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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

FOLLOWING THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Mark 2:13–28

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The _____ of sinners

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Jesus’ authority to forgive sins (2:1–12)

_____ sins does Jesus forgive? (2:13–17)

Through what means Jesus forgives sin (2:18–28)

Jesus fights to stay on mission = _____ (2:13)

Jesus calls tax collector Levi (Matthew) to follow Him (2:14)

A banquet for the _____ (2:15)

Who doesn’t go to the doctor?

- Those who don’t know they are sick
- Those who have an idea, but don’t want to hear it
- Those who know, but believe it is incurable

Those who believe that faith is a _____
do not realize that no faith is a _____

Jesus is the perfect doctor:

- He is always available
- He makes house calls
- He always makes a perfect diagnosis
- He provides a complete cure
- He pays the medical bills

Grace is not compatible with the Pharisees’ system

A) The Sabbath was made for man

B) Jesus is LORD over the (_____) Sabbath

APTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS
AT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS
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THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE
DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 11 AND A VOICE CAME FROM
HEAVEN, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE, WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASED."
12 IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS BAPTISM, THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS, 13 AND
HE REMAINED IN THE WILDERNESS FORTY DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN,
14 AND WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, AND ANGELS ATTENDED HIM.
15 NOW JESUS ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS
16 AFTER JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE,
17 PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 18 "THE TIME HAS COME," HE
SAID, "AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE
THE GOOD NEWS!"
19 THEN JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES
20 AS JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE, HE SAW SIMON AND
21 HIS BROTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY
WERE FISHERMEN. 22 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL
23 MAKE YOU OUT TO FISH FOR PEOPLE." 24 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR
NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.
25 WHEN HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF
26 ZEBOEDI AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS
27 ALONG THE SHORE. HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER
28 IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRE MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

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 OF THEM. 5 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. 6 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."
7 NOW SOME OF THE PHARISES WHO WERE SITTING THERE THOUGHT TO THEMSELVES, "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S ONLY PHRASE-MONGERING. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO GOD IS!"
8 IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THEY WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS IN YOUR HEARTS? TO SAY, 'THIS PARALYZED MAN, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK,' IS EASY FOR ME TO DO. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." 10 HE SAID TO THE MAN, "I TELL YOU, GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME." 12 HE GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT, AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE, AND THEY PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"
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13 ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A LARGE CROWD CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 14 AS HE WENT 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.

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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 US NOW."
4 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH: TO
DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE LIVES OR TO KILL?" BUT THEY
REMAINED SILENT.
5 HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND, DEEPLY DISTRESSED
BY 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.

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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 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 15

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16 HE APPOINTED SIMON (WHO WAS NAMED PETER), AND JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE, AND JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE ZEALOT, AND JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.

17 HE CAME WITH HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW, AND ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED, SO THAT 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 BUT HE ANSWERED THEM AND SAID, "I AM NOT DOWN FROM HEAVEN, BUT I AM UP FROM THE DEAD. 23 I AM THE SON OF MAN, BUT I AM NOT A KING, BUT I AM A SERVANT, LIKE THE SON OF MAN, WHO MUST BE KILLED BY THE PRINCE OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS."

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

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, WHILE
THEY MAY BE EVER SEEING BUT NEVER PERCEIVING, AND
EVER HEARING BUT NEVER UNDERSTANDING, OTHERWISE THEY
MIGHT TURN AND BE FORGIVEN."

WHEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? ISN'T IT BECAUSE YOU SOW THE WORD, 15 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 THEM. 16 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD, AND AT ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. 17 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOTS, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 18 SOME OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE DESIRES FOR OTHER THINGS COME IN AND CHOKE THE WORD, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL. 20 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

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9 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 KNAVE, 19 AND JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.

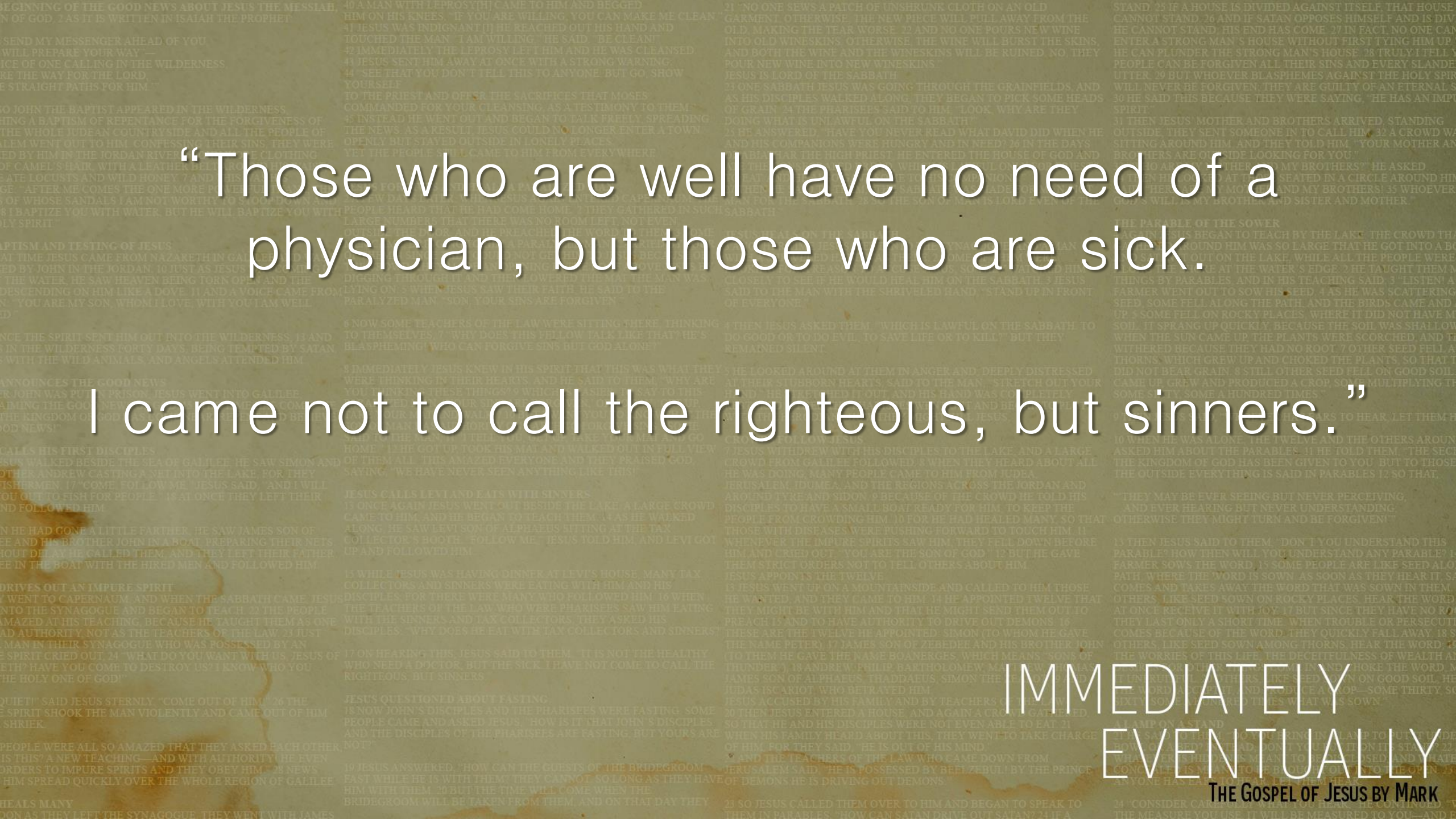
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24 "CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT YOU HEAR," HE CONTINUED. "FOR THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU—AND MORE."

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Jesus' authority to forgive sins (2:1-12)

WHOSE sins does Jesus forgive? (2:13-17)

Through what means Jesus forgives sin (2:18-28)

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OF GOD. 2 AS IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET:
"I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,
AND HE WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY —
A HIGHWAY OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS
TO MAKE THE WAY FOR THE LORD,
AND A STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM."

3 SO JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE WILDERNESS,
PREACHING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF
THE WHOLE JUDEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF
JERUSALEM WENT OUT TO HIM, CONFESSING THEIR SINS. THEY WERE
BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. 4 JOHN WORE CLOTHING
OF CAMEL'S HAIR, WITH A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST,
AND HE ATE LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 5 AND THIS WAS HIS
MESSAGE: "AFTER ME COMES THE ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN I, THE
SON OF WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO STOOP DOWN AND
UNLACE. 6 I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT."

BAPTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS

7 AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS
BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 8 JUST AS JESUS WAS COMING UP
OUT OF THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE
SON OF GOD DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 9 AND A VOICE CAME FROM
HEAVEN, SAYING, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHO I LOVE. WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASSED."

10 AND THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS. 11 AND
HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS FORTY DAYS, BEING TESTED BY SATAN.
12 AND HE WAS WITH THE WILDLIFE AND HE WAS WITH THE WILDLIFE.

13 AND HE ANNOUNCED TO THEM, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. REPENT AND BELIEVE
IN THE GOOD NEWS!"

14 AND HE CALLED HIS FIRST DISCIPLES. 15 AND WHEN HE SAW THE TWO
BROTHERS ANDREW AND SIMON, HE SAID TO THEM, "FOLLOW ME, AND I
WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN." 16 AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHERS
AND FOLLOVED HIM.

17 AND WHEN HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF
ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS.
18 AND HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHERS
AND FOLLOVED HIM.

DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT

19 AND HE WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, JESUS
WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 20 THE PEOPLE
WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE
HAVING AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 21 JUST
THEN A MAN IN THE SYNAGOGUE WHO WAS POSSESSED BY AN
IMPURE SPIRIT CRIED OUT, 22 "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!"

23 AND HE SAID JESUS STERNLY, "COME OUT OF HIM!" 24 AND THE
IMPURE SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM
WITH A GREAT SHRIEK.

25 AND ALL THE PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER,
"WHAT IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING—AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN
COMMANDS THE IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM!" 26 AND THE
NEWS OF HIS DEEDS SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

HEALS MANY

27 AND AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES

AND JOHN, WITH LEPROSY. 28 HE CAME TO HIM AND BEGGED
HIM TO HEAL HIS KNEES. 29 "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN!"
30 AND JESUS WAS INDIGNANT. 31 HE REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND
TOUCHED THE MAN. 32 "I AM WILLING," HE SAID, "BE CLEAN!"
33 AND IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CLEANSSED.
34 AND JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING,
35 "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."
36 BUT 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.
37 YET THE PEOPLE STILL CAME TO HIM FROM EVERYWHERE.

JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

1 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 MAN THE MAN WAS
LYING ON. 5 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE
PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

6 NOW 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?"

8 AND JESUS KNEW THEIR THOUGHTS. HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY DO YOU
THINK LIKE THIS? 9 WHICH IS EASIER TO SAY, 'YOUR SINS ARE
FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?' 10 BUT I
WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON
EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." 11 AND HE SAID TO THE PARALYZED
MAN, "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO TO YOUR HOME."
12 AND HE GOT UP AND WENT TO HIS HOME.

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 ALPHAEUS SITTING AT THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. 15 "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT
UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

16 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. 17 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?"

18 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

19 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?"

20 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. 21 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE
BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY
WILL FAST."

22 ONE DAY JESUS SAW A PATCH OF OLD WINE IN A CUP AND HE
SAID TO THEM, "WHY DO YOU PUT OLD WINE IN NEW WINE
SKINS? OTHERWISE, THE NEW WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS,
AND THE WINE AND THE SKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY
POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINE SKINS." 23 JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH.
24 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND
AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS
OF GRAIN. 25 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, "LOOK, WHY ARE THEY
DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?" 26 HE ANSWERED,
"HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND
HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 27 IN THE DAYS
OF ABIAHAR 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." 28 THEN HE
SAID TO THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT
MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 29 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 AND JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND HE SAID, "I WANT YOU TO
KNOW THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. 6 NOW I AM
RESTORED TO YOU. 7 THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT
WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL HIM."

CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS

1 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO A DESERT PLACE, AND A LARGE
CROWD FOLLOWED HIM. 2 WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT ALL
HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JERUSALEM,
JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, AND THE REGIONS AROUND THE JORDAN AND
AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 3 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS
DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE
PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 4 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT
THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 5
WHenever the IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE
HIM AND CRIED OUT, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!" 6 BUT HE GAVE
THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

7 JESUS APPOINTED THE TWELVE. 8 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE
HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 9 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT
THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO
PREACH. 10 AND HE GAVE THEM AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 11
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THUNDER"), 13 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW THE
TAX COLLECTOR, 14 THOMAS THE TWIN, 15 JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS,
THADDAEUS, SIMON THE CANNER, 16 JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.
17 JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW.

18 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED
SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 19
WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE
OF HIM. FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND!" 20 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."

21 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO
THEM IN PARABLES. 22 "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 23 IF A

MAN STANDS AGAINST HIMSELF, HE IS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF. THAT MAN
CANNOT STAND. 24 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED
HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 25 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN
ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP.
26 THEN HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 27 TRULY I TELL YOU,
PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER
UTTERED AGAINST THEM. 28 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN.
29 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPURE
SPIRIT."

30 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING
OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 31 A CROWD WAS
SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND
BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU."

32 "WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?" HE ASKED.
33 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM
AND SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 34 WHOEVER
GOD'S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

1 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 SPANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW.
WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY
WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 6 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG
THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT THEY
DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 7 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL.
IT GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY
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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, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD
AT ONCE, RECEIVE IT WITH JOY, 16 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. 17
STILL OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD,
18 BUT SINCE THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH,
AND THE DESIRES OF OTHER THINGS CHOKE THE WORD, IT DOES NOT
PRODUCE A CROP. 19 SOME, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR
THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME
SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

20 THEN JESUS STOOD UP AND WENT INTO A BOAT. THE CROWD
FOLLOWED HIM. 21 HE SAID TO THEM, "DON'T FOLLOW ME IN BOATS
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"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? IS A FARMER SOWS THE WORD, 15 SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG A PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, 16 SATAN COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 17 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 18 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, 19 BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE DESIRE FOR THINGS REMAIN AND CHOKE THE WORD. 20 IT TAKES ROOT FOR A WHILE, BUT SINCE IT IS LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HE WILL BEAR A HUNDRED- AND FIFTY- AND THIRTY- AND SIXTYFOLD MORE THAN HE SOWN."

21 I AM ON A STAND
22 I SAID TO THEM: "GO AND BRING IN A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER A BOWL OF COVERED POT, DON'T YOU PUT IT ON ITS STAND? 22 WHAT WOULD THE DARKNESS MAN, TO BE COVERED AND WHAT? 23 CONGREGATION IS MAN TO BE COVERED TO THE OWN. 24 ANYONE HAS EATEN THE BREAD OF LIFE, HE WILL BE COVERED TO THE OWN."

24 "CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT YOU HEAR, FOR TO WHOM THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU--AND YOU WILL GIVE MORE."

IMMEDIATELY
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

OF GOD. 2 AS IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET

SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,
HE WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY —
A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS
TO MAKE THE WAY FOR THE LORD,
TO STRAIGHTEN PATHS FOR HIM."

JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE WILDERNESS,
PREACHING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF
THE WHOLE JUDEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF
JERUSALEM WENT OUT TO HIM, CONFESSING THEIR SINS. THEY WERE
BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. 6 JOHN WORE CLOTHING
OF CAMEL'S HAIR, WITH A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST,
EATING LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 7 AND THIS WAS HIS
MESSAGE: "AFTER ME COMES THE ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN I, THE
SON OF WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO STOOP DOWN AND
UNLACE. 8 I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT."

BAPTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS

AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS
BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 10 JUST AS JESUS WAS COMING UP
OUT OF THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE
SON OF GOD DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 11 AND A VOICE CAME FROM
HEAVEN, SAYING, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHO I LOVE, WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASED."

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

THE SPIRIT ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS
AND JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY. 14 JOHN WAS PUT IN
PRISON FOR PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
15 JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY FOR THE SON OF GOD.

THE SON OF GOD CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

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

ON THE NEXT DAY HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER. HE SAW JAMES SON OF
ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS.
HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE
IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

JESUS DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT

HE WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, JESUS
WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 22 THE PEOPLE
WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE
HAVING AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 23 JUST
THEN A MAN IN THE 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!"

"BE QUIET!" SAID JESUS STERNLY. "COME OUT OF HIM!" 26 THE
IMPURE SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM
WITH A SHRIEK.

THE PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER,
"WHAT IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING—AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN
COMMANDS THE IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM." 28 NEWS
OF THIS SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

JESUS HEALS MANY

ON AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES

AND JOHN TO A VILLAGE. THERE HE HEALED MANY WHO HAD
LEPROSY. 34 HE WENT TO A VILLAGE AND BEGGED
THEM TO FOLLOW HIM. "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN." 35
JESUS WAS INDIGNANT. 36 HE REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND
TOUCHED THE MAN. "I AM WILLING," HE SAID, "BE CLEAN!" 37
IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CLEANSED. 38
JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING,
39 "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." 40
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

A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE
PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 7 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH
LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN
OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 8 SOME
MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR
OF THEM. 9 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 MAN THE MAN WAS
LYING ON. 5 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE
PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

NOW 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?"

IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY
WERE THINKING. 10 HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY DO YOU THINK LIKE
THIS? WHY DO YOU SAY IN YOUR HEARTS, 'WHY DOES THIS FELLOW
TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT
GOD ALONE?' 11 BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS SAYING. HE
SAYS WHAT HE WANTS, AND HE'S RIGHT. FOR HE SAYS TO THE MAN
WHOSE SINS HE FORGIVES, 'GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT, AND GO HOME.' 12
HE GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT, 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

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 ALPHAEUS SITTING AT THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT
UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

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?"

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

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 SLEWS A PATCH OF NEW WINE INTO OLD WINE. OTHERWISE, THE NEW WINE
WOULD RUIN THE OLD WINE. 21 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." 22 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

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."

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.

HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND DEEPLY DISTRESSED,
AND HE SAID TO THEM, "HOW LONG WILL YOU STAND HERE? YOUR
HEARTS ARE NOT RIGHT. I WILL HEAL YOUR HANDS TODAY, BUT YOUR
SINS WILL REMAIN. 10 THEN HE SAID TO THE PHARISEES AND TO THE
JEWY, "HOW LONG WILL YOU STAND HERE? YOUR HEARTS ARE NOT
RIGHT. I WILL HEAL YOUR HANDS TODAY, BUT YOUR SINS WILL REMAIN."

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. 13 JESUS APPOINTED THE TWELVE
DISCIPLES. 14 HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE
HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 15 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT
THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO
PREACH. 16 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 17
THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE
THE NAME PETER), 18 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN
(TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS "SONS OF
THUNDER"), 19 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, THOMAS
JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE CANANAEAN,
JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM. 20 JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY
TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 21 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD
GATHERED SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 22
WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE
OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND." 23 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."

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 MAN STANDS AGAINST HIMSELF, HE CANNOT STAND. 26
AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED, HE CANNOT STAND.
27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP.
28 THEN HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 29 TRULY I TELL YOU,
ALL THESE THINGS I AM DOING AND THE THINGS I WILL DO, NO ONE CAN
TAKE THEM FROM ME. 30 THE PEOPLE WHO SAY, 'WE CAN FORGIVE ALL
THEIR SINS AND EVERY Slanderer who slanders me, I will forgive him.'
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 AND SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY
BROTHERS! 35 WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD, GOD'S WILL IS MY
BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

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.
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.
IT CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY
SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

THEN JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."

WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUND
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!"

THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS
PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE? IF
A 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 SINCE THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH
AND THE DESIRES OF OTHERS CHOKE THEM, THEY DO NOT BEAR THE
WORD. 20 ONLY THE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD,
PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED
TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

HE SAID TO THEM, "DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PARABLE? IF
YOU DO NOT, HOW CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THE OTHER PARABLES?
22 THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE A MAN WHO SOWS SEED. 23
HE SOWS SEED IN DIFFERENT PLACES. 24 SOME SEED FALLS ON
GOOD SOIL, AND IT PRODUCES A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY,
SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

CONSIDER CAREFULLY HOW YOU USE THE MEASURE YOU USE. IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU—AND

A banquet for the MAFIA (2:15)

IMMEDIATELY EVENTUALLY

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

Who doesn't go to the doctor?

- Those who don't know they are sick
- Those who have an idea, but don't want to hear it
- Those who know they are sick, but believe it is incurable

IMMEDIATELY EVENTUALLY

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

Those who believe that faith is a CRUTCH

do not realize that no faith is a MORGUE

IMMEDIATELY
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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

Jesus is the perfect doctor:

- He is always available
- He makes house calls
- He always makes a perfect diagnosis
- He provides a complete cure
- He pays the medical bills

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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

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 THE WORD, RECEIVE IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME
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23 HE SAID TO THEM, "TO YOU, EVERYTHING IS REVEALED. BUT TO
 THOSE OUTSIDE, EVERYTHING IS IN PARABLES. 24 WHOEVER
 WANTS TO TAKE THE MEASURE THEY USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO THEM—AND
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A) The Sabbath was made for man

B) Jesus is LORD over the (EVERYTHING) Sabbath

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The Gospel of Jesus by Mark