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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

"THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS" ~ Mark 1:1-11

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...17 ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, “IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY  
...WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE  
...RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS.”

...JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING  
...18 NOW JOHN’S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISEES WERE FASTING. SOME  
...PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, “HOW IS IT THAT JOHN’S DISCIPLES  
...AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISEES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE  
...NOT?”

...19 JESUS ANSWERED, “HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM  
...FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE  
...HIM WITH THEM. 20 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE  
...BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY

...1 ONE SEWS A PATCH ON AN OLD  
...CLOTH. OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE  
...OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 22 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE  
...INTO OLD WINESKINS. OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS,  
...AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY  
...POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS.”  
...JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH  
...23 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND  
...AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS  
...OF GRAIN. 24 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, “LOOK, WHY ARE THEY  
...DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?”  
...25 HE ANSWERED, “HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE  
...AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 26 IN THE DAYS  
...OF ABIATHAR THE HIGH PRIEST, HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD AND  
...ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD, WHICH IS LAWFUL ONLY FOR PRIESTS  
...TO EAT, AND HE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HIS COMPANIONS.”  
...27 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, “THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT  
...MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 28 SO THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE  
...SABBATH.”

...JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH  
...1 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN  
...WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 2 SOME OF THEM WERE  
...LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, SO THEY WATCHED HIM  
...CLOSELY TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 3 JESUS  
...SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, “STAND UP IN FRONT  
...OF EVERYONE.”

...4 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, “WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH, TO  
...DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE LIFE OR TO KILL?” BUT THEY  
...REMAINED SILENT.

...5 HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND, DEEPLY DISTRESSED  
...AT THEIR STUBBORN HEARTS, SAID TO THE MAN, “STRETCH OUT YOUR  
...HAND.” HE STRETCHED IT OUT, AND HIS HAND WAS COMPLETELY  
...RESTORED. 6 THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT  
...WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

...CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS  
...7 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE  
...CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 8 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL  
...HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA,  
...JERUSALEM, IDUMEA, AND THE REGIONS ACROSS THE JORDAN AND  
...AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 9 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS  
...DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE  
...PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 10 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT  
...THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 11  
...WHENEVER THE IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE  
...HIM AND CRIED OUT, “YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD.” 12 BUT HE GAVE  
...THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

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...13 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE  
...HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 14 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT  
...THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO  
...PREACH 15 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 16  
...THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE  
...THE NAME PETER), 17 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN  
... (TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS “SONS OF  
...THUNDER”), 18 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, THOMAS,  
...JAMES SON OF ALPHEAUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE ZEBULONITE,  
...JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.  
...JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW  
...20 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED  
...SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 21  
...WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE  
...OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, “HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND.”  
...22 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM  
...JERUSALEM SAID, “HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL, BY THE PRINCE  
...OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS.”

...23 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO  
...THEM IN PARABLES. “HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 24 IF A

...STAND. 25 IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE  
...CANNOT STAND. 26 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVI  
...HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN  
...ENTER A STRONG MAN’S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP.  
...HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN’S HOUSE. 28 TRULY I TELL YOU,  
...PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDE  
...UTTER. 29 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT  
...WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL S  
...30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, “HE HAS AN IMPU  
...SPIRIT.”  
...31 THEN JESUS’ MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING  
...OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 32 A CROWD WAS  
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...33 “WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?” HE ASKED.  
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...15 WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT LEVI’S HOUSE, MANY TAX  
...COLLECTORS AND SINNERS WERE EATING WITH HIM AND HIS  
...DISCIPLES, FOR THERE WERE MANY WHO FOLLOWED HIM. 16 WHEN  
...THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO WERE PHARISEES SAW HIM EATING  
...WITH THE SINNERS AND TAX COLLECTORS, THEY ASKED HIS  
...DISCIPLES, “WHY DOES HE EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?”

...17 ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, “IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY  
...WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE  
...RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS.”

...JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING  
...18 NOW JOHN’S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISEES WERE FASTING, SOME  
...PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, “HOW IS IT THAT JOHN’S DISCIPLES  
...AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISEES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE  
...NOT?”

...19 JESUS ANSWERED, “HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM  
...FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE  
...HIM WITH THEM. 20 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE  
...BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY

...9 ONE SEWS A PATCH OF UNWORN CLOTH ON AN OLD  
...CLOTH, OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE  
...OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 22 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE  
...INTO OLD WINESKINS, OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS,  
...AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY  
...POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS.”  
...JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH  
...23 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND  
...AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS  
...OF GRAIN. 24 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, “LOOK, WHY ARE THEY  
...DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?”  
...25 HE ANSWERED, “HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE  
...AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 26 IN THE DAYS  
...OF ABIATHAR THE HIGH PRIEST, HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD AND  
...ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD, WHICH IS LAWFUL ONLY FOR PRIESTS  
...TO EAT, AND HE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HIS COMPANIONS.”  
...27 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, “THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT  
...MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 28 SO THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE  
...SABBATH.”

...JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH  
...1 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN  
...WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 2 SOME OF THEM WERE  
...LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, SO THEY WATCHED HIM  
...CLOSELY TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 3 JESUS  
...SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, “STAND UP IN FRONT  
...OF EVERYONE.”

...4 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, “WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH, TO  
...DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE LIFE OR TO KILL?” BUT THEY  
...REMAINED SILENT.

...5 HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND, DEEPLY DISTRESSED  
...AT THEIR STUBBORN HEARTS, SAID TO THE MAN, “STRETCH OUT YOUR  
...HAND.” HE STRETCHED IT OUT, AND HIS HAND WAS COMPLETELY  
...RESTORED. 6 THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT  
...WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

...CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS  
...7 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE  
...CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 8 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL  
...HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA,  
...JERUSALEM, IDUMEA, AND THE REGIONS ACROSS THE JORDAN AND  
...AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 9 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS  
...DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE  
...PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 10 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT  
...THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 11  
...WHENEVER THE IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE  
...HIM AND CRIED OUT, “YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD.” 12 BUT HE GAVE  
...THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

...JESUS APPOINTS THE TWELVE  
...13 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE  
...HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 14 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT  
...THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO  
...PREACH 15 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 16  
...THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE  
...THE NAME PETER), 17 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN  
... (TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS “SONS OF  
...THUNDER”), 18 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, THOMAS,  
...JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE ZEBULONITE,  
...JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.  
...JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW  
...20 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED  
...SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 21  
...WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE  
...OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, “HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND.”  
...22 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM  
...JERUSALEM SAID, “HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL, BY THE PRINCE  
...OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS.”

...23 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO  
...THEM IN PARABLES, “HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 24 IF A

...STAND, 25 IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE  
...CANNOT STAND, AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED,  
...HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN  
...ENTER A STRONG MAN’S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP,  
...HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN’S HOUSE. 28 TRULY I TELL YOU,  
...PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER  
...UTTER, 29 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT  
...WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN.  
...30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, “HE HAS AN IMPURE  
...SPIRIT.”  
...31 THEN JESUS’ MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING  
...OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 32 A CROWD WAS  
...SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, “YOUR MOTHER AND  
...BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU.”  
...33 “WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?” HE ASKED.  
...34 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM  
...SAID, “HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 35 WHOEVER  
...GOD’S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.”

...THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER  
...4 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT  
...GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT  
...AND SAT IN IT OUT ON THE LAKE, WHILE ALL THE PEOPLE WERE  
...ALONG THE SHORE AT THE WATER’S EDGE. 2 HE TAUGHT THEM MANY  
...THINGS BY PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING SAID, 3 “LISTEN! A  
...FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. 4 AS HE WAS SCATTERING  
...SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND  
...ATE IT UP. 5 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH  
...SOIL. IT SPANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. 6  
...WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY  
...WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG  
...THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT THEY  
...DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL,  
...CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY  
...SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES.”

...9 THEN JESUS SAID, “WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR.  
...10 WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUND HIM  
...ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 HE TOLD THEM, “THE SECRET OF  
...THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO THOSE  
...OUTSIDE EVERYTHING IS SAID IN PARABLES. 12 SO THAT,

...“THEY MAY BE EVER SEEING BUT NEVER PERCEIVING,  
...AND EVER HEARING BUT NEVER UNDERSTANDING,  
...OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT TURN AND BE FORGIVEN!”

...13 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, “DON’T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS  
...PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? THE  
...FARMER SOWS THE WORD, 15 SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG  
...THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN. AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN  
...COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 16  
...OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD AT  
...ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY, 17 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT,  
...THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION  
...COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 18  
...OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, 19  
...BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND  
...THE DESIRES FOR OTHER THINGS COME IN AND CHOKE THE WORD, 20  
...SO THAT IT BECOMES UNFRUITFUL. 21 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL,  
...HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY,  
...SOME FIFTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN.”

...22 HE SAID TO THEM, “DO YOU BRING IN A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER  
...A BUSH OR UNDER A BED? INSTEAD, DON’T YOU PUT IT ON ITS STAND?  
...23 THAT WHICH IS HIDDEN WILL BE BROUGHT FORTH, AND WHAT IS  
...CONCEALED WILL BE BROUGHT FORTH AND TOLD TO THE OPEN. 24  
...WHY DO YOU HAIRY EARS TO HEAR LITTLE WITH HEARING?”

...24 CONSIDER CAREFULLY HOW YOU MEASURE. BY THE MEASURE YOU USE,  
...IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU—AND MORE.