

English – No Implicit Information

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. Before I send you, I'll send my messenger. And that messenger will prepare your path.

Mark 1:3 That messenger is like a voice that is shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the path for the Lord. Make straight paths for the Lord!'"

Mark 1:4 John the Baptist came to the wilderness. He told those people that they should be baptized. Whenever a person is baptized, people know that he repented. Then God will forgive that person's sins.

Mark 1:5 All of the people who lived in Judea and all of the people who lived in Jerusalem went to John. Those people 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.

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. But that person will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:9 Title: John baptizes Jesus. In those days Jesus came from Nazareth, which was in Galilee. And he was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

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

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.

Mark 1:13 And Jesus stayed in the wilderness for forty days and was tempted by Satan during that time. Jesus was with the wild animals. And angels took care of Jesus.

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

Mark 1:15 Jesus said, "The time 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 Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew. Simon and Andrew were throwing a net into the lake because they were fishermen.

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

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 Zebedee's sons. 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 Capernaum. The next Sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and started teaching.

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

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 Jesus commanded that unclean spirit, "Be quiet 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 were amazed. So they said to each other, "What does this event mean? These things that Jesus is teaching are new. And Jesus speaks using authority and even commands unclean spirits to do things! And those unclean spirits obey Jesus."

Mark 1:28 The news that was about Jesus spread quickly among the people who were in the whole region named Galilee.

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 because she had a fever. Some people immediately told Jesus about Simon's 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. Then that mother-in-law stopped having a fever and 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.

Mark 1:34 Then Jesus healed many people who had different kinds of diseases. And he ordered many demons to leave. But he didn't allow the 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 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!"

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

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

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, you're able to cause me to become clean."

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. Become clean!"

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

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

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

Mark 1:45 Instead, that man left that place and started telling the things that happened. So the news that was about Jesus spread. Because of the things that that man said, Jesus wasn't able to enter towns publicly. So he stayed 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.

Mark 2:2 And many people gathered until there was no space. There even wasn't space at the door. Jesus was preaching the message to those people.

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

Mark 2:4 But those people weren't able to bring that man to Jesus because of the crowd. So they made a hole in the roof above Jesus. After those people made that hole, they lowered the mat that the paralyzed man was lying on.

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! Who is able to forgive sins except God?"

Mark 2:8 Jesus knew immediately in his spirit that those people were thinking about those things. 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. Then those people were amazed and praised God. They said, "We never saw anything that is like this thing!"

Mark 2:13 Jesus went from there to the shore of the lake 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!" So Levi stood up and followed Jesus.

Mark 2:15 Jesus and his disciples were reclining in Levi's house. And many tax collectors and many sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. For many people were following Jesus.

Mark 2:16 The Scribes who were Pharisees 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. But I came to invite sinners."

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. 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."

Mark 2:23 Title: Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. One Sabbath Jesus was walking through fields of grain. While Jesus' disciples were walking, they started picking the grain.

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

Mark 2:25 Jesus said to those Pharisees, "Didn't you read 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 laws allow 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 to help people. People weren't made to help the Sabbath.

Mark 2:28 So I, the Son of Man, am Lord of 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, "Do the laws allow people to do good things on the Sabbath or to do evil things? Do the laws 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, "Show your hand to me." So that man showed his hand to Jesus. And that man's hand became healthy.

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

Mark 3:7 Title: Crowds of people follow Jesus. Later Jesus went from there to the lake 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, Idumea, places that were on the other side of the Jordan River, and places that were near Tyre and 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.

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

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

Mark 3:12 But Jesus sternly warned those spirits that they must not tell 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 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.

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'.

Mark 3:19 And Judas Iscariot, who 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. 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."

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

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."

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 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 the crowd, he told this parable.

Mark 4:3 Jesus said, “Listen to me! A farmer went 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 roots.

Mark 4:7 Other seeds fell among thorny plants. Those thorny plants grew and surrounded the plants that grew from the seeds. 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, listen to these words.”

Mark 4:10 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 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. If those people understood those things, they might return. Then they'll be forgiven.’”

Mark 4:13 Then Jesus said to those people, “If you don't understand this parable, how will you understand all of the other parables?

Mark 4:14 The person who was scattering seeds was planting God's message.

Mark 4:15 Some people are like the path where the 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 the message and receive it joyfully.

Mark 4:17 But those people will stop believing quickly because they don't have roots. When those people have trouble or they are persecuted because they believe in the message, they stop immediately following God.

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

Mark 4:19 But those people worry about their lives. They are deceived by wealth and desire many other things. And the things that those people worry about and the things that they want surround the message. So the message isn't able to become strong. Then it doesn't produce fruit.

Mark 4:20 Other people are like good soil where seeds were scattered. They hear the message and accept it. Then they produce many plants and produce 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, do you put it under a bowl or a bed? Or do you put that lamp on a table?"

Mark 4:22 For things that are hidden will be shown to people. And things that are secrets will be brought into the light.

Mark 4:23 You who have ears to hear, listen to these words."

Mark 4:24 And Jesus said to those people, "Think carefully about the things that you listen to. The cup that you measure things with will be the cup that other people will measure things with for you. And more things will be given to you.

Mark 4:25 For more things will be given to each person who has some things. And if a person has very few things, they'll be taken away from him."

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 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."

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

Mark 4:34 When Jesus taught 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."

Mark 4:36 So Jesus and his disciples left the crowd. Those disciples took Jesus away in the boat that he was in. Some other boats also went with Jesus and his disciples.

Mark 4:37 Then a very strong wind started blowing. 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?"

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 Gerasenes lived.

Mark 5:2 When Jesus 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.

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 and bowed to Jesus.

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 said to the spirit, "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 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 Gerasa. And they told the people who were in the town and the people who were outside there. Then those people came 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 unclean spirits named Legion. That man was sitting there and wearing clothes. And he was thinking clearly. 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 those people started begging Jesus to leave their region.

Mark 5:18 While Jesus was boarding the boat, the man who was possessed by unclean spirits previously 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 the great things that Jesus did for him in Decapolis. 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 boarded the boat again. And Jesus returned to the other side. 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, came. When Jairus saw Jesus, he bowed to Jesus.

Mark 5:23 And Jairus earnestly begged Jesus, "My daughter will die very soon. Please come 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 there was a woman who bled for twelve years continuously.

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. But she didn't become healthier. Instead, she became sicker.

Mark 5:27 Then that woman heard about Jesus. So she came 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 That woman stopped bleeding immediately and knew that her body was healed from her disease.

Mark 5:30 Jesus realized immediately that 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 to see the person who touched him.

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

Mark 5:34 Jesus said to that woman, "Daughter, your faith healed you. You may go. And I pray that you have peace. And be healthy now."

Mark 5:35 While Jesus was still speaking, people came from the house of Jairus, who was the leader of the synagogue. They said, "Your daughter died. Why should you continue bothering the teacher?"

Mark 5:36 Jesus heard the thing that those people said. So he said to that leader of the synagogue, "Don't be afraid. Instead, believe."

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

Mark 5:38 Jesus and those people went to the house of the leader of the synagogue. Jesus heard many voices and 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. 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, "Talitha, koum!" (Those words mean, "Little girl, I say to you, 'Get up!'")

Mark 5:42 That girl stood up immediately and started walking. (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 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 that he was from.

Mark 6:2 On the Sabbath, Jesus started teaching 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.

Mark 6:4 Jesus said to those people, "A prophet is honored by people. 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. 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 Jesus went to the villages that were near there. And he was teaching.

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 groups of two disciples and started sending them to other places. He gave authority to those disciples so that they could command unclean spirits.

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 and don't carry money in your belts.

Mark 6:9 Wear sandals. Don't wear two shirts."

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 will fall from them. That action will warn those people."

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. King Herod heard about Jesus because his name was known by many people. Some people were saying, "God caused John the Baptist to rise from the dead. 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 the prophets who lived many years ago."

Mark 6:16 But after Herod heard these things, he said, "I killed John by cutting his head off. 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 Herodias. 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. Herod invited his chief officials, the officers, and the most important men who were in Galilee to celebrate his birthday with a feast.

Mark 6:22 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, "I'll give you the thing that you ask me for. I'll give one half of my kingdom to you."

Mark 6:24 Herodias' daughter left 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, "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 to refuse to do the thing that the girl asked him to do.

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

Mark 6:28 And that soldier brought John's head on a platter. Then he 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. 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.

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, many other people came. So Jesus and those apostles weren't able to eat food.)

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. So they ran from all of the cities. And before Jesus and those apostles arrived, they arrived there.

Mark 6:34 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 200 denarii to buy food for these people?"
Footnote: 200 denarii were the amount of money that a man earned by working for eight months.

Mark 6:38 Jesus asked those disciples, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go and search." So those disciples talked to those people and 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 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. And Jesus broke that bread. Then he gave the pieces of bread to his disciples so that they could give them to those people. And he 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 and pieces of fish.

Mark 6:44 The number of men who ate that bread was five thousand.

Mark 6:45 Title: Jesus walks on water. Jesus immediately made his disciples go into the boat so that they could go to Bethsaida. But he 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 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 the about fourth period of the night Jesus came toward his disciples by walking on the lake. And he planned to walk past those disciples. Footnote: The fourth period of the night was about 3 am.

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 didn't understand the miracle that Jesus performed to the bread with God's power. Those disciples' hearts were stubborn.

Mark 6:53 After Jesus and his disciples went across the lake, they came to the shore at 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 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.

Mark 7:3 (The Pharisees and all of the Jews didn't eat unless they washed their hands religiously. 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 and also obey many other laws carefully. Those laws explain how people should wash cups, containers, and copper pots.)

Mark 7:5 So those Pharisees and those Scribes asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey the 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, 'These people honor me with their lips. But these people's hearts are far from me.

Mark 7:7 These people worship me without a purpose. They teach customs that they made to people like they teach laws to them.'

Mark 7:8 You stopped obeying the laws that God commanded you to do. Instead, you obey carefully the 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 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.’

Mark 7:11 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.’ (Corban 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 customs. You teach those customs and do many similar things.”

Mark 7:14 Jesus again asked the crowd to come to him. And he said, “All of you, listen to me and understand.

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, listen to these words.”

Mark 7:17 Then Jesus left that crowd and entered a house. Then Jesus' disciples asked him about that parable.

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

Mark 7:19 For that thing doesn't go into that person's 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 clean.)

Mark 7:20 And Jesus said, “The things that come out from a person cause a person to become 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 he 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.

Mark 7:23 All of these evil actions come from the inside and cause that person to become 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. But he didn't want people to know. 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 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."

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."

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 Sidon. Then he went to Lake Galilee and the region named Decapolis.

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

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 and touched that man's tongue.

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

Mark 7:35 Then that man's ears were opened. And that man became able to move his tongue so that he could speak clearly.

Mark 7:36 Then Jesus commanded those people not to tell other people. 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. 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, 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 food for 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 he broke the bread. 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. Then Jesus sent those people from there.

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

Mark 8:11 Some Pharisees came and started arguing with Jesus. They wanted to test Jesus. They asked Jesus to show them a sign that came from heaven.

Mark 8:12 Jesus breathed very deeply and said, "Why do this generation's people continue asking me for a sign? 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 again and went to the other side.

Mark 8:14 Title: Jesus warns his disciples about the Pharisees and Herod. Jesus' disciples forgot to bring 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.

Mark 8:17 Jesus knew. So he asked those disciples, "Why are you arguing because you didn't bring bread? Do you still not know? Do you still not understand? Are your hearts too stubborn?"

Mark 8:18 You have eyes. But are you able to see? You have ears. But are you able to hear? Do you remember?

Mark 8:19 Earlier I broke five loaves of bread to give food to five thousand men. How many baskets did you fill with the pieces?" Those disciples said to Jesus, "Twelve."

Mark 8:20 Then Jesus said, "When I broke seven loaves of bread to give food to 4,000 men, how many baskets did you fill with the extra pieces?" Those disciples said to Jesus, "Seven."

Mark 8:21 Jesus asked those disciples, "Do you still not understand?"

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.

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

Mark 8:24 That man looked and said, "I see 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 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 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 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, "Satan, go behind me! 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. Then he said to those people, "If a person wants to be my disciple, he must stop caring about himself. That person has to carry his cross. And he has to follow me."

Mark 8:35 For a person who wants to keep his life will die. But a person who dies for me and the gospel will live.

Mark 8:36 If a person who owns the whole earth loses his soul, what does he gain?

Mark 8:37 For what is that person able to give so that he could buy his soul?

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."

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.

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

Mark 9:10 When Jesus said that the Son of Man will rise from the dead, those disciples talked to each other about the meaning of his words.

Mark 9:11 Those disciples asked Jesus, "Why do the Scribes say that 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 things that they wanted to do to Elijah. Those things happened to Elijah like the scriptures said that they'll happen to him."

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.

Mark 9:15 When all of those people 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 a spirit that doesn't let him speak.

Mark 9:18 Whenever that spirit attacks my son, it causes him to fall. 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 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 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, feel pity for us. And help us."

Mark 9:23 Jesus asked that father, "Do you think that I might not be able? If a person believes, I'm able to do all things."

Mark 9:24 The boy's father cried out immediately, "I believe. 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. 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.

Mark 9:28 Then 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."

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.

Mark 9:31 For Jesus was teaching his disciples. 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. And they were afraid to ask Jesus about those things.

Mark 9:33 Then Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum. 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. 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 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 welcomes me. And if that person welcomes me, he 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 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.

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 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

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

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 The scriptures say, 'Hell is the place where the worms that eat people never die. And in hell the fire always burns.'

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? You should be like salt and 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 those people like he taught people often.

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

Mark 10:3 Jesus asked those Pharisees, "What did Moses command you to do?"

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

Mark 10:5 But Jesus said to those Pharisees, "Moses wrote that law for you 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.

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.

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. But Jesus' disciples rebuked those people.

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. While Jesus was leaving, 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 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 the 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.'"

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. 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 when that man left, he was very sad.

Mark 10:23 Jesus looked and said to the disciples, "It's difficult for rich people to enter God's kingdom!"

Mark 10:24 Those disciples were amazed by the thing that Jesus said. 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 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. But in the future he'll live forever.

Mark 10:31 But many people who are most important will be the least important. And many people who are the least important will be most important."

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 disciples were amazed. And people who were following Jesus were afraid. Jesus took those twelve disciples away and started telling them about the things that will happen to him.

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 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. Are you able to drink from the cup that I'll drink from? Are you ready to be baptized with the same things that I'll be baptized with?"

Mark 10:39 James and John said to Jesus, "We are able to do the same things." Jesus said to James and John, "You'll certainly drink from the cup that I'll drink from and will certainly be baptized with the things that I'll be baptized with."

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 so that I, the Son of Man, would be served. But I, the Son of Man, came to serve and to let people 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. Jesus and his disciples came to 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, 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, "David's Son, be merciful to me!"

Mark 10:49 Jesus stopped walking and said, "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 Bethphage and 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. 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 the master will send this colt 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. 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. And other people cut branches in the fields and put them on the road.

Mark 11:9 Some people walked in front of Jesus. And other people walked behind Jesus. All of those people were shouting, "Hosanna! God blessed the person who came with the Lord's name!"

Mark 11:10 God will bless the kingdom of our father 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. Then he 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. 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 Jesus' 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.

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, he asked them, "Do the scriptures say, 'My house will be called a house where people who are from all nations may pray?' But you caused this house to become like a pit where thieves gather."

Mark 11:18 The chief priests and the Scribes heard about these things. Then they started planning to kill Jesus. For they were afraid of Jesus because the things that he was teaching 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 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

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?'

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.)

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." Then Jesus 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 people 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 Those farmers grabbed that servant and beat him. And they sent that servant from there.

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

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

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

Mark 12:7 But 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 vineyard's owner do? He'll come 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. Those people refused to use a certain stone. But that stone became the corner stone.'

Mark 12:11 The Lord did this. And we see that this thing is wonderful.'"

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. But they were afraid of the crowd of people. 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 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 Herod came and said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you're honest. And you don't worry about other people and treat them fairly. You truly teach things that God wants people to do. 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? Or should we not pay?" But Jesus knew that those Pharisees and those people who supported Herod were pretending to be righteous. So he asked those Pharisees and those people who supported Herod, "Why are you testing me? Bring a denarius to me so that I could look at it."

Mark 12:16 So those Pharisees and those people who supported Herod brought a denarius. Then Jesus asked those Pharisees and those people who supported Herod, "Whose picture is on this denarius? And whose name is on this denarius?" Those Pharisees and those people who supported Herod said to Jesus, "Caesar's picture and his name are on that denarius."

Mark 12:17 Then Jesus said to those Pharisees and those people who supported 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 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. A man's brother who married a woman died. But that brother and that woman didn't have a child. Then that man has to marry his brother's wife. And he has to have a son for his brother.

Mark 12:20 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 died. Then the third brother did the same thing.

Mark 12:22 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. And women won't be given to men so that they could marry them. Instead, those people will be like the angels who are in heaven.

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? At that time God said to Moses, ‘I'm Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God.’

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. 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.’

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.”

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 in the courtyard, he asked, “Why do the Scribes say that the Christ is David's descendant?”

Mark 12:36 It was David who said through the Holy Spirit, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right side until I put your enemies under your feet.”’

Mark 12:37 It was David who called the Christ 'lord'. So how is the Christ able to be David's descendant?” The big crowd enjoyed listening to Jesus.

Mark 12:38 Title: Jesus warns people about the Scribes. While Jesus was teaching, he also said, “Watch out for the Scribes. While the Scribes walk, 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 and pray long prayers so that other people would see them praying. But they'll 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 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, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look at these wonderful stones 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. When will these things happen? 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 Many people will come with the authority of my name. They'll 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. 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.

Mark 13:9 So watch out. You'll be taken to the courts and be beaten with whips in the synagogues. You'll stand in front of governors and kings. Those things will happen because of me. But you'll be able to tell those governors and those kings about the gospel.

Mark 13:10 And the gospel must be preached to all of the nations 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 so his enemies will kill him. And a father will betray his child so his enemies will kill him. Children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.

Mark 13:13 You'll be hated by all people because of me. But if a person follows me until the end, he'll be saved.

Mark 13:14 You'll see the terrible thing that causes the temple to become dirty religiously. You'll see that thing standing in a place where it shouldn't be standing. (May you who are reading understand the meaning.) At that time people who are in Judea have to run away to the mountains.

Mark 13:15 A person who is on the roof must not go into his house to get something.

Mark 13:16 And a person who is working in a field must not return to get his coat.

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. But for the people that the Lord chose to be his people, he'll cause those days to end quickly.

Mark 13:21 In those days, 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. Before these things happen, I'm telling you about all of them.

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.

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.

Mark 13:27 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. 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 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. You'll know that I, the Son of Man, am at the door.

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 or the hour. 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.

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 alert.

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. Or when the rooster crows, that master might arrive. Or when the sun rises, he might arrive.

Mark 13:36 If suddenly that master comes, you shouldn't be sleeping.

Mark 13:37 I'll say to you the thing that I say to all people. I say, 'Be alert!'"

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, "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 was reclining, a woman came. 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 and poured that perfume on Jesus' head.

Mark 14:4 But some people became angry and asked each other, "Why did this woman waste that perfume?"

Mark 14:5 For that perfume might be sold for more than three hundred denarii. And that money might be given to poor people." And those people rebuked that woman harshly. Footnote: Three hundred denarii were the amount of money that a man earned by working for one year.

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 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, they were very glad. And they promised 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. He said to those two disciples, “Go into the city. 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. And all of the things that Jesus said happened. So those disciples prepared the Passover meal.

Mark 14:17 In the evening Jesus arrived with his twelve disciples.

Mark 14:18 While Jesus and those disciples were reclining, 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?”

Mark 14:20 Jesus said to those disciples, “The disciple 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 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. This bread is my body.”

Mark 14:23 Then Jesus picked up a cup and thanked God for the wine that was in it. 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, "This wine is my blood. My blood will show the covenant. It will pour out. And it will be a sacrifice 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. For the scriptures say, 'I'll kill the shepherd. And the sheep will run away.'

Mark 14:28 But after I rise from the dead, before you go to Galilee, I'll go 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.

Mark 14:32 Title: Jesus prays in Gethsemane. Then Jesus and his disciples went to a place named Gethsemane. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit down here while I pray."

Mark 14:33 Jesus took Peter, James, and John and 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 a short distance and lay down on the ground. He prayed that if the events 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. Please take this cup away from me. But don't do the things that I want. Instead, do the things that you want."

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. The spirit is willing. But the body is weak."

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

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

Mark 14:41 Jesus returned a third time. He asked those disciples, "Are you still sleeping? Are you still resting? You rested for enough time. The time 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. 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.

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

Mark 14:45 Judas went immediately to Jesus and 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 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 in the courtyard of the temple, I was with you every day. But you didn't arrest me. For the scriptures have to be fulfilled."

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

Mark 14:51 A certain young man was following Jesus. That young man was wearing only a linen sheet. Those people tried to grab that young man.

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 took Jesus 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 to the courtyard of the high priest's house. But Peter didn't go near Jesus. Peter sat with the servants near a fire so that he could become warm.

Mark 14:55 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 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 those people 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? What do you say about the things that these men said about you?"

Mark 14:61 But Jesus didn't speak and 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. 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."

Mark 14:63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and asked, "Why do we need more people to say bad things about Jesus?"

Mark 14:64 You heard Jesus blaspheming. What do you think?" Then all of those leaders agreed 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. Then they started beating Jesus with their fists and said to him, "If you're a prophet, tell the person who was hitting you!" Then the 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.

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 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.

Mark 14:69 That girl saw Peter 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, "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 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 and brought him to 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.

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

Mark 15:5 But Jesus didn't answer. So Pilate was amazed.

Mark 15:6 Every year during the feast 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 government, they killed people.

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

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.

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?" 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. (That royal house was called 'the Praetorium'.) Then those soldiers called all of the soldiers.

Mark 15:17 Those soldiers put a purple 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. 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.

Mark 15:20 After those soldiers finished mocking Jesus, they took off the purple robe. 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 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 and cast lots to choose the soldiers who will get the pieces of them.

Mark 15:25 When those soldiers crucified Jesus, it was the third hour. Footnote: The third hour 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 was fulfilled. The scriptures say, "The Lord's servant was treated like a criminal is treated."

Mark 15:29 People who walked by Jesus insulted him. They shook their heads and 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 and believe." The men who were on the crosses near Jesus were also insulting him.

Mark 15:33 Title: Jesus dies. At the sixth hour the whole country became dark until the ninth hour.

Footnote: The sixth hour is 12 pm. And the ninth hour is 3 pm.

Mark 15:34 At the ninth hour Jesus loudly cried out, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (These words mean, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?")

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 to the bottom.

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!"

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, 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 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 and asked him 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 and wrapped it with that linen cloth. And he put Jesus' body in a tomb. That tomb was dug in stone. Then Joseph rolled a 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 In the very early morning of the first day of the week 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 those women looked at that tomb and saw that that stone was moved. 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. And those women were confused. Those women didn't say anything to people because they were afraid.

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

Mark 16:10 Mary Magdalene went to the people who previously were with Jesus. 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.

Mark 16:13 Those two disciples returned and told the other disciples. But those other disciples also didn't believe those two disciples.

Mark 16:14 And later while the 11 disciples were reclining, Jesus appeared to them. 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 will be saved. But a person who doesn't believe will be condemned.

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

Mark 16:18 Those people will be able to pick up snakes. 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.

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