

DASV [Digital American Standard Version]**Mark 1**

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Look, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way.

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.'"

⁴ John came, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ Now all the region of Judea, and all those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁶ John was clothed with a camel's hair garment, and had a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ He preached, saying, "There comes one after me who is mightier than I, the strap of his sandal I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ Now it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

¹⁰ While Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove.

¹¹ A voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son, I am well pleased with you."

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels ministered to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was imprisoned, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

¹⁵ saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets, and followed him.

¹⁹ Going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat mending their nets.

²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands, and followed him.

²¹ They went to Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath he entered into the synagogue and taught.

²² They were astonished at his teaching, because he taught them as one having authority, and not like the scribes.

²³ Now there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

²⁴ "What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

²⁵ Then Jesus rebuked him, "Be quiet, and come out of him."

²⁶ The unclean spirit, after tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

²⁷ They were all amazed, so they asked each other, "What is this?--a new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸ The report of him quickly spread everywhere into all the region of Galilee.

²⁹ As soon as they came out of the synagogue, they went to the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick of a fever, and immediately they told him about her.

³¹ He came and took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

³² During the evening, after sunset, they brought to him all that were sick, and those who were possessed with demons.

³³ All the city was gathered together at the door.

³⁴ He healed many that were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ He got up early in the morning, before dawn. He left, and departed into a deserted place, and there prayed.

³⁶ Simon and those who were with him searched for him.

³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."

³⁸ He replied, "Let us move on to the next towns, that I may preach there too, for this is the reason I came."

³⁹ Then he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ Now a leper came to him, begging him, and kneeling down before him, saying to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I will, be clean."

⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

⁴³ Then he sternly warned him, and quickly sent him out.

⁴⁴ He said to him, "See that you do not say anything to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

⁴⁵ But he went out, and began to publicize it, and to spread the story around, so that Jesus could not openly enter into a city, but stayed out in deserted places. Yet they came to him from everywhere.

Mark 2

¹ When he returned to Capernaum after a few days, it was reported that he was at the house.

² So many were gathered together, that there was no more room, not even at the door, and he spoke the word to them.

³ They came, bringing to him a man sick of the palsy, carried by four of them.

⁴ When they could not get near him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof over where he was. When they had broken through, they let down the mat the paralyzed man was laying on.

⁵ Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ But there were certain scribes sitting there, reasoning in their hearts,

⁷ "Why does this man talk like this? He is blaspheming! For who can forgive sins except God alone?"

⁸ Immediately, Jesus, realizing in his spirit that they were thinking this, said to them, "Why do you think these things in your hearts?"

⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your mat and walk'?

¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he said to the paralyzed man,

¹¹ "I say to you, arise, take your mat, and go home."

¹² He stood, and immediately picked up the mat, and went out before them all. They were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this before."

¹³ He went out again by the seaside, and the whole crowd came to him, and he taught them.

¹⁴ Now as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." He got up and followed him.

¹⁵ It came to pass, that as he was sitting at dinner in his house, many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many following him.

¹⁶ Now the scribes who were Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷ Then when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "They who are healthy have no need of a doctor, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast, while the bridegroom is with them? As long as the bridegroom is with them, they do not fast.

²⁰ But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, in that day, they will fast.

²¹ No man sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, otherwise the new patch will tear away from the old cloth, and the tear is made worse.

²² No one puts new wine into old wineskins, else the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins will be destroyed. But they put new wine into fresh wineskins."

²³ And it came to pass, as he was going through the grain fields on the Sabbath, his disciples began, as they went along, to pluck the ears of grain.

²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why do they do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ He replied, "Did you not ever read what David did, when he was in need and hungry, he, and those who were with him,

²⁶ how he entered into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the sacred bread, which it is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?"

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath."

Mark 3

- ¹ Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and there was a man there who had a withered hand.
- ² They watched him, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.
- ³ He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come here."
- ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm, to save life, or to kill?" But they were silent.
- ⁵ After he looked around at them in anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
- ⁶ Immediately the Pharisees went out, plotting with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.
- ⁷ Then Jesus with his disciples withdrew to the sea, and a large crowd followed him from Galilee, Judea,
- ⁸ Jerusalem, Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and Sidon, having heard what great things he did, they came to him.
- ⁹ He spoke to his disciples and asked that a little boat be prepared for him because of the crowd, so that they might not crush him.
- ¹⁰ For he healed many, so that as many as had diseases pushed upon him in order that they might touch him.
- ¹¹ Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him, and cried, "You are the Son of God."
- ¹² But he strictly ordered them that they should not make him known.
- ¹³ Then he went up the mountain, and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.
- ¹⁴ He appointed twelve, who he called apostles, so that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach,
- ¹⁵ and to have authority to cast out demons.
- ¹⁶ The twelve he appointed were: Simon, who he called Peter,
- ¹⁷ James, the son of Zebedee, and John, the brother of James; and he called them Boanerges, which means, Sons of Thunder;
- ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,
- ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Then he went home.
- ²⁰ The crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.
- ²¹ Now when his family heard it, they wanted to get a hold of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² Now the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub, and by the prince of the demons he casts out the demons."

²³ So he called them to him, and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

²⁶ If Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

²⁷ No one can enter into the house of the strong man, and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong man; and then he will rob his house.

²⁸ Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven for the children of men, even blasphemies they speak.

²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came, and, standing outside, they sent for him, summoning him.

³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ He answered them, "Who is my mother and my brothers?"

³⁴ Looking around on those who were sitting around him, he said, "Look, my mother and my brothers!

³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, that one is my brother, sister, and mother."

Mark 4

¹ Again Jesus began to teach by the seaside. Now there was gathered around him such a very great crowd, that he entered into a boat, and sat there while all the crowd was on the shore.

² He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching said to them,

³ "Listen. A sower went out to sow seed.

⁴ It came to pass, as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

⁵ Other seed fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much dirt, and immediately it sprang up, because the dirt was not deep.

⁶ When the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away.

⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it produced no fruit.

⁸ Other seed fell on the good ground, and produced fruit, growing up and flourishing, and it brought forth thirty times, sixty times, and some a hundred times."

⁹ He said, "The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹⁰ When he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

¹¹ He explained to them, "Unto you the mystery of the kingdom of God is given, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables.

¹² So that seeing, they may see, and not perceive, and hearing, they may hear, and not understand; so that they might turn and be forgiven."

¹³ He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

¹⁴ The sower sows the word.

¹⁵ These are the ones on the path, where the word is sown. Whenever they hear it immediately Satan comes, and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

¹⁶ These are the ones that are sown upon the rocky soil, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.

¹⁷ But they have no root in themselves, and so last only for a brief while. When tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

¹⁸ Others are the ones that are sown among the thorns. These are the ones who hear the word,

¹⁹ and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things come in, and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²⁰ Then there are the ones that were sown upon the good ground. They hear the word, and accept it, and produce fruit, some thirty times, and sixty times, and a hundred times."

²¹ He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not to be put on the lamp stand?"

²² For there is nothing hid, that will not be revealed, neither was anything made secret, that will not eventually come to light.

²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

²⁴ Then he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear. For with what measure you use it will be measured to you; and even more will be given to you.

²⁵ For he that has, to him will be given. He that does not have, from him will be taken away even what he has."

²⁶ He continued, "The kingdom of God is like someone casting seed upon the ground.

²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed springs up and grows, but he does not know how.

²⁸ The ground produces fruit by itself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁹ But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he uses the sickle, because the harvest is come."

³⁰ He said, "To what may we liken the kingdom of God? What parable shall we use to describe it?"

³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the ground, though it is the smallest of the garden seeds that are on the earth,

³² yet when it is sown it grows up, and becomes greater than all the garden plants, and puts out great branches; so that even the birds of the heaven can lodge under its shadow."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴ Without a parable he did not speak to them. But privately he expounded all things to his own disciples.

³⁵ On that day, when evening was come, he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."

³⁶ Leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was, in the boat. There were other boats with him.

³⁷ Then there arose a great wind storm, and the waves beat on the boat, so much so that the boat was being swamped.

³⁸ But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him up, and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we perish?"

³⁹ Then he got up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet down, be still." The wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ Then he said to them, "Why are you fearful? Do you not yet have faith?"

⁴¹ They were petrified, and said one to another, "Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Mark 5

- ¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.
- ² When he was getting out of the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit met him having come out of the tombs.
- ³ He lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him, not even with chains.
- ⁴ He often had been bound with shackles and chains, but he had ripped the chains apart, and broke the shackles in pieces. No one was strong enough to control him.
- ⁵ Every day and night, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones.
- ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell down before him.
- ⁷ He cried out with a scream, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."
- ⁸ For Jesus said to him, "Come out of this man you unclean spirit."
- ⁹ He asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."
- ¹⁰ He intensely begged Jesus not to send them out of the region.
- ¹¹ Now there was on the mountain side a great herd of pigs feeding.
- ¹² They begged him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, that we may go into them."
- ¹³ So he granted them permission. The unclean spirits came out, and entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand drowned in the sea.
- ¹⁴ Then they that fed them fled, and reported it in the town and in that region. They came out to see what had happened.
- ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the one who was possessed with demons sitting, clothed and in his right mind. It was he who had the legion, and they were afraid.
- ¹⁶ So the ones who had seen it told them what had happened to the one who was possessed by the demons, and about the pigs.
- ¹⁷ Then they urged him to leave their region.
- ¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, he who had been possessed by the demons begged to go with him.
- ¹⁹ But Jesus would not permit him to, but said to him, "Go to your house to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you."
- ²⁰ So he went his way, and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him, and all the people were amazed.
- ²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea.
- ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue named Jairus, and seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet,
- ²³ urgently requesting him, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed and live."

²⁴ Then Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed him, and they pressed in all around him.

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years,

²⁶ and had suffered many things at the hands of many doctors. She had spent all that she had, and was not any better, but even grew worse.

²⁷ After hearing the things about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd, and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, "If I can just touch his garments, I will be healed."

²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰ Immediately, Jesus, realizing that the power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd, and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ His disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you, and yet you still ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But he looked around to see who had done this.

³³ Then the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking some people came from the synagogue ruler's house announcing, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any longer?"

³⁶ But Jesus, ignoring what had just been spoken, said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him, except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

³⁸ When they arrived at the house of the synagogue ruler, he saw all the commotion, with many weeping and loudly wailing.

³⁹ When he had entered in, he said to them, "Why do you make such a commotion, and weep? The child is not dead, but only asleep."

⁴⁰ Then they scornfully laughed at him. But he, having put them all out, took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in to where the child was.

⁴¹ Then taking the child by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum" which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, Arise."

⁴² Immediately the girl got up, and walked, for she was twelve years old. They were absolutely amazed.

⁴³ Then he sternly ordered them that no one should know about this, after which he requested that they give her something to eat.

Mark 6

¹ Then Jesus left there and came to his own hometown, with his disciples following him.

² When the Sabbath arrived, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many hearing him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things?" and, "What is the wisdom that has been given to him?" and "What is the meaning of such mighty works done by his hands?"

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" So they were offended by him.

⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

⁶ He was amazed because of their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

⁷ Now Jesus summoned the twelve, and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits,

⁸ and told them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff, no bread, wallet, or money in their belt,

⁹ but to put on only sandals, and not to wear two coats.

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that place.

¹¹ Whatever place will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them."

¹² So they went out, and preached that people should repent.

¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed many who were sick with oil, and healed them.

¹⁴ Now king Herod heard about it, for Jesus' name had become well known. He said, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, which is the reason he does such miracles."

¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

¹⁶ But Herod, when he heard of him, said, "John, whom I beheaded, is risen."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and imprisoned John. He bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

¹⁸ For John told to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to marry your brother's wife."

¹⁹ So Herodias positioned herself against him, and desired to kill him. But she could not,

²⁰ because Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man. So he protected him. When Herod heard him, he was greatly puzzled; although he enjoyed listening to him.

²¹ When an opportune time came, Herod, on his birthday, made a banquet for his court officials, the military officers, and the leaders of Galilee.

²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those who ate with him. So the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want and I will give it to you."

²³ He swore to her, "Whatever you will ask me, I will give to you, up to half of my kingdom."

²⁴ Then she went out, and asked her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist."

²⁵ She immediately returned to the king, and said, "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king really regretted it, but for the sake of his oath, and those who were at the dinner, he would not refuse her request.

²⁷ Immediately the king sent out a soldier from his guard, and commanded him to bring John's head. So he went and beheaded John in the prison.

²⁸ He brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

³⁰ Then the apostles gathered themselves around Jesus; and they told him everything they had done and taught.

³¹ Then he said to them, "Come apart into a desert place, and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they had no time even to eat.

³² So they went away in the boat to a desert place apart.

³³ Many who saw them leaving, knew where they were going, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, arriving ahead of them.

³⁴ When Jesus came out and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

³⁵ It was now late in the day. His disciples came to him, and said, "This place is a desert, and it is now late.

³⁶ Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred shillings' worth of bread, and give them to eat?"

³⁸ He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹ Then he ordered them that they should all sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰ They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

⁴¹ He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed it, and brake the loaves, and he gave it to the disciples to set before the people. He also split up the two fish among all of them.

⁴² They all ate, and were filled.

⁴³ They picked up the broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also the fishes.

⁴⁴ Now the loaves were eaten by five thousand men.

⁴⁵ Immediately he directed his disciples to get into the boat, and to go ahead of him to the other side to Bethsaida, while he sent the crowd away.

⁴⁶ After saying good-bye to them, he went to the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ When evening was come, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land.

⁴⁸ Watching them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, about three in the morning, he came to them, walking on the sea. He was about to pass by them,

⁴⁹ when they saw him walking on the sea, thinking it was a ghost, so they cried out,

⁵⁰ for they all saw him, and were terrified. But he immediately spoke with them, and said to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were absolutely astonished,

⁵² for they still did not understand about the loaves. Their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to the land to Gennesaret, and moored the boat to the shore.

⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him,

⁵⁵ and ran around that whole region, and began to carry those who were sick on their beds, to where they heard he was.

⁵⁶ Wherever he entered, into villages, towns, or into the countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and asked him that they might touch if only the border of his garment. As many as touched him were healed.

Mark 7

¹ The Pharisees and certain of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem gathered together around Jesus.

² They observed that some of his disciples ate their bread with unclean, that is, unwashed hands.

³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat except they ritually wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders;

⁴ when they come from the market, they do not eat unless they wash and they hold many other traditions such as the washings of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

⁵ Then the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with unclean hands?"

⁶ He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

⁷ In vain they worship me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.'

⁸ You reject the commandment of God, but hold fast to the tradition of men."

⁹ Then he said to them, "You have a convenient way of rejecting the commandment of God, that you may keep your own tradition.

¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother;' and, 'He who insults either father or mother, should be put to death.'

¹¹ but you say, 'If a person should say to his father or mother, 'Whatever you might have benefited from me is Corban, that is to say, a gift to God'

¹² you no longer allow him to do anything in supporting his father or his mother.

¹³ You nullify the word of God by your tradition, that you have handed down and you do many things like that.

¹⁴ Then he called to crowd again, and said to them, "Hear me all of you, and understand;

¹⁵ there is nothing from outside a person, that going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a person those are the things that defile him.

¹⁶ [Some manuscripts have: If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.]

¹⁷ When he entered the house away from the crowd, his disciples asked him about the parable.

¹⁸ Then he said to them, "Are you also clueless? Do you not understand, that whatever goes into the man from outside, cannot defile him,

¹⁹ because it does not go into his heart, but into his belly, and goes out into the sewer?" He said this, making all foods clean.

²⁰ Then he said, "That which comes out of a person, is what defiles him.

²¹ For from within a person's heart come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

²² greed, wickedness, deceit, sinful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.

²³ All these evil things come from within, and defile a person."

²⁴ From there he got up and went away to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. Afterward he entered into a house, and did not want anyone to know it; but he could not be hid.

²⁵ But immediately a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, came and fell down at his feet.

²⁶ Now the woman was a Greek, of Syro-phoenician extraction. Then she pleaded with him to cast out the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children first be filled, for it is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs."

²⁸ But she replied, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then he said to her, "For this saying go your way, the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ She went home and found the child lying upon the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Again he left the borders of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³² Then they brought to him one who was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech. They begged him to lay his hand upon him.

³³ Then he took him aside from the crowd privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue.

³⁴ Looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ His ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ He ordered them that they should not tell anyone. But the more he ordered them, the more they publicized it.

³⁷ They were totally astonished, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf to hear, and the mute to speak."

Mark 8

¹ In those days, when there was again a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat. Jesus called his disciples and said to them,

² "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me for three days now and have not had anything to eat.

³ If I send them home fasting they will faint on the way for some of them have come from far away."

⁴ His disciples answered him, "Where can anyone get enough bread to feed these people in this desolate place?"

⁵ Then he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They replied, "Seven."

⁶ He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks, he broke them, and gave it to his disciples, to set before them. Then they served it to the crowd.

⁷ They had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he commanded to serve these to them also.

⁸ They ate, and were filled, and they picked up, seven baskets of leftover pieces.

⁹ There were about four thousand people and he sent them away.

¹⁰ Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹ Then the Pharisees came out, and began to question him, seeking a sign from heaven from him to test him.

¹² He sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

¹³ Then he left them, and again got into the boat and went to the other side.

¹⁴ But they forgot to take bread, and there was none in the boat with them except a single loaf.

¹⁵ He warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

¹⁶ They discussed it with each other, saying, "It is because we do not have any bread."

¹⁷ Jesus perceiving it said to them, "Why do you argue, because you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Are your hearts that hard?"

¹⁸ Having eyes, you do not see? Having ears, you do not hear? Do you not remember?"

¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of leftover pieces did you pick up?" They replied, "Twelve."

²⁰ "When I broke the seven among the four thousand, how many baskets full of leftover pieces did you pick up?" They said to him, "Seven."

²¹ Then he said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

²² Then they came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him, and urged him to touch him.

²³ He took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴ He looked up, and said, "I see men, but they look like walking trees."

²⁵ Then Jesus again laid his hands on his eyes, and he looked intently, and his sight was restored. He saw everything clearly.

²⁶ Then Jesus sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

²⁸ So they told him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ Then he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

³⁰ He ordered them that they should not tell anyone about him.

³¹ So he began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² Now he spoke about this openly. Peter took him aside, and began to rebuke him.

³³ But he turned around, and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan. For you are not thinking about the things of God, but about the things of men."

³⁴ He gathered the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any one would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

³⁶ For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life?

³⁷ For what can a person give in exchange for his life?

³⁸ For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 9

¹ Then Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste of death, until they see the kingdom of God come with power."

² After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up into a high mountain apart by themselves. He was transfigured before them,

³ and his garments became dazzling white, so that no launderer on earth could bleach them any whiter.

⁴ Then Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three memorial shelters, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁶ For he did not know what to say, because they were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud declared, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

⁸ Suddenly looking around they saw no one with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them that they should not tell anyone what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, questioning what the rising again from the dead meant.

¹¹ They asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹² He said to them, "Elijah indeed will come first, and restore all things. But it is written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised?"

¹³ But I tell you, that Elijah has come, and they did what they wanted to him just as it was written about him."

¹⁴ When they came back to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes questioning them.

¹⁵ Immediately when the whole crowd saw him, they were greatly amazed, and running to him, greeted him.

¹⁶ He asked them, "What were you arguing with them about?"

¹⁷ One of the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son, who has a spirit that renders him unable to speak.

¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and becomes stiff. I spoke to your disciples but they could not cast it out."

¹⁹ He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰ So they brought him to Jesus. When he saw him, immediately the spirit threw him into convulsions; he fell on the ground, and rolled around foaming at the mouth.

²¹ He asked his father, "How long has it been since this has come on him?" He replied, "Since childhood.

²² Often it has thrown him into the fire or into the water, trying to destroy him, but if you can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief."

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter into him no more."

²⁶ It shrieked, threw him into a convulsion, and came out. The boy looked like a corpse; so much so that some said, "He is dead."

²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up, and he got up.

²⁸ After he entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁹ He said to them, "This kind comes only by prayer."

³⁰ They left and traveled through Galilee, for he did not want anyone to know about it.

³¹ For he taught his disciples, and said to them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

³² But they did not understand what he was saying, and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum. When he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had been arguing over, who was the greatest.

³⁵ He sat down, and called the twelve; and said to them, "If any one would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

³⁶ Then he took a little child, and set him in the middle of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,

³⁷ "Whoever will receive one of these little children in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not only me, but he who sent me."

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we stopped him, because he did not follow us."

³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name, and be able right after that speak evil of me.

⁴⁰ For he that is not against us is for us.

⁴¹ For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink, because you are follower's of Christ, truly I say to you, he will never lose his reward.

⁴² Whoever will cause one of these little ones that believe on me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.

⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁴ [Some manuscripts have: "Where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." cf. 9:48].

⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

⁴⁶ [Some manuscripts have: "Where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." cf. 9:48]

⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,
⁴⁸ where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

⁴⁹ For every one will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with each other."

Mark 10

¹ Then Jesus left there and came to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan River and crowds came together to him. Again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² Some Pharisees came testing him asking, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?"

³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to send her away."

⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote this commandment.

⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, he made them male and female.

⁷ For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife,

⁸ and the two will become one flesh. So then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ Once in the house, the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹ Then he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery against her.

¹² If she divorces her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ Now people were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

¹⁵ Truly I say to you, whoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, there is no way he will enter it."

¹⁶ Then he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

¹⁷ As Jesus was going out on his way, a man ran up to him, and kneeled before him, asking him, "Good teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? There is none good except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments, 'Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have done all these things from my youth."

²¹ Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² Because of this his face fell, and he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus repeated to them, "Children, how hard is it for those who trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁶ They were totally astonished, saying to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looking at them said, "With men it is impossible, but not for God, for all things are possible for God."

²⁸ Peter said to him, "Look, we have left all, and have followed you."

²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one that has left house, or brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundred times now in this age, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last; and the last first."

³² When they got on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them, they were amazed, but those who followed were afraid. He again took the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were about to happen to him,

³³ saying, "Look, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles.

³⁴ They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and will kill him. After three days, he will rise again."

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him saying, "Teacher, we want you to do something for us whatever we ask you."

³⁶ He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³⁷ They said to him, "Grant us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and the other at your left hand, in your glory."

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what your asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

³⁹ They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism that I am baptized you will be baptized with,

⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give. It is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard it, they were angry with James and John.

⁴² Then Jesus called them to him, and said, "You know that those who rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their leaders exercise authority over them.

⁴³ But it is not like that among you. Whoever would become great among you, will be your servant.

⁴⁴ Whoever wants to be first among you, must be servant of all.

⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As he left Jericho, with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road side.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet, but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me."

⁴⁹ Then Jesus stood still, and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up, get up, he is asking for you."

⁵⁰ He, throwing away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabbi, I want to receive my sight."

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way, your faith has made you whole." Immediately he received his sight, and followed him down the road.

Mark 11

¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem, by Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied, that no one has ever ridden. Loose it, and bring it here.

³ If anyone says to you, 'Why do you do this?' say, 'The Lord has need of him', and immediately he will send him back here."

⁴ Then they went, and found a colt tied at the door outside in the open street, and they untied it.

⁵ Then certain of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

⁶ They told them just what Jesus had said to them, and they let them go.

⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus, and put their garments on it, and he sat upon it.

⁸ Many spread their garments upon the road, and others used branches, which they had cut from the fields.

⁹ Now they who went ahead, and those who followed, cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest."

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem, and went to the temple. When he had looked around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the twelve since it was late in the day.

¹² Now on the next day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry.

¹³ Seeing a fig tree in the distance having leaves, he came, to see if by chance he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season of figs.

¹⁴ Then he said to it, "Let no one eat your fruit ever again." His disciples heard it.

¹⁵ When they came to Jerusalem, he entered the temple, and began to throw out those who bought and sold in the temple. He overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold the doves.

¹⁶ He would not permit any one to carry merchandise through the temple.

¹⁷ Then he taught them, "Is it not written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have turned it into a den of robbers."

¹⁸ When the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they plotted how they might destroy him. For they feared him, because the whole crowd was enamored with his teaching.

¹⁹ When it was evening, he left the city.

²⁰ In the morning, when they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots.

²¹ Peter recalled saying to him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which you cursed is withered away."

²² Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God.

²³ Truly I say to you, whoever will say to this mountain, be pulled up and thrown into the sea, and will not doubt in his heart, but will believe, whatever he says will happen for him.

²⁴ Therefore I say to you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive them, and you will have them.

²⁵ Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive your sins."

²⁶ [Some manuscripts have: But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins.]

²⁷ They came again to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, scribes, and the elders came to him.

²⁸ Then they said to him, "By what authority do you do these things? or who gave you authority to do these things?"

²⁹ Jesus said to them, "I will ask of you one question, answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

³⁰ The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from human origin? Answer me."

³¹ They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'why then did you not believe him?'

³² But if we say, 'From human origin'" -- they feared the people, for everyone held John to be a prophet.

³³ Then they answered Jesus, "We do not know." Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Mark 12

¹ Then Jesus began speaking to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, and built a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he rented it out to tenant farmers, and went into another country.

² At harvest he sent a servant to the tenants, so that he might collect the rent from the tenants from the crops of the vineyard.

³ But they took him, beat him, and sent him away empty.

⁴ Again he sent to them another servant. This one they hit in the head and abused.

⁵ He sent another and they killed him. He sent many others, and they beat some and killed others.

⁶ He had one left, a beloved son. He sent him last to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

⁷ But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

⁸ So they took him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants, and will rent out the vineyard to others.

¹⁰ Have you never read this scripture: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

¹¹ This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

¹² Then they tried to arrest him; but they feared the crowd, for they realized that he spoke the parable against them. Then they left him and went away.

¹³ Then some of the Pharisees and Herodians were sent to him, that they might trap him in what he said.

¹⁴ When they arrived, they said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and do not show favoritism; for you do not regard the status of a person, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

¹⁵ Shall we pay it or not?" But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you trying to trap me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it."

¹⁶ So they brought it. He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They replied, "Caesar's."

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." They were absolutely amazed by him.

¹⁸ Then the Sadducees came to him. They claim that there is no resurrection. They asked him, saying,

¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses wrote to us, 'If a man's brother die, and he leaves a wife behind, yet leaves no child, that his brother should marry his wife, and have children in honor of his brother.

²⁰ There were seven brothers, and the first married a wife, and dying left no children.

²¹ The second married her, and died, leaving no children behind him; and similarly, the third.

²² Finally, all seven left with no children. Last of all, the woman died also.

²³ In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her."

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Is it not for this reason that you err, because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?

²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are like the angels in heaven.

²⁶ Now in regard to the dead, whether they are raised; have you never read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You have made a big mistake."

²⁸ Then one of the scribes came, and heard their group questioning, and realizing that he had answered them well, asked him, "What commandment is the most important of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one:

³⁰ and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

³¹ The second most important is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There are no other commandments greater than these."

³² The scribe said to him, "It is true, Teacher, you have answered well, God is one; and there is none other but he,

³³ and to love him with all your heart, and with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered insightfully, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." No one after that dared ask him any further questions.

³⁵ Jesus, as he taught in the temple, said, "How is it the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?

³⁶ David himself said by the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'

³⁷ If David himself called him Lord; how can he be his son?" The common people heard him gladly.

³⁸ In his teaching Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes. They enjoy walking around in long robes, and to be respectfully greeted in the marketplaces,

³⁹ and to be seated in the honored seats of the synagogues and chief places at feasts.

⁴⁰ Yet they devour widows' property, and for show make ostentatious prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down across from the offering box, and watched how the crowd put money into the offering box. Many who were rich put in much.

⁴² Then a poor widow came and she put in two small coins totaling about a penny.

⁴³ Then he called his disciples, and said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all those who are putting into the offering box.

⁴⁴ For they all gave from their abundance; but she from her poverty put in everything she had, even what she had to live on."

Mark 13

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look, at the massive stones and impressive buildings!"

² Then Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left on another. Everything will be thrown down."

³ While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives overlooking the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign indicating when these things are to take place?"

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Beware that no one misleads you.

⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will lead many astray.

⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. These things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines, yet these things are just the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ But be careful for they will deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues you will be beaten, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them.

¹⁰ The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

¹¹ When they bring you to court, and hand you over for trial, do not be anxious beforehand about what you will say. For it will be given you in that hour, what you will say. For it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit.

¹² Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

¹³ You will be hated by everyone for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee into the mountains.

¹⁵ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, or enter his house, to take anything out.

¹⁶ Let the one who is in the field not return to get his coat.

¹⁷ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse in those days!

¹⁸ Pray that it not happen in the winter.

¹⁹ For in those days there will be tribulation, like there has never been before from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, or ever will be.

²⁰ Except the Lord had shortened those days, no one would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, he will shorten those days.

²¹ Then if any one will say to you, 'Look, here is the Christ', or, 'Look, there he is', do not believe it.

²² For there will arise false Christs and false prophets, and will show signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the chosen.

²³ Watch out. See, I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light,

²⁵ and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then will they see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and will gather together his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the outer reaches of heaven.

²⁸ Now learn a parable from the fig tree; when her branch begins budding, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

²⁹ So too when you see these things coming to pass, you know that he is near, right at the door.

³⁰ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² But the exact day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but only the Father.

³³ Be careful, watch and pray. For you do not know when the time is.

³⁴ It is like when a man takes a trip to another country. He leaves his house, and gives authority to his servants, to each one his work, and commands also the doorkeeper to watch.

³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know when the lord of the house will return, whether at evening, midnight, when the rooster crows, or in the morning.

³⁶ Otherwise when he comes suddenly, he may find you sleeping.

³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all, 'Stay awake.'"

Mark 14

¹ It was two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes sought how they might secretly arrest and kill him.

² For they said, "Not during the feast, so there will not be a riot among the people."

³ While Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was eating, a woman came who had an alabaster jar of expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the jar, and poured it over his head.

⁴ But there were some who were indignant, saying, "What was the purpose of wasting this expensive perfume?"

⁵ This perfume could have been sold for over three hundred silver coins, and given to the poor." They complained harshly about her.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good work on me.

⁷ The poor you always have with you, and whenever you want you can do them good. But me you do not always have.

⁸ She has done what she could. She has anointed my body beforehand for the burying.

⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel will be preached throughout the whole world, what this woman has done will be told in memory of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests, that he might hand him over to them.

¹¹ When they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. Then he started looking for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them.

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ He sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and there you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him.

¹⁴ Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, "Where is my guestroom, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"

¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make preparations there for us."

¹⁶ The disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it as he had said. So they prepared the Passover there.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve.

¹⁸ As they sat and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, one of you eating with me will betray me."

¹⁹ They were distressed, and said to him one by one, "Is it I?"

²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, the one who dips with me in the dish.

²¹ For the Son of Man goes, even as it is written about him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It is better for that man if he had never been born."

²² As they were eating, he took bread, after he had blessed it, he broke it, and gave to them, and said, "Take it. This is my body."

²³ He took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them. They all drank from it.

²⁴ Then he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

²⁵ Truly I say to you, I will not drink any more from the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will desert me, for it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸ But, after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

²⁹ But Peter said to him, "Even if everyone will desert you, I will not."

³⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, that today, even this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

³¹ But he emphatically insisted, "If I must die with you, I will never deny you." All of them said the same.

³² And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane. He said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray."

³³ Then he took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

³⁴ He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved even to death. Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵ He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. But not what I will, but what you want."

³⁷ Then he came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not stay awake for one hour?"

³⁸ Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

³⁹ Again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words.

⁴⁰ Again he returned and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to tell him.

⁴¹ He came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come; look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴² Get up, let us go. Look, he who betrays me is here."

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came up, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, scribes and elders.

⁴⁴ Now he who betrayed him had given them a signal saying, "Whomever I kiss, it is he. Arrest him, and take him away under guard."

⁴⁵ As Judas approached, immediately he came to Jesus, and said, "Rabbi" and he kissed him.

⁴⁶ They grabbed and arrested him.

⁴⁷ But one of the bystanders drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "Do you come out with swords and clubs to seize me, like a robber?"

⁴⁹ I was with you every day in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me, but this is done that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

⁵⁰ Then they all deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ Now a young man followed him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They grabbed him,

⁵² but he shed the linen cloth, and fled away naked.

⁵³ Then they led Jesus to the high priest. There all the chief priests, elders and scribes gathered.

⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, and even got into the court of the high priest. He was sitting with the officers, warming himself by the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin council sought evidence against Jesus to put him to death. But they found none.

⁵⁶ Many made false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree with one another.

⁵⁷ Then there stood up some who bore false witness against him, saying,

⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'"

⁵⁹ Yet even on this, their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Do you not answer anything? What is this these testify against you?"

⁶¹ But he remained quiet, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

⁶² Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes, and said, "What further evidence do we need?"

⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him to death.

⁶⁵ Then some began to spit on him, and to blindfold him and to beat him, and to say to him, "Prophecy." Then the guards took him and beat him.

⁶⁶ Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the servant girls of the high priest came

⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, looked at him, and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus."

⁶⁸ But he denied, saying, "I do not know him or understand what you are saying." Next he went out into the porch, and the cock crew.

⁶⁹ Then the servant girl saw him again, and began saying to them that stood by, "This man is one of them."

⁷⁰ But he again denied it. After a little while some bystanders said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man you are talking about."

⁷² Immediately the cock crowed a second time. Then Peter called to mind the word, Jesus said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." When he thought about it, he wept.

Mark 15

¹ Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders, scribes, and the whole Sanhedrin council, held a meeting. Then they bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

² Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You said it."

³ Then chief priests accused him of many things.

⁴ So Pilate again asked him, saying, "Do you not answer anything? Look how many things they accuse you of."

⁵ But Jesus did not answer anything, so much so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the feast he customarily released to them one prisoner, whomever they requested.

⁷ There was one called Barabbas, jailed with them that had made insurrection with rebels who, during the revolt, had committed murder.

⁸ The crowd went up and began to ask him to do as he usually did for them.

⁹ Then Pilate asked them "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

¹⁰ For he perceived that it was because of jealousy the chief priests had handed him over to him.

¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, to have Pilate release Barabbas to them.

¹² Then Pilate again asked them, "What then shall I do with him you call the King of the Jews?"

¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him."

¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted out all the more, "Crucify him."

¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them, but when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him up to be crucified.

¹⁶ The soldiers led him away into the governor's palace, the Praetorium, and they called together the whole battalion.

¹⁷ Then they clothed him in a purple robe, and twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on him.

¹⁸ They began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

¹⁹ They struck his head with a stick, and spat on him, and bowed their knees in homage to him.

²⁰ After they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe, and put his clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They forced one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, who had come from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, so that he could carry his cross.

²² They brought him to the place Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull."

²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

²⁴ They crucified him. They split up his garments among them, casting lots for them to determine what each one should get.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

²⁶ The posted inscription of the charge against him was, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right hand, and one on his left.

²⁸ [Some manuscripts have: "and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the lawless ones."]

²⁹ Those who passed by insulted him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who claimed to be able to destroy the temple, and build it in three days,

³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross."

³¹ Likewise also the chief priests mocked him with the scribes saying, "He saved others; but he cannot save himself.

³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him insulted him.

³³ Then, at noon, there was darkness over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

³⁴ At three Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

³⁵ Some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, "Look, he is calling for Elijah."

³⁶ One person ran, and filled a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Leave him alone, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

³⁷ Then Jesus with a loud sigh breathed his last.

³⁸ The veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom.

³⁹ When the centurion, who stood in front of him, saw how he died, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

⁴⁰ There were also women watching from a distance among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, Joses, and Salome;

⁴¹ who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and served him. Many other women had come up to Jerusalem with him.

⁴² When evening had come, it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath.

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a highly regarded council member, who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God, came and boldly went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴ Then Pilate was surprised that he was dead already. Calling to him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for a while.

⁴⁵ After he confirmed it from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

⁴⁶ Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock. Then he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

Mark 16

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices, that they might go and anoint him.

² Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at sunrise.

³ Now they were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

⁴ Looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large.

⁵ Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were alarmed.

⁶ He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are seeking Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He is risen, he is not here. Look, here is the place where they laid him!

⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, that he is going before you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸ Then they went out, and fled from the tomb, for trembling and terror had overcome them. They said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

[Several earliest and best manuscripts do not have Mark 16:9-20]

[⁹ Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

¹¹ When they heard that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they could not believe it.

¹² After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country.

¹³ They went back and told it to the rest of them. But they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at dinner. He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

¹⁶ The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages;

¹⁸ they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.]