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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

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

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Gospel – a book – salvation – the news of a _____

John the Baptizer

- Who he is
- A message of _____
- Significance of his appearance
- Significance of his ministry in the _____

The _____

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 OUTSIDE EVERYTHING IS SAID IN PARABLES. 12 SO THAT,
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 AND EVER HEARING BUT NEVER UNDERSTANDING.
 13 OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT TURN AND BE FORGIVEN!"

14 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS
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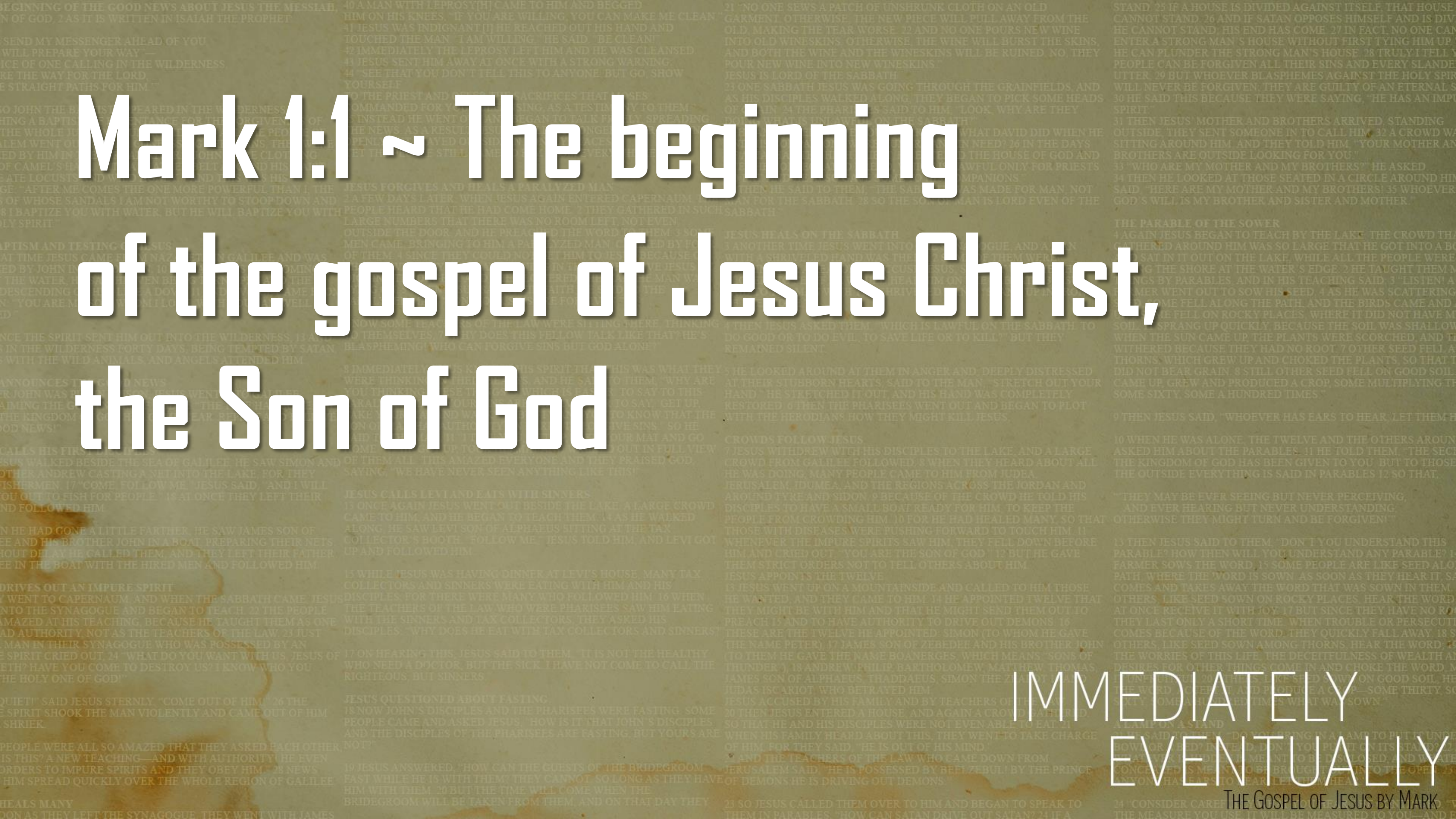
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11 TO BE BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. 12 JOHN WORE A GARMENT
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14 SWORD IN IT. 15 "I BATHE YOU WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,
16 "BUT HE WHO STANDS BEFORE ME WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

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18 SON OF MAN. WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO STOOP DOWN AND
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BAPTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS

21 AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS
22 BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 23 JUST AS JESUS WAS COMING UP
24 FROM THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE
25 SON OF GOD DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 26 AND A VOICE CAME FROM
27 HEAVEN, SAYING, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE, WITH YOU I AM WELL
28 PLEASED."

29 AT ONCE THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS. 30 AND
31 HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS FORTY DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN.
32 AND THE ANGELS ATTENDED HIM.

JESUS ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS

33 AFTER JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE
34 TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 35 "THE TIME HAS COME," HE
36 SAID, "AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE
37 IN THE GOOD NEWS!"

JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

38 JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE. HE SAW SIMON AND
39 HIS BROTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY
40 WERE FISHERMEN. 41 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL
42 MAKE YOU OUT TO BE FISH FOR PEOPLE." 43 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR
44 NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

45 WHEN HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF
46 ZEBOEDIE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS.
47 HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER
48 ZEBOEDIE IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

JESUS DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT

49 JESUS WENT TO CAPERNAUM. AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, JESUS
50 WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 51 THE PEOPLE
52 WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE
53 WHO HAD AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 54 JUST
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59 ARE, THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"

60 JESUS SAID QUIETLY, "COME OUT OF HIM!" 61 THE
62 SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM.
63 THE PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER,
64 "WHAT IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING—AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN
65 COMMANDS THE IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM!" 66 NEWS
67 OF HIM SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

JESUS HEALS MANY

68 AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES
69 AND JOSEPH. AND THEY CAME TO NAZARETH. AND HE WENT INTO
70 THE SYNAGOGUE AS USUAL. AND HE STOOD UP TO READ. 71 AND HE
72 FOUND THE ROLL OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH. AND HE UNROLLED IT
73 AND HE FOUND WHERE IT WAS WRITTEN,
74 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
75 "BECAUSE HE HAS ANointed ME TO
76 PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.
77 HE HAS SENT ME TO
78 PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE
79 CAPTIVES,
80 "TO BRING ABOUT THE
81 OPENING OF THE EYE
82 OF THE BLIND,
83 "TO SEND US
84 BACK WITH LIBERTY
85 AND PRAISE
86 OF THE LORD."
87 AND HE ROLLED UP THE ROLL
88 AND HE GAVE IT TO THE
89 ATTENDANTS. 90 AND HE
91 BEGAN TO SAY,
92 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD
93 IS WITH ME,
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JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

141 A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE
142 PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 143 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH
144 LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN
145 OUTSIDE THE DOOR. AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 146 SOME
147 MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR
148 OF THEM. 149 SINCE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF
150 THE CROWD, THEY MADE AN OPENING IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY
151 DIGGING THROUGH IT AND THEN LOWERED THE MAT THE MAN WAS
152 LYING ON. 153 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE
154 PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

155 NOW SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING
156 TO THEMSELVES, 157 "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S
158 BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT GOD ALONE?"

159 IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY
160 WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS. AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE
161 YOU THINKING THESE THINGS?" 162 WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY TO THIS
163 PARALYZED MAN, 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP,
164 TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?' 165 BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE
166 SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." SO HE
167 SAID TO THE MAN, 168 "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO
169 HOME." 170 HE GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW
171 OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE AND THEY PRAISED GOD,
172 SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS

173 ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A LARGE CROWD
174 CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 175 AS HE WALKED
176 ALONG, HE SAW LEVI SON OF ALPHEAUS SITTING AT THE TAX
177 COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT
178 UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

179 WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT LEVI'S HOUSE, MANY TAX
180 COLLECTORS AND SINNERS WERE EATING WITH HIM AND HIS
181 DISCIPLES, FOR THERE WERE MANY WHO FOLLOWED HIM. 182 WHEN
183 THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO WERE PHARISEES SAW HIM EATING
184 WITH THE SINNERS AND TAX COLLECTORS, THEY ASKED HIS
185 DISCIPLES, "WHY DOES HE EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?"

186 ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, "IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY
187 WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE
188 RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."

JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING

189 NOW JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISEES WERE FASTING. SOME
190 PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, "HOW IS IT THAT JOHN'S DISCIPLES
191 AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISEES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE
192 NOT?"

193 JESUS ANSWERED, "HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM
194 FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE
195 HIM WITH THEM. 196 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE
197 BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY
198 WILL FAST."

199 ONE SEWS A PATCH OF UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD
200 GARMENT. OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE
201 OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 202 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE
203 INTO OLD WINESKINS. OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS,
204 AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY
205 POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS."
206 JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH
207 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND
208 AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS
209 OF GRAIN. 210 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, "LOOK, WHY ARE THEY
211 DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?"
212 HE ANSWERED, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE
213 AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 214 IN THE DAYS
215 OF ABIATHAR THE HIGH PRIEST, HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD AND
216 ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD, WHICH IS LAWFUL ONLY FOR PRIESTS
217 TO EAT, AND HE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HIS COMPANIONS."
218 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT
219 MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 220 SO THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE
221 SABBATH."

JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH

222 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN
223 WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 224 SOME OF THEM WERE
225 LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, SO THEY WATCHED HIM
226 CLOSELY TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 227 JESUS
228 SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, "STAND UP IN FRONT
229 OF EVERYONE."

230 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH, TO
231 DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE LIFE OR TO KILL?" BUT THEY
232 REMAINED SILENT.

233 HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND, DEEPLY DISTRESSED
234 AT THEIR STUBBORN HEARTS, SAID TO THE MAN, "STRETCH OUT YOUR
235 HAND." HE STRETCHED IT OUT, AND HIS HAND WAS COMPLETELY
236 RESTORED. 237 THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT
238 WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS

239 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE
240 CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 241 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL
242 HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA,
243 JERUSALEM, IDUMEA, AND THE REGIONS ACROSS THE JORDAN AND
244 AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 245 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS
246 DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE
247 PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 248 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT
249 THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 250
251 WHENEVER THE IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE
252 HIM AND CRIED OUT, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD." 253 BUT HE GAVE
254 THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

JESUS APPOINTS THE TWELVE

255 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE
256 HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 257 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT
258 THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO
259 PREACH 260 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 261
262 THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE
263 THE NAME PETER), 264 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN
265 (TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS "SONS OF
266 THUNDER"), 267 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, THOMAS,
268 JAMES SON OF ALPHEAUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE ZALAIOT AND
269 JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM. 270 JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW
271 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED
272 SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 273
274 WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE
275 OF HIM FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND."
276 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM
277 JERUSALEM SAID, "HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL! BY THE PRINCE
278 OF DEMONS HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS."

279 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO
280 THEM IN PARABLES. "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 281 IF A
282 KINGDOM DIVIDES AGAINST ITSELF, HOW CAN IT STAND? 283 IF A
284 FAMIL

285 HOUSE DIVIDES AGAINST ITSELF, HOW CAN IT STAND? 286 IF SATAN
287 OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF, HOW CAN HE
288 STAND? HIS END HAS COME. 289 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN ENTER A
290 STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP. 291 HE CAN
292 PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 293 TRULY, I TELL YOU, ALL
294 PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER
295 UTTERED AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT. 296 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES
297 AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE
298 GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN. 299 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE
300 SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPURE SPIRIT."
301 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING
302 OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 303 A CROWD WAS
304 SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND
305 YOUR BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU."
306 HE ANSWERED, "WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?" HE
307 ASKED, "THEY WHO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHO SENDS ME."
308 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM
309 AND SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 310 WHOEVER
311 DOES THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHO SENDS ME, HE IS MY BROTHER
312 AND MY MOTHER AND MY SISTER."

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

312 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT
313 GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT
314 AND SAT IN IT OUT ON THE LAKE, WHILE ALL THE PEOPLE WERE
315 ALONG THE SHORE AT THE WATER'S EDGE. 316 HE TAUGHT THEM MANY
317 THINGS BY PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING SAID: 318 "LISTEN! A
319 FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. 320 AS HE WAS SCATTERING
321 THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND
322 ATE IT. 323 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE
324 MUCH SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW.
325 WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY
326 WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 327 OTHER SEED FELL
328 AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT
329 THEY DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 330 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL.
331 IT CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING
332 THIRTY TIMES, SOME FIFTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

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334 HEAR."

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336 HIM ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 337 HE TOLD THEM, "THE
338 SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO
339 THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE IT, EVERYTHING IS SAID IN PARABLES. 340
341 SO THAT THEY MAY SEE BUT NOT PERCEIVE, THEY MAY HEAR BUT
342 NOT UNDERSTAND. OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT TURN AND BE FORGIVEN."

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347 PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? 348
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351 THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN. AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN
352 COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 353
354 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD, AND
355 AT ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. 356 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT,
357 THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION
358 COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 359
360 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, BUT
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362 THE DESIRES FOR OTHER THINGS COME IN AND CHOKE THE WORD, AND
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365 GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY,
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367 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DO YOU BRING IN A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER
368 THE BUSH OR UNDER THE BED? INSTEAD, DON'T YOU PUT IT ON ITS
369 STAND? 370 THE LIGHT OF THE LAMP IS NOT TO BE HIDDEN, AND
371 WHAT IS CONCEALED IS MEANT TO BE BROUGHT OUT INTO THE OPEN. 372
373 WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."

374 CONSIDER CAREFULLY HOW YOU MEASURE. FOR THE MEASURE YOU
375 USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU—AND MORE.

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HE SAW HEAVEN BEING OPENED
AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING
ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 14 HE SAW
ALSO ANGELS SERVING HIM.

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AND THEY WENT TO BED. 35
JESUS SAID TO THEM, “LEAVE
THIS HOUSE, GO OUT TO THE
VILLAGES AROUND HERE, AND
PREACH THE GOSPEL. HEAL EVERY
DISEASE AND EVERY SUFFERING.
I AM WITH YOU, AND I WILL
SUPPORT YOU.” 36 THEY WENT
TO THE VILLAGES AND PREACHED
THE GOSPEL. EVERYWHERE THEY
WENT, THEY HEALED MANY
DISEASES AND SUFFERINGS.

40 THEN THE LEPROSY [H] CAME TO HIM
AND BEGGED HIM ON HIS KNEES.
“IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN
MAKE ME CLEAN.” 41 JESUS WAS
INDIGNANT [H] HE REACHED OUT
HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE
MAN. “I AM WILLING,” HE SAID,
“BE CLEAN!” 42 IMMEDIATELY
THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM, AND HE
WAS CLEANSED. 43 JESUS SENT
HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A
STRONG WARNING, 44 “SEE THAT
YOU DON’T TELL THIS TO ANYONE,
BUT GO, SHOW YOURSELF
TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE
SACRIFICES THAT MOSES
COMMANDED FOR YOUR
CLEANSING, AS A TESTIMONY
TO THEM.” 45 INSTEAD HE
WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO TALK
FREELY, SPREADING THE NEWS.
AS A RESULT, JESUS COULD NO
LONGER ENTER A TOWN
OPENLY, BUT STAYED OUTSIDE
IN LONELY PLACES. YET THE
PEOPLE STILL CAME TO HIM
FROM EVERYWHERE.

JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN.
2. A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS
AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE
PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD
COME HOME. 3 THEY GATHERED
IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS THAT
THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT
EVEN OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND
HE PREACHED THE WORD TO
THEM. 4 SOME MEN CAME,
BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED
MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR. 5
BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT GET
HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF THE
CROWD, THEY MADE AN OPENING
IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY
UNRAVELING A MAT. 6 AFTER
HE SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID
TO THE MAN, “SON, YOUR SINS
ARE FORGIVEN.”

7 NOW SOME TEACHERS OF THE
LAW WERE SITTING THERE,
THINKING TO THEMSELVES, 8
“WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK
LIKE THAT? HE’S BLASPHEMING!
WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT
GOD ALONE?”

9 IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW
IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS
WHAT THEY WERE THINKING
IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID
TO THEM, “WHY ARE YOU
THINKING THIS? WHICH IS
EASIER, TO SAY TO THIS
PARALYZED MAN, ‘YOUR SINS
ARE FORGIVEN,’ OR TO SAY,
‘GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND
WALK?’ 10 IT WAS EASIER FOR
ME TO SAY, ‘YOUR SINS ARE
FORGIVEN,’ BUT I WANT YOU
TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF
MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH
TO FORGIVE SINS.” 11 SO HE
SAID TO THE PARALYZED
MAN, “GET UP, TAKE YOUR
MAT AND GO HOME.” 12 HE
STOOD UP AND WALKED OUT
IN FULL VIEW OF THEM ALL.
THIS AMAZED EVERYONE, AND
THEY PRAISED GOD, SAYING,
“WE HAVE NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE THIS!”

JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS.
13. ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT
OUT BESIDE THE LAKE, A LARGE
CROWD CAME TO HIM, AND HE
BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 14 AS
HE WALKED ALONG, HE SAW
LEVI SON OF ALPHEAUS SITTING
AT THE TAX COLLECTOR’S
BOOTH. “FOLLOW ME,” JESUS
TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT UP
AND FOLLOWED HIM.

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 WILL FAST.”

21 NO ONE SEWS A PATCH OF
UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD
GARMENT, 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 AHIATHAR
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
MOUNTAIN, 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 ZALAIOT, AND
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 KINGDOM
DIVIDES AGAINST ITSELF, IT
CANNOT STAND. IF A HOUSE
DIVIDES AGAINST ITSELF, IT
CANNOT STAND. IF SATAN
OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS
DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF,
HOW CAN HE STAND? 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,
ALL THE PEOPLE CAN BE
FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS,
AND EVERY SLANDER
UTTERED 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.”

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
EAT IT UP. 5 SOME FELL ON
ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT
DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL.
IT SPRANG 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 TIMES,
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? A FARMER
SOWS THE SEED. 14 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. 15 OTHERS
ARE LIKE SEED SOWN ON
ROCKY PLACES. THEY HEAR
THE WORD AT ONCE, 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.
16 STILL OTHERS ARE
LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG
THORNS. THEY HEAR THE
WORD, BUT THE WORRIES
OF THIS LIFE, THE
DECEITFULNESS OF
WEALTH, AND THE
DESIRE FOR OTHER
THINGS COME IN AND
CHOKE THE WORD,
SO IT DOES NOT
PRODUCE A CROP.” 17
OTHERS ARE LIKE
SEED SOWN ON GOOD
SOIL. THEY HEAR THE
WORD, ACCEPT IT, and
PRODUCE A CROP—SOME
THIRTY, SOME SIXTY,
SOME A HUNDRED
TIMES WHAT WAS
SOWN.”

18 HE SAID TO THEM, “DO
YOU BRING IN A LAMP TO
PUT IT UNDER THE
BUSH OR UNDER THE
BED? INSTEAD, DON’T YOU
PUT IT ON ITS STAND?
20 THE LIGHT OF THE
LAMP IS NOT MEANT TO BE
HIDDEN, BUT TO BE
PLACED ON A STAND, SO
THAT EVERYONE WHO
WANTS TO SEE IT CAN
COME AND SEE IT.”

21 HE SAID TO THEM, “WHOEVER
WANTS TO BE A RULER OF
THE CHURCH MUST FIRST
BE A SLAVE OF ALL. WHOEVER
WANTS TO BE FIRST
MUST BE LAST AND
SERVANT OF ALL. WHOEVER
WANTS TO BE FIRST
MUST BE LAST AND
SERVANT OF ALL. WHOEVER
WANTS TO BE FIRST
MUST BE LAST AND
SERVANT OF ALL.”

...GIVING OF THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH, 7 AS IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET: "I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY"—THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS, TO MAKE THE WAY FOR THE LORD, TO BRING THE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM."

...SO JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE WILDERNESS, PREACHING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. THE WHOLE JUDAEA AND ALL THE JERUSALEM WENT OUT TO BE BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN. WHEN HE SAW THAT HE WAS NOT OF CAMEL'S HAIR, HE SAID, "I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WHO COMES AFTER ME IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I; THE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO TOUCH, AND HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE."

...AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 10 JUST AS HE WAS GETTING UP FROM THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING OPENED AND THE SPIRIT DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 11 HE SAW ALSO SEVEN VOICES SAYING, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHO I LOVE, AND YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN."

...SINCE THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS, 13 AND HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS FORTY DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN, 14 WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, AND ANGELS ATTENDED HIM.

...JESUS ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS
...FOR JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE, PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 15 HE SAID, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!"

...JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES
...JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE. HE SAW SIMON AND HIS BROTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN. 17 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE." 18 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

...WHEN HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW SIMON AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, MENDING THEIR NETS. 19 WITHOUT DELAY HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND WENT INTO THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MAN, JESUS.

...JESUS DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT
...JESUS WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, HE WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 22 THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE WHO HAS AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 23 JUST THEN A MAN IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE WHO WAS POSSESSED BY AN IMPURE SPIRIT CRIED OUT, 24 "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH? HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW WHO YOU ARE: THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"

...JESUS SAID, "QUIET!" JESUS STERNLY "COME OUT OF HIM!" 26 THE SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM. THE PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING—AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN ORDERS THE IMPURE SPIRITS TO OBEY HIM!" 28 NEWS OF THIS BEGAN TO SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

...JESUS HEALS MANY
...AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES

...AND LEPROSY [H]E CAME TO HIM AND BEGGED HIM ON HIS KNEES. "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN," HE SAID. 41 JESUS WAS INDIGNANT [H]E REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE MAN. "I AM WILLING," HE SAID, "BE CLEAN!" 42 IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CLEANSED. 43 JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING, 44 "SEE THAT YOU DON'T TELL THIS TO ANYONE, BUT GO, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE SACRIFICES THAT MOSES COMMANDED FOR YOUR CLEANSING, AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM."

...JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN
2 A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 3 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 4 SOME MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR. 5 BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, THEY MADE AN OPENING IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY UNWINDING A MAT AND THEN LOWERED THE MAT. THE MAN WAS LAYING ON THE MAT. WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

...SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING TO THEMSELVES, 7 "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT GOD ALONE?"

...JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS? 9 WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY TO THIS MAN, 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?' 10 I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS," SO HE SAID TO THE MAN, "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO." 11 THE MAN GOT UP AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE AND THEY PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

...JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS
13 ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE SEA, AND A LARGE CROWD CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. AS HE WALKED ALONG, HE SAW LEVI SON OF ALPHEAUS SITTING AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S STAND. HE CALLED HIM, AND HE FOLLOWED HIM. 14 AT THAT TIME SOME OF 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?"

...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?"

...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

...ONE SEWS A PATCH OF UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD GARMENT. 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, "GO AWAY HERE A LITTLE, AND REST A WHILE, SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO EAT." 10 THEY WENT AWAY TO REST, BUT JESUS DID NOT GO AWAY. 11 A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM, AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO EAT. 12 THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "GO AWAY HERE A LITTLE, AND REST A WHILE, SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO EAT." 13 THEY WENT AWAY TO REST, BUT JESUS DID NOT GO AWAY. 14 A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM, AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO EAT. 15 THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "GO AWAY HERE A LITTLE, AND REST A WHILE, SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO EAT." 16 THEY WENT AWAY TO REST, BUT JESUS DID NOT GO AWAY. 17 A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM, AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO EAT. 18 THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "GO AWAY HERE A LITTLE, AND REST A 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A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 2 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 3 SOME MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR OF THEM. 4 SINCE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, THEY MADE AN OPENING IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY DIGGING THROUGH IT AND THEN LOWERED THE MAT THE MAN WAS LYING ON. 5 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

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 ZEALOT AND 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 FOLLOWED, 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."

13 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? 14 A FARMER SOWS THE WORD, 15 AS SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG A PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN, AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEIR HEARTS. 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 STILL 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 BUT SOME, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, AND SOME HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

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