went to take him <from that house>. For Jesus' family said, "Jesus is crazy."

Mark 3:22 And the Scribes who came from Jerusalem said, "That man is controlled by Beelzebul! That man uses the ruler of the demons' power to force them to leave people." Footnote: Beelzebul is Satan.

Mark 3:23 So Jesus called those Scribes and told parables to them. He asked, "Will Satan force his demons to leave <people>?"

Mark 3:24 If a kingdom fights itself, it won't be able to continue existing.

Mark 3:25 If a family fights itself, they won't be able to continue existing.

Mark 3:26 Similarly, if Satan opposes his demons, and if he fights them, he won't be able to continue existing. Satan's time will end.

Mark 3:27 But no person is able to enter a strong man's house to steal his things. A person has to tie that strong man first. Then that person will be able to steal things from that strong man's house.

Mark 3:28 I tell the truth to you. Even if people sin, and even if they blaspheme, all of those sins will be forgiven.

Mark 3:29 But if a person blasphemes the Holy Spirit, he'll be never forgiven. That person is guilty of sinning eternally."

Mark 3:30 Jesus said those things because the Scribes were saying, "Jesus has an unclean spirit <<in him>>."

Mark 3:31 Then Jesus' mother and his brothers arrived. While Jesus' mother and his brothers were standing outside the house where he was, they sent a person to Jesus to call Jesus.

Mark 3:32 A crowd was sitting around Jesus. And those people said to Jesus, "Behold. Your mother and your brothers are outside this house and are searching for you."

Mark 3:33 Then Jesus asked the crowd, "Who is my mother and my brothers?"

Mark 3:34 Then Jesus looked at the people who were sitting around him. And he said, "My mother and my brothers are here!"

Mark 3:35 For all people who do the things that God wants them to do are like my brother, my sister, and my mother."

Mark 4:1 Title: Jesus tells a parable that is about a farmer who scatters seeds. Jesus started teaching <the gospel> to the crowd by the lake again. The crowd that gathered around Jesus was very big. So Jesus boarded a boat that was on the lake. And he sat in that boat while the crowd stayed on the shore near the water.

Mark 4:2 Jesus taught many things to the people by telling parables. And while Jesus was teaching <many things> to the crowd, he told this parable.

Mark 4:3 Jesus said, "Listen to me! A farmer went <from his house> to plant his seeds.

Mark 4:4 While that farmer was scattering those seeds, some of the seeds fell on the path. Then birds came and ate those seeds.

Mark 4:5 Some of the seeds fell on ground that had many stones. That ground didn't have a lot of soil. Those seeds grew quickly because the soil wasn't deep.

Mark 4:6 But after the sun rose, those plants became very dry. And those plants withered because they didn't have <<long>> roots.

Mark 4:7 Other seeds fell among thorny plants. Those thorny plants grew and surrounded the plants that grew from the seeds <<that that farmer planted>>. So the plants that grew from those seeds weren't able to produce new seeds.

Mark 4:8 Some other seeds fell on good soil. Plants grew from those seeds and produced many new seeds. Some plants produced thirty new seeds. Some plants produced 60 new seeds. And some plants produced one hundred new seeds."

Mark 4:9 Then Jesus said, "You who have ears to hear <things>, listen to these words."

Mark 4:10 <<After the crowd of people left,>> when Jesus was with the twelve disciples and some other people who were near him, they asked him about the parables.

Mark 4:11 Jesus said to those people, "The mystery that is about God's kingdom was told to you. But I say all things to those other people who don't follow me by telling parables.

Mark 4:12 I teach these things <to the people> for this reason by telling parables. The scriptures say, 'Those people will see things. But those people won't think about those things. They'll hear things. But they won't understand those things. Literal Alternate: If those people understood those things, they might return <to me>. Dynamic Alternate: If those people understood those things, they might repent. End of Alternates. Then they'll be forgiven.'" Footnote: See Isaiah 6:9.

Mark 4:13 Then Jesus said to those people <<who asked him about the parables>>, "If you don't understand this parable, how will you understand all of the other parables?"

Mark 4:14 <<I'll explain this parable to you now.>> Literal Alternate: The person who was scattering seeds was planting God's message. Dynamic Alternate: The person who was scattering seeds is like a person who tells <people> about God's message.

Mark 4:15 Some people are like the path where <<God>>'s message was scattered. After those people heard the message, Satan came immediately. And he took away the message that was planted in those people.

Mark 4:16 Similarly, other people are like the ground that has many stones. They hear <<God>>'s message and receive it joyfully.

Mark 4:17 Literal Alternate: But those people will stop believing <that message> quickly because they don't have <<good>> roots. Dynamic Alternate: But they'll stop believing <that message> quickly because they don't believe it sincerely. End of Alternates. When those people have trouble or they are persecuted because they believe in <<God>>'s message, they stop immediately following him.

Mark 4:18 And other people are like the ground where seeds were scattered among thorny plants. They hear <<God>>'s message.

Mark 4:19 But those people worry about their lives. Literal Alternate: They are deceived by wealth. Dynamic Alternate: They are deceived by believing that more wealth will cause them to become happy. End of Alternates. And they desire many other things. Literal Alternate: And the things that those people worry about and the things that they want surround <<God>>'s message. So the message isn't able to become strong. Dynamic Alternate: And the things that those people worry about and the things that they want surround God's message so they don't believe in it. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: Then the message doesn't produce fruit. Dynamic Alternate: Then it doesn't change those people so that they would do the things that God wants them to do.

Mark 4:20 Other people are like good soil where seeds were scattered. They hear <<God>>'s message and accept it. Literal Alternate: Then they produce many plants. Dynamic Alternate: Then they do the things that God wants them to do. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: And they produce thirty new seeds, 60 new seeds, or one hundred new seeds. Dynamic Alternate: God's message becomes like a plant that grows in those people. Dynamic Alternate: That plant produces thirty new seeds, 60 new seeds, or one hundred new seeds.”

Mark 4:21 Title: Jesus tells a parable that is about a lamp. Jesus asked those people, “After you bring a lamp <<into a room>>, do you put it under a bowl or a bed? Or do you put that lamp on a table <<so that the light that comes from it would shine on the whole room>>?”

Mark 4:22 For <<later>> things that are hidden will be shown to people. Literal Alternate: And things that are secrets <<now>> will be brought into the light. Dynamic Alternate: And things that are secrets now will be explained.

Mark 4:23 You who have ears to hear <things>, listen to these words.”

Mark 4:24 And Jesus said to those people, "Think carefully about the things that you listen to. Literal Alternate: The cup that you measure things with <<for other people>> will be the cup that they'll measure things with for you. Dynamic Alternate: If you listen carefully to the things that I'm teaching <to you>, you'll understand their meaning. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: And more things will be given to you. Dynamic Alternate: And you'll be able to understand more things.

Mark 4:25 Literal Alternate: For more things will be given to each person who has some things. Dynamic Alternate: For each person who understands my words will be able to understand more things. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: And if a person has very few things, they'll be taken away from him." Dynamic Alternate: And if a person doesn't understand my words, he'll stop even understanding the words that he understood previously."

Mark 4:26 Title: Jesus tells a parable that is about seeds that grow. Jesus also said, "This parable describes God's kingdom. A man scattered seeds on the ground.

Mark 4:27 Those seeds sprouted while that man slept at night and while he was awake during the day. And those plants grew. But that man didn't know how those plants grew.

Mark 4:28 The soil caused those plants without that farmer to grow. The stalks grew first. Then the tops of the plants that produce new seeds grew. Then the new seeds became ripe.

Mark 4:29 Then when the new seeds were ripe, that man immediately cut those plants with a sickle. For people started already harvesting their crops."

Mark 4:30 Title: Jesus tells a parable that is about a mustard seed. And Jesus also said, "How are we able to describe God's kingdom? Which parable that explains God's kingdom will we tell?

Mark 4:31 God's kingdom is like a mustard seed <<that is planted in the ground>>. That seed is smaller than all other seeds that are on the earth.

Mark 4:32 But after that seed is planted, it grows. And that plant becomes bigger than all other plants that grow in a garden. It will have big branches so that the birds could make nests in its shadow <<on them>>."

Mark 4:33 Jesus taught God's message to people by using many similar parables. He taught those people about <<God>>'s message by telling only parables that they were able to understand.

Mark 4:34 When Jesus taught <lessons> to the people, he always told parables. But when Jesus and his disciples were alone, he explained the meaning of each parable to them.

Mark 4:35 Title: Jesus causes a storm to end. In the evening of that day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go to the other side <<of the lake>>."

Mark 4:36 So Jesus and his disciples left the crowd. Those disciples took Jesus away <from the shore> in the boat that he <<already>> was in. Some other boats <<that people were in>> also went with Jesus and his disciples.

Mark 4:37 Then a very strong wind started blowing <<over the lake>>. And the waves came over the sides of that boat so it was almost full of water.

Mark 4:38 At that time Jesus was sleeping on a cushion at the back of the boat. The disciples woke Jesus up and said to him, "Teacher, are you worrying that we'll die <<soon>>?"

Mark 4:39 Then Jesus stood up. He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Be quiet! Become calm!" Then the wind stopped blowing. And the wind and the waves completely became calm.

Mark 4:40 Jesus said to his disciples, "Why were you afraid? Do you still not have faith?"

Mark 4:41 The disciples became very afraid and said to each other, "Who is this man? For the wind and the waves obey this man!"

Mark 5:1 Title: Jesus commands demons to leave a man. Jesus and his disciples arrived at the other side of the lake, which was in the region where the <<the people named>> Gerasenes lived.

Mark 5:2 When Jesus <and his disciples> left the boat, a man who was possessed by an unclean spirit came out immediately from the tombs to Jesus.

Mark 5:3 That man lived in the tombs. Even if people used chains, they weren't able to tie that man <<because he was extremely strong>>.

Mark 5:4 For that man's hands and his feet were tied with chains often. But that man broke into pieces the chains that were around his hands and the metal rings that were around his feet. He was stronger than other people. So no person was able to control that man.

Mark 5:5 During the nights and during the days that man was always screaming while he wandered among the tombs and the hills. And he was always cutting himself with stones.

Mark 5:6 When Jesus was far away from that man, that man saw him. And that man ran <to Jesus> and bowed to him.

Mark 5:7 That man loudly shouted, "Jesus, God Most High's Son, what will you do to me? Swear to me by God's name that you won't torture me!"

Mark 5:8 For Jesus <<already>> said to the spirit <<that was possessing that man>>, "You, unclean spirit, come out from this man!"

Mark 5:9 Then Jesus asked that spirit, "What is your name?" The spirit answered Jesus, "My name is Legion because we are many spirits."

Mark 5:10 And the spirit urgently begged Jesus not to send them far away from that region.

Mark 5:11 At that time a big herd of pigs were eating on a hill that was near there.

Mark 5:12 Those spirits begged Jesus, "Send us to those pigs so that we could enter them."

Mark 5:13 So Jesus allowed those spirits to enter those pigs. Those unclean spirits came out <from that man> and entered those pigs. Then those pigs ran down the steep hill into the lake quickly. There were about 2,000 pigs on that hill. They drowned in that lake.

Mark 5:14 The people who took care of those pigs ran away to <<the town named>> Gerasa. And they told the people who were in the town and the people who were outside there <about the things that happened>. Then those people came <to Jesus> to learn about the things that happened.

Mark 5:15 When those people came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by <<many>> unclean spirits named Legion. That man was sitting there and wearing clothes. And he was thinking clearly <<again>>. Then those people became afraid.

Mark 5:16 The people who saw those events told the other people about the things that happened to the man who was possessed by unclean spirits. And they also told the other people about the things that happened to those pigs.

Mark 5:17 Then <<all of>> those people <<who lived in that region>> started begging Jesus to leave it.

Mark 5:18 While Jesus was boarding the boat, the man who previously was possessed by unclean spirits begged him to let him go with Jesus.

Mark 5:19 But Jesus didn't allow that man to go with him. Instead, Jesus said to that man, "Go to your people and tell them about the great things that the Lord did for you. Tell those people that the Lord was merciful to you."

Mark 5:20 So that man left and started telling <people> in <<the region named>> Decapolis about the great things that Jesus did for him. And all of the people were amazed.

Mark 5:21 Title: Jesus heals a sick woman and he causes Jairus' daughter to rise from the dead. Jesus <and his disciples> boarded the boat again and returned to the other side <<of the lake>>. A big crowd gathered around Jesus while he was on the shore of the lake.

Mark 5:22 Then a man named Jairus, who was one of the leaders of the synagogue <<that was in that town>>, came <to Jesus>. When Jairus saw Jesus, he bowed to Jesus.

Mark 5:23 And Jairus earnestly begged Jesus, "My daughter will die very soon. Please come <to my house> and put your hands on my daughter so that she would be healed. Then my daughter will live."

Mark 5:24 So Jesus went with Jairus. A big crowd followed Jesus. And the people crowded around Jesus.

Mark 5:25 And <<in that crowd>> there was a woman who bled for twelve years continuously. <<And she was still bleeding.>>

Mark 5:26 Previously that woman went to many doctors. But those doctors caused that woman to suffer greatly. And that woman spent all of her money <<to pay those doctors>>. But she didn't become healthier. Instead, she became sicker.

Mark 5:27 Then that woman heard about Jesus <<, who was healing people>>. So she came <to Jesus> in the crowd. When that woman was behind Jesus, she touched his clothes.

Mark 5:28 For that woman thought, "If I touch Jesus' clothes, I'll be healed."

Mark 5:29 <<When that woman touched Jesus' clothes,>> she stopped bleeding immediately. And she knew that her body was healed from her disease.

Mark 5:30 Jesus realized immediately that <<some>> power went out from him. So he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

Mark 5:31 Jesus' disciples said to him, "You see the crowd that is crowding around you. Why do you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

Mark 5:32 But Jesus continued looking <at the people who were around him> to see the person who touched Jesus.

Mark 5:33 Then that woman became afraid and started shaking. For she knew the thing that happened to her. She came <to Jesus> and bowed to him. And she honestly told Jesus about the things that she did. <<She confessed that she touched Jesus' clothes.>>

Mark 5:34 Jesus said to that woman, "Daughter, your faith healed you. You may go <to your house> <<now>>. Literal Alternate: And I pray that you have peace. Dynamic Alternate: And I pray that God causes you to be peaceful. End of Alternates. And be healthy now <<because you believed in me>>."

Mark 5:35 While Jesus was still speaking <to that woman>, people came from the house of Jairus, who was the leader of the synagogue. They said <to Jairus>, "Your daughter died. Why should you continue bothering the teacher <<by asking him to come to your house>>?"

Mark 5:36 Jesus heard the thing that those people said <to that leader of the synagogue>. So he said to that leader of the synagogue, "Don't be afraid. Instead, believe <<that I'm able to save your daughter>>."

Mark 5:37 Then Jesus went <to Jairus' house> with him, Peter, James, and John, who was James' brother. But Jesus didn't allow other people to follow him <to Jairus' house>.

Mark 5:38 Jesus and those people went to the house of the leader of the synagogue. <<When Jesus and those people arrived at that house,>> Jesus heard many voices. And he saw many people who were crying. Those people were weeping loudly.

Mark 5:39 Jesus went into that house and asked, "Why are you making many noises? Why are you weeping loudly? This girl isn't dead. Instead, she is sleeping."

Mark 5:40 But those people laughed at Jesus. Then Jesus told all of those people to go out <from the house>. He took that girl's father, her mother, and his three disciples into the room where the girl was.

Mark 5:41 Then Jesus held that girl's hand and said to her <<in her language>>, "Talitha, koum!" (Those words mean, "Little girl, I say to you, 'Get up!'")

Mark 5:42 That girl stood up immediately and started walking <<around the room>>. (She was twelve years old.) And the people were completely amazed.

Mark 5:43 But Jesus sternly warned that girl's parents not to tell <<other>> people about this event. And he told those parents to give food to that girl.

Mark 6:1 Title: The people who are in Nazareth reject Jesus. Then Jesus left that place and went with his disciples to the town <<named Nazareth>> that he was from.

Mark 6:2 The <<next>> Sabbath, Jesus started teaching <God's message> <to those people> in the synagogue. Many people who listened to Jesus were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these ideas? Who gave this wisdom to this man? How is this man able to perform these miracles?"

Mark 6:3 Is this man only a carpenter? Is this man Mary's son and James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon's brother? And are this man's sisters with us here?" Those people were upset with Jesus <<and refused to believe in him>>.

Mark 6:4 Jesus said to those people, "A prophet is honored by people <<in other places>>. But the people who live in the place that that prophet is from, the people who are his relatives, and the people who are in his family don't honor him."

Mark 6:5 Jesus wasn't able to perform miracles there <<because those people didn't believe in him>>. But he put his hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Mark 6:6 Jesus was amazed because those people didn't have faith. Then he went to the villages that were near there. And he was teaching <God's message> <to the people who lived in those villages>.

Mark 6:7 Title: Jesus sends the twelve disciples so that they would teach God's message to people. Jesus called the twelve disciples. Then he divided those disciples into <<six>> groups of two disciples and started sending them to other places <<so that they would teach God's message to people>>. He gave authority to those disciples so that they could command unclean spirits <<to leave people>>.

Mark 6:8 Jesus told those disciples, "While you're traveling, don't take anything except a staff. Don't take food or a bag <<that a person uses when he travels>>. And don't carry money in your belts <<or in your pockets>>.

Mark 6:9 Wear sandals. Literal Alternate: Don't wear two shirts." Dynamic Alternate: Don't take extra clothes."

Mark 6:10 And Jesus said to his disciples, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.

Mark 6:11 But the people who live in a town might not welcome you. Or they might not listen to you. If people do those things, leave that town. When you leave, shake your feet so the dust <<of that town>> will fall from them. That action will warn those people <<that God will judge them>>."

Mark 6:12 Then Jesus' disciples left that place and started preaching to people that they should repent.

Mark 6:13 The disciples forced many demons to leave people. They also put olive oil on many sick people and healed them.

Mark 6:14 Title: John the Baptist is killed by Herod's soldiers. King Herod <<named Antipas>> heard about Jesus Literal Alternate: Because his name was known by many people Dynamic Alternate: Because they were talking about him End of Alternates. Some people were saying, "God caused John the Baptist to rise from the dead. <<This man is John the Baptist.>> So this man is able to perform these miracles."

Mark 6:15 But other people said, "This man is Elijah." And other people said, "This man is a prophet who is like one of <<God>>'s prophets who lived many years ago."

Mark 6:16 But after Herod heard these things, he said, "My soldier killed John by cutting his head off. <<This man is John.>> John rose from the dead!"

Mark 6:17 For it was Herod who commanded soldiers previously to arrest John. Herod commanded those soldiers to tie John and to put him in prison. Herod did those things because of <<his wife named>> Herodias. <<Previously>> Herodias was the wife of Herod's brother Philip. But Herod married Herodias.

Mark 6:18 Previously John repeatedly said to Herod, "The laws don't allow you to marry your brother's wife."

Mark 6:19 So Herodias hated John continuously and wanted him to die. But she wasn't able to cause John to die.

Mark 6:20 For Herod was afraid of John because he knew that John was a righteous and holy man. So he protected John. Whenever Herod listened to John, he was very troubled. But he enjoyed listening to John.

Mark 6:21 One day Herodias made a plan <<so that she could cause John to die>>. Herod invited his chief officials, <<his>> officers, and the most important men who were in Galilee to celebrate his birthday with a feast <<at his palace>>.

Mark 6:22 <<While the people were eating the meal,>> Herodias' daughter came into that room. And when Herodias' daughter danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. So the king said to that girl, "Ask me for something that you want. And I will give that thing to you."

Mark 6:23 And Herod swore <to that girl>, "I'll give you the thing that you ask me for. <<Even if you ask me to give one half of my kingdom to you,>> I'll give one half of it to you."

Mark 6:24 Herodias' daughter left <that place> and asked her mother, "What should I ask Herod for?" Herodias answered, "Ask Herod for the head of John the Baptist."

Mark 6:25 That girl returned immediately to the king quickly and said <to him>, "I want you to immediately give the head of John the Baptist to me on a platter."

Mark 6:26 The king became very sorry. But he didn't want because of his oaths and because of the king's guests <<who heard him making them>>, to refuse to do the thing that the girl asked him to do.

Mark 6:27 So the king immediately sent a soldier <to the prison>. The king commanded that soldier to bring John's head <to him>. So that soldier went and cut John's head off in the prison.

Mark 6:28 And that soldier brought John's head <to the king> on a platter. Then that soldier gave John's head to that girl. And that girl gave John's head to her mother.

Mark 6:29 After John's disciples heard that he was dead, they came <to the prison>. Then they took John's body and put it in a tomb.

Mark 6:30 Title: Jesus provides food for more than five thousand people. The apostles gathered around Jesus. And those apostles told Jesus about all of the things that they did and about all of the things that they taught <to the people>.

Mark 6:31 Then Jesus said to those apostles, "Let's leave these people. Come with me to a place where no other people are so that we can rest." (For whenever people left Jesus <and those apostles>, many other people came <<immediately>>. So Jesus and those apostles weren't able to eat food <<and never were alone>>).

Mark 6:32 So Jesus and those apostles left the other people and went in a boat to a place where no other people were.

Mark 6:33 But many people saw Jesus and those apostles leaving. And they recognized Jesus and those apostles <<and knew the place where they were going>>. So they ran <<quickly>> from all of the cities <<that were in that region>> <to the place where Jesus was going>. And before Jesus and those apostles arrived <there>, they arrived there.

Mark 6:34 <<Jesus left that boat.>> When Jesus went to the shore, he saw a big crowd of people. And he felt pity for those people because they were like sheep that didn't have a shepherd. So he started teaching many things to those people.

Mark 6:35 When it was almost evening, Jesus' disciples came to him. And those disciples said to Jesus, "No people live here. And it's almost evening."

Mark 6:36 Tell these people to leave this place so that they could go to farms that are near here and villages that are near here. Then these people will be able to buy some food so that they could eat.”

Mark 6:37 But Jesus said to those disciples, “You give some food to these people so that they could eat.” Then those disciples asked Jesus, “Should we spend the amount of money that a man earns by working for eight months to buy food for these people?”

Mark 6:38 Jesus asked those disciples, “How many loaves of bread do you have? Go and search <for bread>.” So those disciples talked to those people. <<Then they returned to Jesus.>> And they said, “We have five loaves of bread and two fish.”

Mark 6:39 Then Jesus commanded those disciples to tell all of the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

Mark 6:40 <<So Jesus' disciples told those people to sit down.>> Those people sat down in crowds of one hundred people or in crowds of fifty people.

Mark 6:41 Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he looked at the sky and thanked God <for the food>. And Jesus broke that bread <into many pieces>. Then he gave the pieces of bread to his disciples so that they could give them to those people. And he <<also>> divided the two fish into pieces among all of the people.

Mark 6:42 All of those people ate. And all of them were satisfied.

Mark 6:43 Then Jesus' disciples filled twelve baskets with the pieces of bread <<that those people didn't eat>> and pieces of fish <<that they didn't eat>>.

Mark 6:44 Literal Alternate: The number of men who ate that bread was five thousand. Dynamic Alternate: Five thousand men ate that bread. End of Alternates. <<Women and their children also ate that bread.>>

Mark 6:45 Title: Jesus walks on water. <<After Jesus gave food to those people,>> he immediately made his disciples go into the boat so that they could go to <<the town named>> Bethsaida. <<Bethsaida was on the other side of the lake.>> But Jesus stayed on the shore and sent the crowd of people from there.

Mark 6:46 After Jesus left the crowd of people, he went to a mountain to pray.

Mark 6:47 During that night the boat <<that Jesus' disciples were in>> was in the middle of the lake. And Jesus was alone on the land.

Mark 6:48 Jesus saw his disciples trying hard to row the boat. But the wind was blowing from the place that was in front of the boat. At about 3 am Jesus came toward his disciples by walking on the lake. And he planned to walk past those disciples.

Mark 6:49 But when those disciples saw Jesus walking on the lake, they thought that he was a ghost. So they screamed.

Mark 6:50 For all of those disciples saw Jesus. And they were terrified. But Jesus spoke immediately to those disciples. He said to those disciples, "Be brave! I'm Jesus. Don't be afraid."

Mark 6:51 Then Jesus boarded the boat that his disciples were in. And the wind stopped blowing. Those disciples were completely amazed.

Mark 6:52 For those disciples <<still>> didn't understand the miracle that Jesus performed to the bread. Those disciples' hearts were stubborn. <<Those disciples still didn't understand Jesus' power.>>

Mark 6:53 After Jesus and his disciples went across the lake, they came to the shore at <<the region named>> Gennesaret and tied the boat there.

Mark 6:54 When Jesus and his disciples went out from the boat, people immediately recognized him.

Mark 6:55 Those people ran throughout that whole region and started carrying sick people who were on mats to each place where they heard that Jesus was.

Mark 6:56 And whenever Jesus went to villages, towns, or the fields that were near them, the people <<who were living there>> brought sick people to the markets. And they begged Jesus to let those sick people touch the edge of his robe. All of the people who touched Jesus' robe were healed.

Mark 7:1 Title: Jesus describes the things that cause a person to become unclean. The Pharisees and some of the Scribes came from Jerusalem. And those Pharisees and those Scribes gathered near Jesus.

Mark 7:2 Those Pharisees and those Scribes noticed that some of Jesus' disciples ate food with unclean hands. Those disciples' hands weren't washed <<religiously>>.

Mark 7:3 (The Pharisees and all of the <<other>> Jews didn't eat unless they washed their hands religiously <<first>>. They obeyed carefully the customs that their elders taught to them.

Mark 7:4 After those Pharisees and those Jews come from the market, they don't eat unless they wash themselves <<first religiously>> and also obey many other laws carefully. Those laws explain how people should wash cups, containers, and copper pots.) Footnote: Some manuscripts of this book say, "And those Pharisees and those Jews also obey many other laws carefully. Those laws explain how people should wash cups, containers, copper pots, and beds <<where they recline while they eat food>>."

Mark 7:5 So those Pharisees and those Scribes asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey the <<religious>> customs that our elders taught us about? Instead, your disciples are eating food with unclean hands."

Mark 7:6 Jesus said to those Pharisees and those Scribes, "You who pretend to be righteous, Isaiah told correctly God's message that was about you. Isaiah said Literal Alternate: 'These people honor me with their lips Dynamic Alternate: 'These people honor me with the words that they said End of Alternates.

Literal Alternate: But these people's hearts are far from me. Dynamic Alternate: But actually these people don't care about me.

Mark 7:7 These people worship me without a purpose. They teach <<religious>> customs that they made to people like they teach laws <<that I made>> to them.' Footnote: See Isaiah 29:13.

Mark 7:8 You stopped obeying the laws that God commanded you to do. Instead, you obey carefully the <<religious>> customs that people made."

Mark 7:9 Then Jesus said to those Pharisees and those Scribes, "You ignore skillfully the things that God commanded you to do to obey your religious customs!

Mark 7:10 For <<the prophet named>> Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he also said, 'A person who says evil things about his father or his mother has to die.' Footnote: See Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Exodus 21:17, and Leviticus 20:19.

Mark 7:11 Literal Alternate: But you say that a person may say to his father or his mother, 'The things that I might give to you to help you're corban.' Dynamic Alternate: But you say that a person may say to his father or his mother, 'I was able to give things to you to help you. Dynamic Alternate: But I promised God that I would give those things to him.' End of Alternates. <<Corban is a Hebrew word.>> (It means 'a gift that is for God'.)

Mark 7:12 Then you don't let that person give something to his father or that person's mother.

Mark 7:13 And so you reject God's message by following your <<religious>> customs. You <<also>> teach those customs <to other people> and do many similar things."

Mark 7:14 Jesus again asked the crowd to come to him. And <<after the crowd came to Jesus,>> he said, "All of you, listen to me and understand <the thing that I'm saying>.

Mark 7:15 Nothing that is outside a person is able to cause him to become unclean by entering him. Instead, the things that come out from a person cause him to become unclean.

Mark 7:16 You who have ears to hear <things>, listen to these words." Footnote: Most manuscripts of this part of the scriptures don't include this verse.

Mark 7:17 Then Jesus left that crowd and entered a house. Then Jesus' disciples <<, who were with him,>> asked him about that parable.

Mark 7:18 Jesus asked those disciples, "Are you like those other people who don't understand <these things>? Don't you understand that something that goes from outside into a person isn't able to cause him to become <<religiously>> unclean?

Mark 7:19 For that thing <<that goes from outside into a person>> doesn't go into his heart. Instead, it goes into that person's stomach. Then it goes out from that person's body." (And so Jesus declared that all kinds of food are <<religiously>> clean.)

Mark 7:20 And Jesus <<also>> said, "The things that come out from a person cause a person to become <<religiously>> unclean.

Mark 7:21 Because of the evil things that are in a person, he might think evil thoughts. Or he might sleep badly with a person. Or that person might steal things. Or he might kill a person.

Mark 7:22 Or that person might commit adultery. Or he might always want more things that he doesn't need. Or he might treat other people cruelly. Or he might deceive other people. Or if that person sleeps with a person in front of other people, he might not be ashamed. Or he might want things that other people have. Or he might say evil things that are about other people. Or he might be proud. Or he might do foolish things <<that God doesn't approve of>>.

Mark 7:23 All of these evil actions come from <a person>'s inside and cause him to become <<religiously>> unclean."

Mark 7:24 Title: Jesus helps a woman who isn't a Jew. Then Jesus left that place and went to the region named Tyre. He entered a house <<to stay there>>. But he didn't want people to know <<that he was there>>. But people found out that Jesus was there.

Mark 7:25 There was a woman who had a young daughter who was possessed by an unclean spirit. After that woman heard about Jesus, she came immediately. And she bowed to Jesus.

Mark 7:26 That woman wasn't a Jew. She was a Phoenician who lived in <<the province named>> Syria. She begged Jesus to command that demon to leave her daughter.

Mark 7:27 Jesus said to that woman, "First let the children eat all of the food that they want to eat. For people shouldn't take food away from the children to throw it to the dogs. <<So let me help the Jews first.>>">>

Mark 7:28 But that woman said to Jesus, "Lord, yes. But the dogs who are under the table eat those children's small pieces of food <<that fall from their plates>>."

Mark 7:29 Then Jesus said to that woman, "Because of this thing that you said, you may go. For that demon left your daughter."

Mark 7:30 Then that woman went to her house and saw her child lying on the bed. And that demon wasn't in that child.

Mark 7:31 Title: Jesus heals a man who is deaf. Then Jesus left the region named Tyre and traveled through <<the region named>> Sidon. Then he went to Lake Galilee and the region named Decapolis.

Mark 7:32 Some people <<who were there>> brought to Jesus a man who was deaf and that was mute. And they begged Jesus to put his hand on that man <<to heal him>>.

Mark 7:33 Jesus took that man away from the crowd so that they could be alone. Then Jesus put his fingers into that man's ears. He also spit <on his fingers> and touched that man's tongue <with them>.

Mark 7:34 Jesus looked at the sky and breathed deeply. Then he said to that man, "Ephphatha!" (This <<Aramaic>> word means 'open <your mouth>!')

Mark 7:35 Literal Alternate: Then that man's ears were opened. Dynamic Alternate: Then that man became able to hear sounds. End of Alternates. And he became able to move his tongue so that he could speak clearly.

Mark 7:36 <<Jesus and that man returned to the crowd.>> Then Jesus commanded those people not to tell other people <about this event>. But whenever Jesus commanded those people not to tell other people about this event, they told many other people about it.

Mark 7:37 Those people were completely amazed. They said, "Jesus does all things well. Jesus causes people who are deaf to be able to hear sounds. And he causes people who are mute to be able to speak."

Mark 8:1 Title: Jesus provides food for more than 4,000 people. During those days, another big crowd gathered around Jesus <<while he still was in the region named Decapolis>>. But those people didn't have food. So Jesus called his disciples. And Jesus said to those disciples,

Mark 8:2 "I feel pity for these people. These people already stayed for three days with me. But they don't have food.

Mark 8:3 If I send these hungry people from here to their houses <<now>>, they'll become very weak. And while these people are traveling, they might fall down. For some of them came from places that are far away from here."

Mark 8:4 Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where will a person be able to get <<enough>> food for <<all of>> these people in this wilderness?"

Mark 8:5 Jesus asked those disciples, "How many loaves of bread do you have?" And those disciples answered, "Seven."

Mark 8:6 Then Jesus told the people to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves of bread and thanked God for it. Then Jesus broke the bread <into many pieces>. He gave that bread to his disciples so that they could give it to the people. So those disciples gave that bread to the people.

Mark 8:7 Those disciples also had a few small fish. Jesus thanked God for those fish and told those disciples to also give them to the people.

Mark 8:8 Then those people ate. And they were satisfied. Then those disciples filled seven baskets with the pieces of food that the people didn't eat.

Mark 8:9 About 4,000 men were there. <<Women and children also were there.>> Then <<after those people ate that food,>> Jesus sent them from there.

Mark 8:10 Then Jesus went immediately <<with his disciples>> into a boat and went to the region named Dalmanutha with them.

Mark 8:11 Some Pharisees came <to Jesus> and started arguing with him. They wanted to test Jesus. They asked Jesus to show them a sign that came from heaven <<to prove that his power came from God>>.

Mark 8:12 Jesus breathed very deeply and said, "Why do this generation's people continue asking me for a sign <<that shows them that my power comes from heaven>>? I tell the truth to you. A sign won't be shown to these people."

Mark 8:13 Then Jesus left those Pharisees. He went into the boat <<with his disciples>> again and went to the other side <<of the lake with them>>.

Mark 8:14 Title: Jesus warns his disciples about the Pharisees and Herod. Jesus' disciples forgot to bring <<enough>> bread. But they had one loaf of bread in the boat.

Mark 8:15 Jesus warned his disciples, "Be careful. Watch out for the Pharisees' yeast and for Herod's yeast."

Mark 8:16 Those disciples started talking with each other because they didn't bring bread. <<They thought that Jesus was talking about bread.>>

Mark 8:17 Jesus knew <the things that those disciples were saying>. So he asked those disciples, "Why are you arguing <with each other> because you didn't bring bread? Do you still not know <the true things that are about me>? Do you still not understand <those things>? Are your hearts too stubborn <<so you aren't able to understand those things>>?"

Mark 8:18 You have eyes. But are you able to see? You have ears. But are you able to hear <sounds>? Do you remember <the things that recently I did>? Footnote: See Jeremiah 5:21.

Mark 8:19 Earlier I broke five loaves of bread to give food to five thousand men <and many other people>. How many baskets did you fill with the pieces <<that those people didn't eat>>?" Those disciples said to Jesus, "Twelve."

Mark 8:20 Then Jesus said <to those disciples>, "When I broke seven loaves of bread to give food to 4,000 men <and many other people>, how many baskets did you fill with the extra pieces <<that they didn't eat>>?" Those disciples said to Jesus, "Seven."

Mark 8:21 Jesus asked those disciples, "Do you still not understand <the true things that are about me>?"

Mark 8:22 Title: Jesus heals a blind man in Bethsaida. Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. And some people brought a blind man to Jesus. They begged Jesus to touch that man <<to heal him>>.

Mark 8:23 Jesus held that blind man's hand and led him outside the village. Then Jesus spit on that man's eyes <<to heal him>>. And Jesus put his hands on that man's eyes and asked him, "Are you able to see things <<now>>?"

Mark 8:24 That man looked <<around there>> and said, "I see people. <<But I don't see clearly those people.>> Those people look like trees that are walking around here."

Mark 8:25 Then Jesus put his hands on that man's eyes again. Then that man stared intently. And that man's eyes were restored. That man was able to see clearly all things.

Mark 8:26 Jesus told that man to go to his house. And Jesus said to that man, "Don't go into the village."

Mark 8:27 Title: Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ. Then Jesus and his disciples went <from the region named Galilee> to the villages that were in Caesarea Philippi. While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, he asked them, "Who do people say that I am?"

Mark 8:28 Those disciples told Jesus, "Some people say that you're John the Baptist. Other people say that you're <<the prophet named>> Elijah. And other people say that you're one of the prophets."

Mark 8:29 Then Jesus asked his disciples, "But you, who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Jesus, "You're the Christ."

Mark 8:30 Then Jesus warned his disciples that they shouldn't tell people about him.

Mark 8:31 Title: Jesus talks about his death. Then Jesus started teaching his disciples about the things that have to happen to the Son of Man. He said that the Son of Man will suffer many times. And Jesus said that the Son of Man won't be accepted by the <<Jewish>> elders, the chief priests, and the Scribes. Jesus also said that the Son of Man will be killed and that he'll rise from the dead after three days.

Mark 8:32 Jesus spoke clearly about these things. Then Peter led Jesus from the other disciples and started rebuking him.

Mark 8:33 But Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples. Then he rebuked Peter. Jesus said <to Peter> Literal Alternate: "Satan, go behind me! Dynamic Alternate: Don't say those things Dynamic Alternate: Satan told you to say those things. End of Alternates. You aren't thinking about the things that God wants. Instead, you're thinking about the things that people want."

Mark 8:34 Title: Jesus tells people about the things that they have to do to become his disciples. Then Jesus asked the crowd of people to join his disciples <<so that they also could hear the things that he was saying>>. Then he said to those people, "If a person wants to be my disciple, he must stop caring about <<only>> himself. Literal Alternate: That person has to carry his cross. Dynamic Alternate: He has to be ready to suffer and die. End of Alternates. And he has to follow me.

Mark 8:35 Literal Alternate: For a person who wants to keep his life will die. Dynamic Alternate: For a person who wants to continue living <on this earth> <<like he is living now>> won't live <<with God forever>>. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: But a person who dies for me and the gospel will live

<<with God forever>>. Dynamic Alternate: If a person is willing to die for me and the gospel, he'll live <<with God forever>>.

Mark 8:36 Literal Alternate: If a person who owns the whole earth loses his soul, what does he gain? Dynamic Alternate: If a person doesn't live <<with God forever>>, what does he gain by owning the whole earth?

Mark 8:37 Literal Alternate: For what is that person able to give so that he could buy his soul? Dynamic Alternate: For what is he able to give so that he could live <<with God forever>>?

Mark 8:38 For people of this generation don't obey God and sin. If a person is ashamed of me and my message among these people, I, the Son of Man, will also be ashamed of him. And when I return with my Father's glory and the holy angels, I, the Son of Man, will be ashamed of that person."

Mark 9:1 Then Jesus said to the disciples and the crowd, "I tell the truth to you. Before some of the people who are standing here die, they'll see God's kingdom coming with power.

Mark 9:2 Title: Jesus talks with Moses and Elijah on a mountain. After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a tall mountain. Jesus, Peter, James, and John climbed that mountain and went to a place where they were alone. Then Jesus was changed in front of Peter, James, and John.

Mark 9:3 Jesus' clothes started shining and became extremely white. No person who is on the earth is able to wash clothes so that they would become as white as the clothes that Jesus was wearing.

Mark 9:4 Then Elijah and Moses appeared in front of Peter, James, and John. And Elijah, Moses, and Jesus started talking to each other.

Mark 9:5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, I'm glad because we are here. Let's set three shelters up. One shelter will be for you. One shelter will be for Moses. And one shelter will be for Elijah." Footnote: The Hebrew word rabbi means 'teacher'.

Mark 9:6 (Peter didn't know the thing that he should say because he and the other disciples were terrified.)

Mark 9:7 Then a cloud appeared. And that cloud's shadow covered those disciples, Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Then a voice spoke from that cloud. That voice said, "This person is my Son, whom I love. Listen to this person!"

Mark 9:8 Suddenly those disciples looked around there and saw that Jesus was the only person who was with them. <<Moses and Elijah weren't there.>>

Mark 9:9 While Jesus and those disciples were coming down from that mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell people <<yet>> about the things that they saw until the Son of Man rises from the dead.

Mark 9:10 <<Those three disciples didn't tell other people about those things <<that happened on that mountain>>.>> When Jesus said that the Son of Man will rise from the dead, they talked to each other about the meaning of his words.

Mark 9:11 Those disciples asked Jesus, "Why do the Scribes say that <<before the Christ comes,>> Elijah has to come first?"

Mark 9:12 Jesus answered those disciples, "Elijah certainly comes first and restores all things. But why do the scriptures say that the Son of Man has to suffer greatly and that he must be treated cruelly?"

Mark 9:13 But I tell you that Elijah already came. And people did all of the <<evil>> things that they wanted to do to Elijah. Those things happened to Elijah like the scriptures said that they'll happen to him." Footnote: When Jesus said, "Elijah", Jesus was talking about John the Baptist. Footnote: See Matthew 17:11-13.

Mark 9:14 Title: Jesus forces an evil spirit to leave a boy. When Jesus and those three disciples returned to the other disciples, he and the three disciples saw a big crowd surrounding the other disciples. And some Scribes were arguing with those disciples <<who were in the crowd>>.

Mark 9:15 When all of those people <<who were in the crowd>> saw Jesus, they were immediately amazed. And they ran to Jesus to greet him.

Mark 9:16 Jesus asked those disciples, "What are you arguing with those Scribes about?"

Mark 9:17 A man who was in the crowd answered Jesus, "Teacher, I brought my son to you. My son is possessed by an <<unclean>> spirit that doesn't let him speak.

Mark 9:18 Whenever that spirit attacks my son, it causes him to fall <to the ground>. A lot of saliva comes out from my son's mouth. And my son rubs hard his top teeth against his bottom teeth. Then he isn't able to move his body. I asked your disciples to force that <<unclean>> spirit to leave my son. But those disciples weren't able to do that."

Mark 9:19 Jesus asked that crowd, "You, generation that doesn't believe in God, how long will I be with you? How long do I have to be patient with you? Bring the boy to me."

Mark 9:20 So those people brought that boy to Jesus. When that <<unclean>> spirit saw Jesus, it immediately caused that boy to shake severely. Then that boy fell and rolled on the ground. A lot of saliva came out from that boy's mouth.

Mark 9:21 Jesus asked that boy's father, "When did these things start happening to this boy?" That boy's father answered, "When this boy was very young, these things started happening.

Mark 9:22 The spirit often causes this boy to fall into fire and water to kill him. But if you're able to do something <for the boy>, feel pity for us. And help us."

Mark 9:23 Jesus asked that father, "Do you think that I might not be able <<to do something for your son>>? If a person believes <in me>, I'm able to do all things."

Mark 9:24 The boy's father cried out immediately <to Jesus>, "I believe <in you>. Help me stop doubting!"

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw many more people joining the crowd quickly, he rebuked the unclean spirit. He said to that spirit, "Spirit that causes people to be deaf and causes them to be mute, I command you to come out from this boy and to never enter him again!"

Mark 9:26 Then that spirit screamed and shook that boy severely. Then it came out <from that boy>. That boy looked dead. So many people said, "This boy is dead!"

Mark 9:27 But Jesus held the boy's hand and helped him stand up. So the boy stood up. <<He was healed by Jesus!>>

Mark 9:28 Then <<later>> Jesus entered a house with his disciples. When Jesus and those disciples were alone, they asked Jesus, "Why weren't we able to force that unclean spirit to leave that boy?"

Mark 9:29 Jesus said to those disciples, "You have to pray to cause this kind of spirit to leave a person." Footnote: Some manuscripts of this part of the scriptures also say, "And you have to fast."

Mark 9:30 Title: Jesus talks about his death again. Jesus and his disciples left that place and traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want people to know <the place where he and his disciples were>.

Mark 9:31 For Jesus was teaching his disciples <about his death>. He said to those disciples, "I, the Son of Man, will be given to my, the Son of Man, enemies soon. And my, the Son of Man, enemies will kill me, the Son of Man. But after I, the Son of Man, am killed, I, the Son of Man, will rise from the dead after three days."

Mark 9:32 But those disciples didn't understand the things that Jesus was saying <to them>. And they were afraid to ask Jesus about those things.

Mark 9:33 Then Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum <<and entered the house where they usually stayed>>. When Jesus and those disciples were in the house, Jesus asked them, "While we were traveling on the road, what did you argue with each other about?"

Mark 9:34 But those disciples didn't say anything because they argued with each other about which disciple was the greatest disciple.

Mark 9:35 Then Jesus sat down <<to teach a lesson to those disciples>>. He called the twelve disciples and said to them, "If a person wants to be the most important person, he has to become the least important person. That person has to serve all <<other>> people."

Mark 9:36 Then Jesus called a small child and put him among the disciples. Then Jesus put his arms around that child. And Jesus said to those disciples,

Mark 9:37 "If a person welcomes for me a child who is like this child, he <<also>> welcomes me. And if that person welcomes me, he <<also>> welcomes the Father, who sent me."

Mark 9:38 Title: Jesus talks about people who support him and people who oppose him. John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who was commanding demons to leave <people> by using the authority of your name and told him to stop commanding them to leave people because he wasn't in our group."

Mark 9:39 But Jesus said, "Don't prevent that man from doing those things. For after a person performs a miracle by using the authority of my name, he won't be able to say evil things about me soon."

Mark 9:40 For a person who doesn't oppose us supports us.

Mark 9:41 I tell the truth to you. If a person gives one cup of water to you because you belong to me, the Christ, he'll certainly receive his reward <from God>.

Mark 9:42 If a person causes one of these children who believe in me to sin, he'll be punished severely. A person might be punished by after a heavy stone is tied to his neck, being thrown into the sea. But a person who causes one of these children to sin will be punished more than that person is punished.

Mark 9:43 <<Do all of the things that will help you stop sinning.>> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. If you cut that hand off, it will be extremely good that you live eternally. But if you don't cut that hand off, it will be extremely bad that you enter hell, where the fire always burns.

Mark 9:44 Footnote: Most manuscripts of this part of the scriptures don't include this verse. But some manuscripts include this verse. This verse says, "Hell is the place where the worms that eat people never die. And in hell the fire always burns." See Mark. 9:48

Mark 9:45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. If you cut that foot off, it will be extremely good that you live eternally. But if you don't cut that foot off, it will be extremely bad that you're thrown into hell.

Mark 9:46 Footnote: Most manuscripts of this part of the scriptures don't include this verse. But some manuscripts include this verse. This verse says, "Hell is the place where the worms that eat people never die. And in hell the fire always burns." See Mark. 9:48

Mark 9:47 And if your eye causes you to sin, take it out. If you take that eye out, it will be extremely good that you enter God's kingdom. But if you don't take that eye out, it will be extremely bad that you're thrown into hell.

Mark 9:48 <<People will stop never suffering in hell.>> The scriptures say, 'Hell is the place where the worms that eat people never die. And in hell the fire always burns.' Footnote: See Isaiah 66:24.

Mark 9:49 For God will put fire on those people like a person puts salt on a sacrifice.

Mark 9:50 Salt is good. But if salt stops tasting like salt, how will you cause it to taste like salt <<again>>? You should be like salt <<that tastes good>>. And you should live with each other peacefully."

Mark 10:1 Title: Jesus teaches people about people who divorce other people. Then Jesus left that place and went to the region named Judea and the other side of the Jordan River. Many people gathered around Jesus again. And Jesus taught <God's message> to those people like he taught <it> to people often.

Mark 10:2 Some Pharisees came to Jesus to test him. They asked Jesus, "Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?"

Mark 10:3 Jesus asked those Pharisees, "Which law <<that was about this problem>> did Moses write in the Law?"

Mark 10:4 Those Pharisees said, "Moses allowed a man to write a letter <for his wife>. That letter says that that woman won't continue being that man's wife. Then that man may tell his wife to leave him."
Footnote: See Deuteronomy 24:1.

Mark 10:5 But Jesus said to those Pharisees, "Moses wrote that law for you <and your ancestors> because your hearts were stubborn.

Mark 10:6 But when God created all things in the beginning, he made a male person and a female person. Footnote: See Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 5:2.

Mark 10:7 A man will leave his father and his mother because of that reason and be joined to his wife.

Mark 10:8 And those two people will become one body. Then they aren't two people. They are one body. Footnote: See Genesis 2:24.

Mark 10:9 Therefore, don't let a person separate that man from his wife because God joined that man to her."

Mark 10:10 When Jesus and his disciples were in that house again, they asked him about these things.

Mark 10:11 Jesus said to those disciples, "If a man divorces his wife, and if a man marries another woman, that man will sin against his previous wife by not being faithful to her.

Mark 10:12 And if a woman divorces her husband, and if a woman marries another man, she won't be faithful to her previous husband."

Mark 10:13 Title: Jesus prays that God will bless some children. People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would put his hands on them. <<They wanted Jesus to pray that God will bless those children.>> But Jesus' disciples rebuked those people. <<They thought that those people were bothering Jesus.>>

Mark 10:14 But Jesus became angry when he saw his disciples rebuking those people. He said to those disciples, "Let these children come to me. Don't prevent these children from coming. For God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these children.

Mark 10:15 I tell the truth to you. A person has to become like a child so that he can enter God's kingdom. If a person doesn't become like a child, he'll never enter God's kingdom."

Mark 10:16 Then Jesus put his arms around those children and put his hands on them. And he blessed those children.

Mark 10:17 Title: Jesus answers a rich man's question. <<Then Jesus and his disciples started traveling again.>> While Jesus <and his disciples> were leaving <that place>, a man ran to Jesus. And that man knelt in front of Jesus. That man asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what should I do to live <with God> forever?"

Mark 10:18 Jesus asked that man, "Why do you say that I'm good? No person is good. Only God is good.

Mark 10:19 You know <<God>>'s commandments. The scriptures say, 'Don't kill a person. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal things. Don't say false things about people. Don't cheat people. Honor your father and your mother.'" Footnote: See Exodus 20:12-16 and Deuteronomy 5:16-20.

Mark 10:20 Then that man said to Jesus, "Teacher, I obeyed all of those commandments since I was young."

Mark 10:21 Then Jesus looked at that man and loved him. Jesus said to that man, "You still need to do one thing <<to live with God forever>>. Go and sell all of the things that you have. And give the money to poor people. Then you'll have a treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me."

Mark 10:22 But when that man heard Jesus' words, he became upset. For he owned many things. <<And he didn't want to sell those things.>> And when that man left <Jesus>, he was very sad.

Mark 10:23 Jesus looked <at his disciples> and said to them, "It's difficult for rich people to enter God's kingdom!"

Mark 10:24 Those disciples were amazed by the thing that Jesus said. <<They thought that certain people were rich because God blessed them.>> But Jesus again said to those disciples, "Children, it's very difficult for rich people to enter God's kingdom!"

Mark 10:25 It's difficult for a <<big>> camel to go through the hole of a needle. But it's extremely difficult for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

Mark 10:26 Those disciples became amazed more. So they said to each other, "Then who will be saved?"

Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at those disciples and said, "It isn't possible that people save themselves. But it's possible that God saves people. God is able to do all things."

Mark 10:28 Then Peter started speaking to Jesus. Peter said, "Behold. We left all things to follow you!"

Mark 10:29 Jesus said, "I tell the truth to you. A person might leave his house, his brothers, his sisters, his mother, his father, that person's children, and that person's farm for me and the gospel.

Mark 10:30 But if that person leaves those things, he'll certainly receive one hundred times of those things now. He'll receive houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms. But he'll be treated cruelly <<because he follows me>>. But in the future that person will live <<with God>> forever.

Mark 10:31 But many people who are most important <<now>> will be the least important <<in the future>>. And many people who are the least important <<now>> will be most important <<in the future>>.”

Mark 10:32 Title: Jesus talks about his death again. Jesus and his disciples continued traveling on the road that led to Jerusalem. Jesus was walking in front of those disciples. Those <<twelve>> disciples were amazed <<because Jesus was going to a place where many people opposed him>>. And <<other>> people who were <<also>> following Jesus were afraid. Jesus took those twelve disciples away <from those other people> and started telling them about the things that will happen to him <<soon>>.

Mark 10:33 Jesus said, “Behold. We are going to Jerusalem. And I, the Son of Man, will be given to the chief priests and the Scribes. Those priests and those Scribes will condemn me, the Son of Man, and decide that I, the Son of Man, have to die. Then they'll give me, the Son of Man, to Gentiles.

Mark 10:34 Those Gentiles will mock me, the Son of Man, and spit on me, the Son of Man. They'll whip me, the Son of Man, and kill me, the Son of Man. But after three days I, the Son of Man, will rise from the dead.”

Mark 10:35 Title: James and John ask Jesus to honor them. Then James, who was Zebedee's son, and John, who was Zebedee's son, came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us something that we'll ask you to do.”

Mark 10:36 So Jesus asked James and John, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Mark 10:37 James and John said to Jesus, “When you come with your glory, let us sit <<in the important seats>> beside you. Let one of us sit at your right side. And let one of us sit at your left side.”

Mark 10:38 But Jesus said to James and John, “You don't understand the thing that you're asking me for. Literal Alternate: Are you able to drink <<the bitter drink>> from the cup that I'll drink from <<soon>>? Dynamic Alternate: Are you ready for the same difficult things that will happen to me <<soon>> to happen to you? End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: Are you ready to be baptized with the same <<terrible>> things that I'll be baptized with? Dynamic Alternate: Are you ready to suffer greatly like I'll suffer greatly?”

Mark 10:39 James and John said to Jesus, “We are able to do the same things <<that you'll do>>.” Literal Alternate: Jesus said to James and John, “You'll certainly drink from the cup that I'll drink from. Dynamic Alternate: Jesus said to James and John, “The difficult things that will happen to me will certainly happen to you.” End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: And you'll certainly be baptized with the <<terrible>> things that I'll be baptized with. Dynamic Alternate: And you'll certainly suffer greatly like I'll suffer greatly.

Mark 10:40 But I don't have authority to choose the people who will sit at my right side and my left side. Those seats are for the people that they were prepared for."

Mark 10:41 When the ten other disciples heard about the things that James and John asked Jesus for, they became angry with them.

Mark 10:42 Jesus called the twelve disciples and said to them, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles like showing them that they have power. And the rulers' officials use their authority to make those people obey them.

Mark 10:43 But you should act differently. Instead, if a person wants to become a great person among you, he has to become your servant.

Mark 10:44 And if a person wants to become the most important person among you, he has to become all of your servant.

Mark 10:45 For I, the Son of Man, didn't come <to this earth> so that I, the Son of Man, would be served. But I, the Son of Man, came to serve <people> and to let them kill me, the Son of Man. And I, the Son of Man, will save many people by dying for them."

Mark 10:46 Title: Jesus heals Bartimaeus, who was blind. <<While Jesus and his disciples were traveling to Jerusalem,>> they came to <<the town named>> Jericho. While Jesus was leaving Jericho, his disciples and a big crowd went with him. A blind man named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. And Bartimaeus was begging. (Bartimaeus means 'Timaeus' son'.)

Mark 10:47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus, who was from Nazareth, was on that road, he started shouting, "Jesus, <<King>> David's son, be merciful to me!"

Mark 10:48 Many people rebuked Bartimaeus and told him to become quiet. But Bartimaeus started more loudly shouting, "<<King>> David's Son, be merciful to me!"

Mark 10:49 <<When Jesus heard Bartimaeus shouting,>> he stopped walking. And he said <to the people>, "Tell that man to come here." So those people called that man, who was blind. And they said to that man, "Be brave! Stand up! Jesus is calling you."

Mark 10:50 Bartimaeus took off his coat quickly and stood up quickly. And he came to Jesus.

Mark 10:51 Then Jesus said to Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to Jesus, "My rabbi, I want to see!"

Mark 10:52 Then Jesus said to Bartimaeus, "Go. You're healed because of your faith." Then Bartimaeus was immediately able to see again. And Bartimaeus followed Jesus on that road.

Mark 11:1 Title: Jesus enters Jerusalem like a king enters a city. Before Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem, they came to <<the town named>> Bethphage and <<the town named>> Bethany. Those towns were near the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples to the next village.

Mark 11:2 Jesus said to those two disciples, "Go to the village that is in front of you. When you enter that village, you'll immediately find a colt that is tied to a post <with a rope>. And that colt was never ridden by a person. Untie that colt and bring it here.

Mark 11:3 A person might ask you, 'Why are you taking this colt?' Say to that person, 'The master needs this colt. And <<after the master finishes using this colt,>> he'll send it here soon.'"

Mark 11:4 Those disciples left and found a colt that was standing on the street. That colt was tied to the post of a door <with a rope>. So those disciples untied that colt.

Mark 11:5 Some people who were standing there said to those disciples, "What are you doing? Why did you untie that colt?"

Mark 11:6 Those disciples said to those people the things that Jesus told them to say. Then those people let the disciples take that colt.

Mark 11:7 Those disciples brought that colt to Jesus and put their coats on it. Then Jesus sat on that colt.

Mark 11:8 Many people put their coats on the road in front of Jesus <<to honor him>>. And other people cut branches <<from trees>> in the fields and put them on the road <<to honor Jesus>>.

Mark 11:9 Some people walked in front of Jesus. And other people walked behind Jesus. All of those people were shouting Literal Alternate: "Hosanna! Dynamic Alternate: "Praise God! End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: God blessed the person who came with the Lord's name! Dynamic Alternate: God blessed the person who came with his authority! End of Alternates. Footnote: Hosanna means, "Save us." But during the time when Mark lived, Hosanna also meant, "Praise God." Footnote: See Psalms 118:26.

Mark 11:10 God will bless the kingdom of our father <<King>> David that will begin soon! Praise God, who is in heaven!"

Mark 11:11 Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the courtyard of the temple. He looked at all of the things that were there. <<Many people were selling things. And other people were buying things.>> Then Jesus went to Bethany with his twelve disciples because it already was the evening.

Mark 11:12 Title: Jesus curses a fig tree. The next day while Jesus and his disciples were leaving Bethany, he became hungry.

Mark 11:13 Jesus saw a fig tree that was far from him. That fig tree had leaves. So Jesus went to that fig tree to find out whether fruit was on it or fruit wasn't on it. But after Jesus came to that fig tree, he saw only leaves. <<There wasn't fruit on that fig tree.>> For the season when figs grow didn't begin yet.

Mark 11:14 Then Jesus said to that fig tree, "May people never eat your fruit again." And <<when Jesus said that,>> his disciples were listening to him.

Mark 11:15 Then Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem. And Jesus entered the courtyard of the temple. He started forcing the people who were buying animals and the people who were selling animals to leave that place. He also knocked over the tables of the people who were trading money. And he knocked over the chairs of the people who were selling doves <<that people gave to God>>.

Mark 11:16 And Jesus didn't allow people to carry through the courtyard of the temple things that they were selling.

Mark 11:17 While Jesus was teaching the people <about the temple>, he asked them, "Do the scriptures say, 'My house will be called a house where people who are from all nations may pray <to me>?' But you caused this house to become like a pit where thieves gather." Footnote: See Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11.

Mark 11:18 The chief priests and the Scribes heard about these things <<that Jesus did>>. Then they started planning to kill Jesus. <<But they didn't try to arrest Jesus.>> For they were afraid of Jesus because the things that he was teaching <to those people> amazed the whole crowd.

Mark 11:19 When it became evening, Jesus and his disciples left the city.

Mark 11:20 In the morning when Jesus and those disciples passed that fig tree again, they saw that it completely withered.

Mark 11:21 Peter remembered the thing that Jesus said to that fig tree. Then he said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look at that fig tree! You cursed that fig tree. That fig tree withered now!"

Mark 11:22 Then Jesus said to those disciples, "Have faith in God.

Mark 11:23 I tell the truth to you. A person might say to this mountain, 'Go from here. And jump <from here> to the sea.' If that person doesn't doubt in his heart that that thing will happen, and if he believes that it will happen, it will be done for him.

Mark 11:24 Therefore, I'm telling you to believe that you already received all of the things that you ask God for by praying. And those things will be given to you.

Mark 11:25 And whenever you're praying, forgive other people first. If you're angry with a person, forgive him. Then your Father, who is in heaven, will also forgive your sins."

Mark 11:26 Footnote: Most manuscripts of this part of the scriptures don't include this verse. But some manuscripts of this part of the scriptures include this verse. This verse says, "But if you don't forgive other people, your Father, who is in heaven, won't forgive your sins."

Mark 11:27 Title: Jesus talks about his authority. Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem again. While Jesus was walking in the courtyard of the temple, the chief priests, the Scribes, and the elders came to him.

Mark 11:28 And those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders asked Jesus, "With which authority do you do these things? Or who gave authority to you so that you could do these things?"

Mark 11:29 But Jesus said to those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders, "I'll ask you one question. Answer my question first. Then I'll tell you about the authority that I have to do these things.

Mark 11:30 John had authority so that he could baptize people with water. Did John's authority come from heaven? Or did it come from people? Answer my question!"

Mark 11:31 Those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders talked to them about this question and said, "We might say that John's authority came from heaven. Then Jesus will ask us, 'Why didn't you believe John?' <<So we shouldn't say that John's authority came from heaven.>>

Mark 11:32 But we shouldn't say, 'John's authority came from people.'" (Those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders were afraid of the people. For all of the people thought that John was God's prophet. <<And if those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders said that John's authority came from people, the people might become angry with them.)>>

Mark 11:33 So those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders said to Jesus, "We don't know the person who gave authority to John." <<Jesus said to those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders, "You didn't answer my question.">> Then he said to those chief priests, those Scribes, and those elders, "Then I won't tell you about the authority that I have to do these things."

Mark 12:1 Title: Jesus tells a parable that is about evil farmers who grow grapes. Then Jesus started telling parables to the people. He said, "A certain man planted a vineyard and built a wall around that vineyard. And that man built a place where people squeezed grapes to make wine. And he built a tower that people were able to watch the vineyard from. Then he rented that vineyard to farmers who grew grapes. And he traveled to a place that was far away from there.

Mark 12:2 When those farmers were ready to start harvesting those grapes, that man sent a servant to them to get some of the grapes that grew in that vineyard.

Mark 12:3 <<But after that servant arrived in the vineyard, those farmers didn't give grapes to him. Instead,>> they grabbed that servant and beat him. And they sent that servant from there <to his master>.

Mark 12:4 Then that man sent another servant to those farmers. <<Those farmers hit that servant.>> They wounded that servant's head and treated him badly.

Mark 12:5 Then that man sent another servant <to those farmers>. But those farmers killed that servant. And that man sent many other servants <to those farmers>. Those farmers beat some of those servants and killed other servants.

Mark 12:6 That man had only one more person <<that he was able to send to those farmers>>. That person was that man's son, whom that man loved. So that man sent his son <to those farmers>. That man thought, 'Those farmers will certainly respect my son.'

Mark 12:7 But <<after that son arrived in the vineyard,>> those farmers said to each other, 'After this person's father dies, this person will inherit this vineyard. Come. Let's kill this person. Then this vineyard will become our vineyard.'

Mark 12:8 So those farmers grabbed that son and killed him. Then they threw that son's corpse out of that vineyard.

Mark 12:9 Then what will the garden's owner do? He'll come <to that vineyard> and kill those farmers. Then that man will choose other people to take care of that vineyard.

Mark 12:10 Did you read the following words that are in the scriptures? The scriptures say, 'Some people who were building a building were choosing stones <<to build it <with them>>>. Those people refused to use a certain stone. Literal Alternate: But that stone became the corner <<of the building>> stone. Dynamic Alternate: But it became <<the building>>'s most important stone.

Mark 12:11 The Lord did this. And we see that this thing is wonderful.'" Footnote: See Psalms 118:22-23.

Mark 12:12 Then the chief priests, the Scribes, and the elders wanted to arrest Jesus. For they knew that that parable that Jesus told was about them. <<They knew that Jesus thought that they were like the evil farmers.>> But they were afraid of the crowd of people <<, who liked Jesus>>. So they left Jesus and went from there.

Mark 12:13 Title: The Pharisees ask Jesus about taxes. Then those priests, those Scribes, and those elders sent some Pharisees and some people who supported <<King>> Herod to Jesus. They wanted to trick Jesus so that he would say something that will cause him to have trouble.

Mark 12:14 Those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod came and said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you're honest. And you don't worry about other people <or the things that they think about you>. And you treat all people fairly. You truly teach <people> about things that God wants people to do. <<So please answer the following question.>> Does the Law allow us to pay taxes to the Caesar? Or doesn't it allow us to pay taxes to the Caesar?"

Mark 12:15 Should we pay <taxes> <to the Caesar>? Or should we not pay <taxes> <to the Caesar>?" But Jesus knew that those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod were pretending to be righteous. <<Actually those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod didn't want to know the thing that God wanted them to do.>> So Jesus asked those Pharisees and those

people who supported <<King>> Herod, "Why are you testing me? Bring a <<Roman>> silver coin to me so that I could look at it."

Mark 12:16 Those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod brought a <<Roman>> silver coin <to Jesus>. And Jesus asked those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod, "Whose picture is on this coin? And which person's name was written on this coin?" And those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod said to Jesus, "Caesar's picture and his name are on that coin."

Mark 12:17 Then Jesus said to those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod, "Give the Caesar the things that belong to him and give God the things that belong to him." Then those Pharisees and those people who supported <<King>> Herod were amazed by Jesus greatly.

Mark 12:18 Title: Some Sadducees ask Jesus about the time when people will rise from the dead. Then some Sadducees came to Jesus. They wanted to ask Jesus about the time when dead people rose from the dead. The Sadducees believed that dead people didn't rise from the dead.

Mark 12:19 Those Sadducees said, "Teacher, Moses wrote the following law for us. <<Perhaps>> a man's brother who married a woman died. But <<perhaps>> that brother and that woman didn't have a child. Then that man has to marry his <<dead>> brother's wife. Literal Alternate: And he has to have a son <with that woman> for his <<dead>> brother. Dynamic Alternate: And the <<first>> son of that man and that woman will be like that <<dead>> brother's son. End of Alternates. Footnote: See Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

Mark 12:20 <<Think about the following story.>> There were seven brothers. The first brother married a woman. But before that brother had a child, he died.

Mark 12:21 So the second brother married that woman. But before that brother had a child, he <<also>> died. Then the third brother did the same thing.

Mark 12:22 <<Each of those brothers married that woman.>> But before those seven brothers had a child, each of them died. After all of those brothers died, that woman also died.

Mark 12:23 At the time when dead people will rise from the dead, which man's wife will that woman be? For the seven brothers married that woman."

Mark 12:24 Jesus asked those Sadducees, "Are you making a mistake because you don't understand the scriptures or God's power?"

Mark 12:25 For when dead people rise from the dead, men won't marry <women>. Literal Alternate: And women won't be given to men so that they could marry them. Dynamic Alternate: And women won't marry <men>. End of Alternates. Instead, those people will be like the angels who are in heaven. <<And angels don't marry other angels.>>

Mark 12:26 But dead people will certainly rise from the dead. Did you read the part of Moses' book that is about the bush <<that is burning>>? At that time God said to Moses, 'I'm Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God.' <<But Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were dead.>> Footnote: See Exodus 3:6.

Mark 12:27 God isn't the dead people's God. Instead, he is the living people's God. You made a very serious mistake!"

Mark 12:28 Title: Jesus teaches people about the most important commandment. Then one of the Scribes came and heard Jesus and those Sadducees talking with each other. He realized that Jesus answered the Sadducees' question well. So that Scribe asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the most important commandment?"

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered, "The most important commandment is the following commandment. 'Israelites, listen <to me>. The Lord, who is our God, is the only Lord.

Mark 12:30 And love the Lord, who is your God, with all of your heart, all of your soul, all of your mind, and all of your strength. <<Completely love the Lord.'>> Footnote: See Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

Mark 12:31 And the second most important commandment is the following commandment. 'Love your neighbor like you love yourself.' Those two commandments are greater than all of the other commandments." Footnote: See Leviticus 19:18.

Mark 12:32 Then that Scribe said to Jesus, "Teacher, you're right. When you said that there is only one God and there are no other gods except him, you said true things.

Mark 12:33 When you said that a person has to love God with all of his heart, all of his mind, and all of his strength, you also said true things. And when you said that a person has to love his neighbors like he loves himself, you said true things. Those two commandments are much more important than the burnt offerings and the other sacrifices that we offer to God."

Mark 12:34 Jesus knew that that Scribe spoke wisely. So Jesus said to that Scribe, "You're not far away from God's kingdom." And after Jesus said that, people were afraid to ask him more questions.

Mark 12:35 Title: Jesus teaches people about the Christ. Then while Jesus was teaching <God's message> <to people> in the courtyard of the temple, he asked, "Why do the Scribes say that the Christ is <<King>> David's descendant?"

Mark 12:36 Literal Alternate: It was David who said through the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right side <<, which was a place of honor,>> until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

Dynamic Alternate: It was David who said through the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right side <<, which was a place of honor,>> until I'll completely defeat your enemies.'" End of Alternates. Footnote: See Psalms 110:1.

Mark 12:37 It was David who called the Christ 'lord'. So how is the Christ able to be <<King>> David's descendant? <<He has to be greater than King David.">> The big crowd enjoyed listening to Jesus.

Mark 12:38 Title: Jesus warns people about the Scribes. Literal Alternate: While Jesus was teaching <God's message> <to people>, he also said, "Watch out for the Scribes. Dynamic Alternate: While Jesus was teaching <God's message> <to people>, he also said, "Don't act like the Scribes act. End of Alternates. <<The Scribes want all people to think that they are important.>> While the Scribes walk <<in front of people>>, they like wearing expensive and beautiful clothes. And they like it when people greet them in the markets respectfully.

Mark 12:39 Those Scribes like sitting in the most important seats that are in the synagogues. And when those Scribes are at special feasts, they like sitting in the seats where the most important people sit.

Mark 12:40 Those Scribes take property from widows <<by cheating them>>. And they pray long prayers <<publicly>> so that other people would see them praying. <<Then those other people think that those Scribes are righteous.>> But those Scribes will be punished severely."

Mark 12:41 Title: Jesus talks about people who give gifts to God. Then Jesus sat down near the box that people put money into for the temple. He watched the people put their money into that box. Many rich people were putting a lot of money into that box.

Mark 12:42 Then a poor widow came and put two very small copper coins into that box. Those two coins were the least valuable coins.

Mark 12:43 Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "I tell the truth to you. This poor widow's money is more valuable than all of the other people's money.

Mark 12:44 For those other people gave a little part of their money. But although this widow is very poor, she <<still>> gave all of the money that she has to live."

Mark 13:1 Title: Jesus talks about the time when the temple will be destroyed by enemies. While Jesus was leaving the courtyard of the temple <<with his disciples>>, one of them said to him, "Teacher, look at these wonderful stones <<that the people built this temple with>> and look at these wonderful buildings!"

Mark 13:2 Jesus asked that disciple, "Do you see all of these great buildings? All of these buildings will be completely destroyed. Every stone will be thrown to the ground."

Mark 13:3 Then Jesus sat down on the Mount of Olives, which was on the other side of the valley from the temple. When Peter, James, John, and Andrew were alone with Jesus, they asked him a question.

Mark 13:4 Peter, James, John, and Andrew said, "Tell us <about these things>. When will these things happen <to these buildings>? Which sign will show us that these things will happen soon?"

Mark 13:5 Then Jesus said to Peter, James, John, and Andrew, "Watch out so a person won't deceive you.

Mark 13:6 Literal Alternate: <<For>> many people will come with the authority of my name. Dynamic Alternate: For many people will say that they came with the authority of my name. End of Alternates. Those people will say, 'I'm the Christ.' And they'll deceive many people.

Mark 13:7 And you'll hear about wars and hear reports that are about the wars. But don't become troubled. Those things have to happen. But the end of all things won't happen yet.

Mark 13:8 For nations will fight each other. And kingdoms will fight each other. The ground will shake in many places <<severely>>. The land won't produce enough food so people will starve. Those events will be like the first pains of a woman who will give birth to a baby soon. <<Those events will be the signs that show people that they'll suffer soon greatly.>>

Mark 13:9 So watch out <for people who will oppose you>. You'll be taken to the courts. And you'll be beaten with whips in the synagogues. You'll stand in front of governors and kings <<so that they could judge you>>. Literal Alternate: Those things will happen because of me. Dynamic Alternate: Those things will happen because you follow me. End of Alternates. But you'll be able to tell those governors and those kings about the gospel <<that is about me because of those things>>.

Mark 13:10 And <<before all things end,>> the gospel must be preached to all of the nations' people first.

Mark 13:11 You'll be arrested and be taken to the courts. Before you speak, don't worry about the words that you should say. Instead, say the words that will be given to you at that time. For it won't be you who will be speaking. But it will be the Holy Spirit who will be speaking instead of you.

Mark 13:12 A brother will betray his brother <<who follows me>> so his enemies will kill him. And a father will betray his child <<who follows me>> so his enemies will kill him. Children will rebel against their parents <<who follow me>>. And they'll cause their parents to be killed.

Mark 13:13 Literal Alternate: You'll be hated by all people because of me. Dynamic Alternate: You'll be hated by all people because you follow me. End of Alternates. But if a person follows me until the end <<of his life>>, he'll be saved.

Mark 13:14 You'll see the terrible thing that causes the temple to become dirty religiously <<so people have to abandon it>>. You'll see that thing standing in a place where it shouldn't be standing. (May you who are reading <this book> understand the meaning.) At that time people who are in Judea have to run away to the mountains <<to hide from people>>. Footnote: See Daniel 9:27, Daniel 11:31, and Daniel 12:11.

Mark 13:15 A person who is on the roof <<of his house>> must not go into there to get something. <<Instead, he has to run away to the mountains quickly.>>

Mark 13:16 And a person who is working in a field must not return <to his house> to get his coat. <<Instead, he has to run away to the mountains quickly.>>

Mark 13:17 Pregnant women and women who are nursing their babies will be extremely troubled in those days!

Mark 13:18 Pray that these things won't happen in winter.

Mark 13:19 For people will suffer in those days greatly. People never suffered since God created the earth more than they'll suffer in those days. And people will never suffer again more than they'll suffer in those days.

Mark 13:20 If the Lord hadn't caused those days to end quickly, all of the people would have died. Literal Alternate: But for the people that the Lord chose to be his people, he'll cause those days to end quickly. Dynamic Alternate: But he'll cause those days to end quickly to help the people that he chose to be his people.

Mark 13:21 In those days, <<when people are suffering greatly,>> a person might say to you, 'Look! The Christ is here!' Another person might say, 'Look! The Christ is there!' But don't believe those people.

Mark 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets will come. Those people will do signs and miracles to deceive people. They'll even try to deceive people that the Lord chose to be his people.

Mark 13:23 So watch out <for these things that will happen>. Before these things happen, I'm telling you about all of them <<now>>.

Mark 13:24 But in those days, after the people suffered greatly, the sun will become dark. And the moon will stop shining.

Mark 13:25 The stars will fall from the heavens. And powerful things that are in the heavens will be shaken. Footnote: See Isaiah 13:10, Isaiah 34:4, and Joel 2:10.

Mark 13:26 At that time people will see me, the Son of Man, coming in the clouds. And I, the Son of Man, will come with great power and glory. Footnote: See Daniel 7:13.

Mark 13:27 Literal Alternate: Then I, the Son of Man, will send the angels to the four winds to gather the people that the Lord chose to be his people. Dynamic Alternate: Then I, the Son of Man, will send the angels to every place to gather the people that the Lord chose to be his people. End of Alternates. Those angels will go to every part of the earth and every part of the sky to gather those people.

Mark 13:28 Learn the following lesson by thinking about the fig tree. When the branches of the fig tree become soft, and when <<new>> leaves start growing, you know that summer will begin soon.

Mark 13:29 Similarly, when you see these things happening, you'll know that I, the Son of Man, will return soon. Literal Alternate: You'll know that I, the Son of Man, <<already>> am at the door <<because I, the Son of Man, am ready to come inside the house>>. Dynamic Alternate: I, the Son of Man, am like a person who is at the door <<and is ready to come inside the house>>.

Mark 13:30 I tell the truth to you. When these things happen, some people of this generation still will be alive.

Mark 13:31 The heavens and the earth will end. But my words will never end.

Mark 13:32 Title: Jesus tells his disciples to be ready for the Son of Man to return. No person knows the day <<when I, the Son of Man, will return>> or the hour <<when I, the Son of Man, will return>>. The angels who are in heaven and I, the Son, don't know that day or that hour. Only the Father knows that day and that hour.

Mark 13:33 Watch out! Be alert! For you don't know the time <<when I, the Son of Man, will return>>. Footnote: Some manuscripts of this part of the scriptures say, "Watch out! Be ready and pray! For you don't know the time <<when I, the Son of Man, will return>>."

Mark 13:34 I, the Son of Man, will be like a man who travels to a place that is far away from his house. Before that man leaves his house, he'll tell his slaves that they should take care of his property. And he'll tell each slave about the work that he should do. And that man will tell the slave who guards the door that he has to be ready <<for him to return>>.

Mark 13:35 Therefore, be alert. For you don't know the time when the master of the house will return. That master might arrive in the evening. Or he might arrive in the middle of the night. Literal Alternate: Or when the rooster crows, that master might arrive. Dynamic Alternate: Or he might arrive in the early morning while it still is dark. End of Alternates. Or when the sun rises, he might arrive.

Mark 13:36 If suddenly that master comes, you shouldn't be sleeping. <<A person who is sleeping isn't ready.>>

Mark 13:37 I'll say to you the <<same>> thing that I say to all people <<who follow me>>. I say, 'Be alert <<continuously>>!'"

Mark 14:1 Title: A woman anoints Jesus in Bethany. There were two days until the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the Scribes were plotting to arrest Jesus secretly to kill him.

Mark 14:2 But those chief priests and Scribes said <to each other>, "We must not arrest Jesus during the days when people celebrate the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread because they might violently oppose us."

Mark 14:3 Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon, who had leprosy previously. While Jesus <and his disciples> were reclining <<at the table to eat a meal>>, a woman came <to him>. She was holding an alabaster jar that contained very expensive perfume. That perfume was made of pure oil that people got from a plant named nard. That woman broke the top of that jar <<so that that perfume could pour out from it easily>>. And she poured that perfume on Jesus' head <<to honor him>>.

Mark 14:4 But some people <<who were there>> became angry. And they asked each other, “Why did this woman waste that perfume <<by pouring it on Jesus' head>>?”

Mark 14:5 For that perfume might be sold for the amount of money that a person earns by working for one year. And that money might be given to poor people.” And those people rebuked that woman harshly.

Mark 14:6 But Jesus said, “Stop rebuking this woman. Why are you saying bad things about this woman? This woman did a good thing to me.

Mark 14:7 For poor people will always be with you. And whenever you want to help those poor people, you're able to help them. But I won't always be with you.

Mark 14:8 This woman did the thing that she is able to do. She anointed my body while I still am alive so that it would be ready for people to bury it.

Mark 14:9 I tell the truth to you. People will talk about the thing that this woman did in every place where the gospel is preached <to people> on the earth. So people will remember this woman.”

Mark 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.

Mark 14:11 When those chief priests heard <<that Judas Iscariot wanted to betray Jesus to them>>, they were very glad. And they promised <Judas Iscariot> that <<if he betrays Jesus to them,>> they would give money to Judas Iscariot. So Judas Iscariot started waiting to betray Jesus to those chief priests.

Mark 14:12 Title: Jesus eats his last meal with his twelve disciples. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the lamb that will be eaten during the Passover meal must be killed. Jesus' disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?”

Mark 14:13 So Jesus sent two of his disciples <to Jerusalem>. He said to those two disciples, “Go into the city <<named Jerusalem>>. A man who will be carrying a pitcher that contains water will meet you. Follow that man.

Mark 14:14 That man will enter a house. Say to that house's owner, ‘The master asks you, “Where is the room that is prepared for me so that I could eat the Passover meal with my disciples there?”’

Mark 14:15 Then that man will show you a big room that is above other rooms. That room will already have all of the things that you'll need. Prepare the meal for us there.”

Mark 14:16 So those disciples left and went to the city <<named Jerusalem>>. And all of the things that Jesus said happened. So those disciples prepared the Passover meal. <<Then they returned to Jesus and the other disciples.>>

Mark 14:17 In the evening <<of that day>> Jesus arrived <in that room> with his twelve disciples.

Mark 14:18 While Jesus and those disciples were reclining <<at the table to eat the Passover meal>>, Jesus said, "I tell the truth to you. One of you who are eating with me will betray me."

Mark 14:19 Those disciples became very sad. Then each of the disciples asked Jesus, "Am I that disciple <<who will betray you>>?"

Mark 14:20 Jesus said to those disciples, "The disciple <<who will betray me>> is one of these twelve disciples. That disciple dips bread in the bowl with me.

Mark 14:21 I, the Son of Man, will die like the scriptures say that I, the Son of Man, will die. But the man who betrays me, the Son of Man, will suffer greatly! It's better for that man that he never was born."

Mark 14:22 While Jesus and those disciples were eating the <<Passover>> meal, Jesus picked up a piece of bread. And he thanked God for that bread. Then Jesus broke that bread and gave it to those disciples. Then he said, "Take this bread. Primary: This bread is my body." Alternate 1: This bread is like my body."

Mark 14:23 Then Jesus picked up a cup <<that contained wine>>. And he thanked God for the wine that was in that cup. Then Jesus gave that cup to those disciples. And all of those disciples drank from that cup.

Mark 14:24 Then Jesus said to those disciples Primary: "This wine is my blood. Alternate 1: "This wine is like my blood. End of Alternates. My blood will show <people> the covenant <<that is between God and them>>. <<When I die,>> my blood will pour out <from my body>. And it will be a sacrifice <<that is for God>> so that many people would be saved.

Mark 14:25 I tell the truth to you. I won't drink wine again until the day when I drink it in God's kingdom."

Mark 14:26 After Jesus and those disciples sang a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:27 Title: Jesus tells his disciples that they'll abandon him. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All of you'll abandon me <<like when the shepherd dies, the sheep leave him>>. For the scriptures say, 'I'll kill the shepherd. And the sheep will run away.' Footnote: See Zechariah 7:13.

Mark 14:28 But after I rise from the dead, before you go to Galilee, I'll go there. <<And you'll see me there.>>

Mark 14:29 But Peter said to Jesus, "Even if all of these other disciples leave you, I'll never leave you!"

Mark 14:30 But Jesus said to Peter, "I tell the truth to you. Before a rooster crows two times tonight, you'll say three times that you don't know me."

Mark 14:31 But Peter said emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I won't say that I don't know you." And all of the other disciples also said the same thing <<that Peter said>>.

Mark 14:32 Title: Jesus prays in Gethsemane. Then Jesus and his disciples went to a place named Gethsemane <<that was an olive grove>>. And Jesus said to <<some of>> his disciples, "Sit down here while I pray."

Mark 14:33 <<When Jesus went to pray,>> he took Peter, James, and John. And Jesus started becoming very sad and troubled.

Mark 14:34 Jesus said to those disciples, "My soul is extremely sad so I'm almost dying. Stay here. And continue being awake."

Mark 14:35 Then Jesus went <from those disciples> a short distance and lay down on the ground. He prayed that if the events <<that will cause him to suffer>> don't need to happen to him, they won't happen to him.

Mark 14:36 Jesus said, "Abba! Father, you're able to do all things. Literal Alternate: Please take this cup away from me. Dynamic Alternate: Please save me so I won't suffer. End of Alternates. But don't do the things that I want. Instead, do the things that you want." Footnote: Abba is an Aramaic word that means 'father'.

Mark 14:37 Then Jesus returned to those three disciples. But those disciples were sleeping. Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Weren't you able to be awake for one hour?"

Mark 14:38 Continue being awake and pray so you won't be tempted. Literal Alternate: The spirit is willing <<to do good things>>. Dynamic Alternate: You want to do good things. End of Alternates. Literal Alternate: But the body is weak <<so it doesn't do good things>>." Dynamic Alternate: But your bodies are weak <<so that you can't do good things>>."

Mark 14:39 Then Jesus left again and prayed the same prayer.

Mark 14:40 Later when Jesus returned <to those three disciples>, they were sleeping again. For they were very sleepy. <<So Jesus woke those disciples up.>> And those disciples didn't know the thing that they should say to Jesus.

Mark 14:41 <<Then Jesus left again to pray.>> He returned <to those three disciples> a third time. <<And those three disciples were sleeping again.>> Jesus asked those disciples, "Are you still sleeping? Are you still resting? You rested for enough time. The time <<when I'll start suffering>> will start now. Behold. I, the Son of Man, will be betrayed to sinners.

Mark 14:42 Get up! Let's go! Behold! The person who will betray me is coming!"

Mark 14:43 Title: Jesus' enemies arrest him. While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, who was one of the twelve disciples, arrived immediately <at the place where he was>. A crowd of people who were carrying swords and clubs was with Judas. Those people were sent by the chief priests, the Scribes, and the elders <<of the Jews>>.

Mark 14:44 Earlier Judas, who was the man who planned to betray Jesus, told those people about the thing that he'll do <<so that they would know the man that they should arrest>>. Earlier Judas said, "The man that I'll kiss is the man <<that you should arrest>>. Arrest that man and guard him carefully."

Mark 14:45 <<After Judas and those people came there,>> Judas went immediately to Jesus. And Judas said, "Rabbi!" Then he kissed Jesus.

Mark 14:46 Then those people grabbed Jesus quickly and arrested him.

Mark 14:47 But a certain man who was standing near Jesus pulled his sword out. And he hit the high priest's slave <with that sword> and cut his ear off.

Mark 14:48 Then Jesus asked those people, "Why did you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Am I a criminal?"

Mark 14:49 When I was teaching <God's message> <to people> in the courtyard of the temple, I was with you every day. But you didn't arrest me <<even though you were able to arrest me easily>>. For the scriptures <<that are about me>> have to be fulfilled."

Mark 14:50 Then all of Jesus' disciples abandoned him and ran away.

Mark 14:51 A certain young man <<who was there>> was following Jesus. That young man was wearing only a linen sheet. Those people tried to grab that young man. <<But they grabbed only that young man's sheet.>>

Mark 14:52 Then that young man left his linen sheet. And when that young man ran away, he was naked.

Mark 14:53 Title: The Jewish leaders decide that Jesus has to die. Those people <<who arrested Jesus>> took him to the high priest's house. Then all of the chief priests, the elders, and the Scribes met each other there.

Mark 14:54 Peter followed Jesus <and those other people> to the courtyard of the high priest's house. But Peter didn't go near Jesus. Peter sat with <<the high priest>>'s servants near a fire so that he could become warm.

Mark 14:55 <<Inside the high priest's house>> the chief priests and all of the leaders who were in the Sanhedrin were trying to prove that Jesus broke the law. Those leaders wanted Jesus to be killed. But they weren't able to prove that Jesus broke the law.

Mark 14:56 Many people said false things about Jesus. But each person said a different thing.

Mark 14:57 Then some people stood up <<in front of the Sanhedrin>> and said a false thing about Jesus.

Mark 14:58 Those people said, "We heard this man saying, 'I'll destroy this temple that was made by people's hands. And before three days pass, I'll build another temple that wasn't made by people's hands.'"

Mark 14:59 But <<when those people talked about Jesus,>> they still didn't agree with each other.

Mark 14:60 Then the high priest stood up in front of all of those people and asked Jesus, "Will you speak <<to defend yourself>>? What do you say about the things that these men said about you? <<Are the things that these men said about you true?>>">>

Mark 14:61 But Jesus didn't speak <<even though he was innocent>>. And he didn't answer the high priest's questions. Then the high priest asked Jesus, "Are you the Christ? Are you the Son of the Lord, whom we praise?"

Mark 14:62 Jesus said, "I'm <the Christ>. And you'll see me, the Son of Man, sitting on the right side of the powerful Lord. And you'll see me, the Son of Man, coming in the clouds that are in the sky."

Footnote: See Psalms 110:1 and Daniel 13:7.

Mark 14:63 Then <<after the high priest heard Jesus,>> he tore his clothes <<to show the people that he was angry>>. And he asked, "Why do we need more people to say bad things about Jesus?"

Mark 14:64 You heard Jesus blaspheming <<by saying that he is equal to the Lord>>. What do you think?" Then all of those leaders agreed <with the high priest> that Jesus was guilty and that he deserved to die.

Mark 14:65 Then some of those leaders started spitting on Jesus. And some of those leaders covered Jesus' eyes with a cloth <<so that he couldn't see>>. Then they started beating Jesus with their fists and said to him, "If you're a prophet, tell <us> about the person who was hitting you!" Then <<the high priest>>'s guards took Jesus away and hit him with their fists.

Mark 14:66 Title: Peter says that he doesn't know Jesus. While Peter was sitting in the courtyard of the high priest's house, a girl who was his servant came <to that courtyard>.

Mark 14:67 When that girl saw Peter sitting near the fire, she looked at him carefully. Then she said, "You were with Jesus, who is from Nazareth."

Mark 14:68 But Peter said that that thing <<that that girl said>> wasn't true. He said, "I don't know about the thing that you're talking about and don't understand it." Then he went to the entrance <<of the courtyard>>. Footnote: Some manuscripts of this part of the scriptures say, "Then Peter went to the entrance <<of the courtyard>>. And a rooster crowed."

Mark 14:69 That girl saw Peter <<at the entrance of the courtyard>> again and said to the other people who were standing there, "This man is one of Jesus' disciples."

Mark 14:70 But Peter again said that that thing that the girl said wasn't true. Later the people who were standing there said to Peter, "You're certainly one of Jesus' followers. For you also are from Galilee."

Mark 14:71 But Peter started saying very bad words and swore <to those people>, "If I'm not telling the truth, may God punish me. I don't know this man that you're talking about."

Mark 14:72 And a rooster crowed immediately a second time. Then Peter remembered the words that Jesus said to him earlier. Jesus said, "Before a rooster crows two times, you'll say three times that you don't know me." Then Peter ran <from the courtyard> quickly and started weeping.

Mark 15:1 Title: Pilate judges Jesus. In the early morning the chief priests planned with the elders, the Scribes, and all of the people of the Sanhedrin the things that they'll do. Then those people tied Jesus. They took Jesus away <from the chief priest's house> and brought Jesus to <<the Roman governor named>> Pilate.

Mark 15:2 Pilate asked Jesus, "Is it you who are the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered Pilate, "It was you who said this."

Mark 15:3 Then those chief priests accused Jesus of doing many bad things. <<But Jesus didn't speak.>>

Mark 15:4 So Pilate asked Jesus, "Won't you answer <the question>? Think about all of the bad things that these priests said about you."

Mark 15:5 But Jesus didn't answer <<even though he was innocent>>. So Pilate was amazed.

Mark 15:6 Every year during the feast <<of the Passover>> one prisoner that the people chose was released for them.

Mark 15:7 A man named Barabbas was in the prison with some other rebels. Previously while those rebels were fighting the <<Roman>> government, they killed people.

Mark 15:8 So the crowd came <to Pilate> and asked him to do for them the custom that he regularly did <<at the Passover>>.

Mark 15:9 Then Pilate asked that crowd, "Do you want me to release the king of the Jews for you?"

Mark 15:10 For Pilate knew the reason why the chief priests gave Jesus to him. Those chief priests were jealous of Jesus.

Mark 15:11 But the chief priests persuaded that crowd to ask Pilate to release Barabbas for them <<instead of Jesus>>.

Mark 15:12 Then Pilate asked that crowd, "Then what should I do to this man that you call 'the king of the Jews'?"

Mark 15:13 That crowd shouted, "Crucify Jesus!"

Mark 15:14 But Pilate asked that crowd, "Why should Jesus be crucified? Which evil thing did Jesus do <<so he should die>>?" But the crowd more loudly shouted, "Crucify Jesus!"

Mark 15:15 So Pilate released Barabbas for that crowd because he wanted to satisfy them. Then Pilate ordered soldiers to whip Jesus. And Pilate gave Jesus to those soldiers so that they would crucify him.

Mark 15:16 Title: Roman soldiers mock Jesus. Then those soldiers took Jesus away into the courtyard of the royal house <<where the Roman governor lived>>. (That royal house was called 'the Praetorium'.) Then those soldiers called all of the <<other>> soldiers <<who were there>>.

Mark 15:17 Those soldiers put a purple robe <<, which was like a king's robe,>> on Jesus. Then they made a crown from thorny branches and put it on Jesus' head.

Mark 15:18 Then those soldiers started greeting Jesus <<like they might have greeted a king to mock Jesus>>. They said, "King of the Jews, we greet you!"

Mark 15:19 And those soldiers repeatedly hit Jesus' head with sticks and repeatedly spit on him. And they bowed to Jesus <<to pretend to honor him>>.

Mark 15:20 After those soldiers finished mocking Jesus, they took off the purple robe <<that he was wearing>>. And they put Jesus' clothes on him and took him away to crucify him.

Mark 15:21 Title: Soldiers crucify Jesus. A certain man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and who was the father of Alexander and Rufus, was coming <<into Jerusalem>> from an area that was outside the city. While Simon was passing Jesus and those soldiers, they forced him to carry Jesus' cross.

Mark 15:22 Those soldiers brought Jesus to the place named Golgotha. (Golgotha means 'place of the skull'.)

Mark 15:23 Then those soldiers offered Jesus wine that was mixed with myrrh. But Jesus didn't drink that wine.

Mark 15:24 Then those soldiers crucified Jesus. They divided Jesus' clothes <<while he was on the cross>>. <<But they didn't tear Jesus' clothes.>> And they cast lots to choose the soldiers who will get the pieces of Jesus' clothes.

Mark 15:25 When those soldiers crucified Jesus, it was 9 am.

Mark 15:26 There was a sign on that cross. And the reason why Jesus was on that cross was written on that sign. That sign said, "The king of the Jews."

Mark 15:27 The soldiers put two dangerous rebels on the crosses beside Jesus. One rebel was on Jesus' right side. And the other rebel was on Jesus' left side.

Mark 15:28 And so the thing that the scriptures described happened. The scriptures say, "The Lord's servant was treated <<badly>> like a criminal is treated <<badly>>." Footnote: Most manuscripts of this part of the scriptures don't include this verse. But some manuscripts of this part of the scriptures include this verse.

Mark 15:29 People who walked by Jesus insulted him. They shook their heads <<to show people that they didn't respect Jesus>>. And they said, "Before three days pass, you said that you'll destroy the temple and that you'll build it again."

Mark 15:30 Save yourself by coming down from that cross!"

Mark 15:31 Similarly, the chief priests and the Scribes also mocked Jesus. Those people said to each other, "That man saved other people. But that man isn't able to save himself!"

Mark 15:32 If this man is the Christ, and if he is king of Israel, he should come down from that cross now. Then we'll see this man <<coming down from that cross>>. And we'll believe <in this man>." The men who were on the crosses near Jesus were also insulting him.

Mark 15:33 Title: Jesus dies. At 12 pm the whole country became dark until 3 pm.

Mark 15:34 At 3 pm Jesus loudly cried out <to God>, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (These words mean, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?") Footnote: See Psalms 22:1.

Mark 15:35 Some of the people who were standing near Jesus heard him saying, "Eloi." They said, "Listen. Jesus is calling Elijah."

Mark 15:36 A person ran and put a sponge in sour wine. Then he put that sponge on a stick and put it near Jesus' mouth so that he could drink. He said, "Wait. Let's find out whether Elijah will come to take Jesus from this cross or he won't come to take Jesus from it."

Mark 15:37 Then Jesus cried out loudly and died.

Mark 15:38 Then the temple's curtain was torn into two pieces. It tore from the top <<of it>> to the bottom <<of it>>.

Mark 15:39 A Roman officer was standing in front of Jesus. When that Roman officer saw Jesus dying, he said, "This man was certainly the Son of God!" Footnote: Some manuscripts of this part of the scriptures say, "A Roman officer was standing in front of Jesus. When that Roman officer saw Jesus dying and he heard Jesus crying out, he said, "This man was certainly the Son of God!"

Mark 15:40 Some women also were watching these events from a place that was far from that cross. Three of those women were Mary Magdalene, Mary, who was the mother of young James and Joseph, and Salome.

Mark 15:41 When Jesus was in Galilee <<previously>>, those three women followed him. And those three women took care of Jesus. Many other women who came to Jerusalem with Jesus also were there.

Mark 15:42 Title: Joseph buries Jesus' body. All of those things happened on the day when the Jews were preparing <things> for the Sabbath. (That day was the day that was before the Sabbath.) And it was almost evening.

Mark 15:43 Joseph, who was from Arimathea, was an important person who was in the Sanhedrin. And Joseph was waiting for God's kingdom to begin. He boldly went to Pilate and asked him for Jesus' body.

Mark 15:44 When Pilate heard that Jesus already was dead, he was surprised. So he called the Roman officer <<who watched Jesus die>>. And Pilate asked that Roman officer whether Jesus already was dead or he still was alive.

Mark 15:45 After Pilate found out from that Roman officer that Jesus was dead, he allowed Joseph to take his body.

Mark 15:46 So Joseph bought a linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body <from that cross> and wrapped it with that linen cloth. And he put Jesus' body in a tomb. That tomb was dug in stone. Then Joseph <and the other men> rolled a <<big>> stone in front of the entrance of that tomb.

Mark 15:47 Mary Magdalene and Mary, who was Joseph's mother, saw the place where Jesus' body was put.

Mark 16:1 Title: Jesus rises from the dead. When the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary, who was James' mother, and Salome bought spices so that they could go to put them on Jesus' body.

Mark 16:2 Literal Alternate: In the very early morning of the first day of the week while the sun was rising, those women were walking to that tomb. Dynamic Alternate: In the very early morning on Sunday while the sun was rising, those women were walking to that tomb.

Mark 16:3 And those women asked each other, "Who will move for us the stone that is in front of the entrance of the tomb?"

Mark 16:4 But <<after those women arrived at that tomb,>> they looked there. And those women saw that that stone was <<already>> moved <from that entrance>. That stone was very big.

Mark 16:5 When those women entered that tomb, they saw a young man. That man was wearing a white robe and sitting at the right side of that tomb. Those women became very afraid.

Mark 16:6 Then the young man said to those women, "Don't be afraid. You're searching for Jesus, who is from Nazareth. Jesus was crucified. But he rose from the dead! He isn't here. See the place where people put Jesus' body.

Mark 16:7 So go and tell Jesus' disciples and Peter, 'Jesus is going to Galilee in front of you. You'll see Jesus there like he told you that you'll see him.'"

Mark 16:8 Then those women left and ran away from that tomb. For those women were shaking <<because they were afraid>>. And those women were confused. Those women didn't say to people anything <<that was about these events>> because they were afraid. Footnote: The oldest manuscripts of this book end at this verse. But some old manuscripts include Mark 16:9-20. Some other manuscripts

include the following words after Mark 16:8. Those manuscripts say, "Then those women told Peter and the people who were with him about all of the things that the young man commanded them to do quickly. After all of these things, Jesus sent his disciples so that they would teach people who were in every place that was on earth how to save people forever. This message is holy and is always true. Amen."

Mark 16:9 Literal Alternate: After Jesus rose from the dead in the very early morning of the first day of the week, he appeared to Mary Magdalene first. Dynamic Alternate: After Jesus rose from the dead in the very early morning on Sunday, he appeared to Mary Magdalene first. End of Alternates. Previously he forced seven evil spirits to leave Mary Magdalene.

Mark 16:10 Mary Magdalene went to the people who were with Jesus previously. Those people were very sad and were weeping loudly. And Mary Magdalene told those people about Jesus.

Mark 16:11 When those people heard that Jesus was alive and that Mary Magdalene saw him, they didn't believe her.

Mark 16:12 Later while two other disciples were walking to a village, Jesus appeared to them. <<But>> Jesus' face was different. <<So those two disciples didn't recognize Jesus.>>

Mark 16:13 <<After those two disciples recognized Jesus,>> they returned. And they told the other disciples <<that they saw Jesus>>. But those other disciples also didn't believe those two disciples.

Mark 16:14 Literal Alternate: And later while the 11 disciples were reclining <<at a table to eat a meal>>, Jesus appeared to them. Dynamic Alternate: And later while the 11 disciples were eating, he appeared to them. End of Alternates. And he rebuked those disciples because they didn't have faith and because they were stubborn. For those disciples didn't believe the people who saw Jesus after he rose from the dead.

Mark 16:15 Then Jesus told those disciples, "Go to every place that is on earth and preach the gospel to all people.

Mark 16:16 A person who believes in me and is baptized <with water> will be saved <from sins> <and death>. But a person who doesn't believe <in me> will be condemned.

Mark 16:17 And people who believe <in me> will be able to do the following things by using God's power. They'll force evil spirits to leave <people> by using the authority of my name. And they'll speak new languages.

Mark 16:18 Those people will be able to pick up <<poisonous>> snakes. <<And those snakes won't hurt those people.>> And if those people drink a poisonous drink, it won't hurt them. Those people will put their hands on sick people. And those sick people will become healthy."

Mark 16:19 Then after the Lord Jesus said those things to those disciples, he was taken into heaven. And the Lord Jesus sat down at God's right side <<, which is a place that he honors>>.

Mark 16:20 Then those disciples went to many places and preached the gospel <to people>. The Lord helped those disciples so that they could perform miracles to show <people> that the message was true.