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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, **3** the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," **4** John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. **13** And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.



There is One God in Three Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) Our Sin has taken us out of relationship with God.

Jesus was obedient to death on a cross so that if we accept that Gift we can be brought back into the "dance".



1. What does repent mean? p. 15

2. What is the difference in the Gospel (Good News) and religion (good advice)? pp. 16-17

3. What is the good news of the Kingdom of God? p. 18

4. What does Jesus mean when He says in Luke 14:26, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters— yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple."? pp. 20-21

5. How is radically following Jesus different than radically following a religion (advice)? pp. 21–22

6. How did Jesus prove His authority? pp. 23-24

7. How is the Christian life similar to the story of the little girl following the thread? pp. 25-27

8. How did Jesus follow His "thread" so I can follow mine? p. 27



Jesus Begins His Ministry

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. **22** And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes...

Jesus Heals Many

29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **30** Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. **31** And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.



Jesus calls us to turn away from "good advice" and turn to Him, the "Good News," that "followed His thread to the Cross, so I could follow mine into His arms."



1. What does Jesus do when life gets busy and demanding? How is this different than how we respond? pp. 28-29

2. What is Jesus saying the paralytic (and our) main problem is? pp. 29-30

3. Why would it be the worst joke that Jesus could play on the paralyzed man if all He did was heal him physically? pp. 30–32

4. In looking at the story of Eustace, why did Aslan have to step in to make him a boy again? How is that similar to us and Jesus? pp. 32-35

5. Why can Jesus forgive the paralyzed man's sins? pp. 35-36

6. "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?" Why is Jesus not just another miracle worker? pp. 36-38

7. Why is Jesus our true deepest wish? p. 38

Mark 1:35-2:12

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. **36** And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, **37** and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." **38** And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. **3** And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. **4** And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, **7** "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"



We all have a sin problem that ourselves or our desires cannot fix.

Jesus is our true deepest desire because He is the only one that can, and has, fixed our problem by going to the cross in our place... all He calls us to do is accept the gift.



1. What was the difference in Jesus's and the Pharisees' (Jewish Religious Leaders) view of the Sabbath? pp. 39-41

2. What is the difference in the law for someone following "religion" and a Christian? pp. 41-44

3. What is the true Sabbath rest that we long for? How is Jesus that Sabbath rest for us? pp. 44-46

4. Why does Jesus's claims in the Bible not leave room for Him to be "just a good teacher."? pp. 46-48

5. How is both the "moralist" and the "self-discovery person" self righteous? How does that differ from the Gospel? pp. 48-51



Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. **24** And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" **25** And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: **26** how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" **27** And 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."

A Man with a Withered Hand

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. **2** And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. **3** And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." **4** And 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** And he looked around at

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Obedience to God should stem out of the desire to please the God who has given me everything, even His own Son.

Even when I am physically exerting myself, I can truly rest because of Christ.



1. What makes Mark's recording of these events authentic? pp. 52-53

2. What was so amazing about Jesus calming the storm? pp. 54-56

3. Why were the disciples more afraid after the storm was calmed? What is the difference between the power of the storm and the power of Jesus? pp. 56-59

4. Why is it not the amount of faith that we have, but the object of our faith that saves us? Is faith a virtue or a gift? pp. 59-60

5. How is Jesus the "greater Jonah"? How does that give us confidence that He will not abandon us in the "storms" we face? pp. 61-62



Jesus Calms a Storm

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



Jesus' power is unmatched by even the most powerful.

Jesus didn't abandon us in the ultimate storm, so we know He will not abandon us in the storms of everyday life.



1. What is patience? p. 63

2. Who was Jarius? Why did he fall at Jesus' feet? p. 64

3. Why would Jesus' patience to stop and talk with the healed woman be malpractice today? pp. 65-67

4. Does God's timing usually line up with ours? Would it be hard to feel loved by God if I impose my timing on Him? pp. 67-68

5. How did Jesus ask much more of the woman than she wanted, but also gave her much more than she was looking for? pp. 68–71

6. When suffering happens or God delays something in my life, how do I usually respond? If I don't trust Him, what am I ultimately saying? pp. 71-72

7. Why does Jesus say that the little girl is just asleep? pp. 72-73

8. How did Jesus loose hold of His Father's hand, so we could gain it? p. 74

SCRIPTURE → Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter

21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet **23** and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 And he went with him. And a areat crowd followed him and thronged about him. 25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, **26** and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. **28** For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" **31** And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?' " 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." 35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" **36** But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 38 They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." 40 And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. **41** Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.



"If you go to Jesus, he may ask of you far more than you originally planned to give, but he can give to you infinitely more than you dared ask or think." p. 71

We can trust Jesus because He gave up everything, so we could gain everything.



1. How did Jesus disagree with the religious leaders on how someone was declared unclean before God? pp. 76-77

2. Our world today says that "human nature is ultimately good," but why do we then "wrestle with profound feelings of guilt and shame"? pp. 78-79

3. What is Jesus saying is ultimately wrong with our world? Why will no political system, religion, or pop culture fix it? pp. 80-86

4. What are the similarities and differences between Joshua the High Priest and Jesus? pp. 86-91

5.What is the only way that we can be seen as "clean" before God? p. 91



Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, **2** they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. **3** (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, **4** and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) **5** And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

What Defiles a Person

14 And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." 17 And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

🕤 Mark 9:43-48

43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. **45** And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. **47** And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, **48** 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'



No matter how "advanced" our society or culture is, it will never cure the sinfulness of the human heart, but Jesus Christ can, and has, if we accept His Sacrifice for us .



1. Why did it take much boldness for the woman to approach Jesus? p. 93

2. What does Jesus mean when He references the "children" and "dogs"? pp. 94-95

3. What was the woman ultimately saying in her reply to Jesus? Why was her answer so profound? pp. 95–97

4. What are the two ways to fail to let Jesus be your Savior? Why is the second one just as bad as the first? pp. 97–98

5. How does Jesus heal the deaf/mute man? Why is it much different than the other miracles Jesus has done so far? pp. 99–101

6. Why is Mark's use of the language from Isaiah 35 significant? pp. 101– 102

Mark 7:24-37

The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. **25** But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. **26** Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." **28** But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." **29** And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." **30** And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. **34** And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." **35** And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



Jesus gave up His seat at the table for you and me Don't let your pride or self-loathing stand between you and Jesus's Gift.



1. Who does Peter say that Jesus is? pp. 103–104

2. Why did nobody in the Old Testament, even the disciples with Jesus, ever associate "The Messiah" with suffering? pp. 104–105

3. What is the difference between "false love" and "true love"? Why are none of us not fully capable of giving "true love"? pp. 106-108

4. What is the ultimate cost for someone when they forgive? pp. 109-110

5. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? pp. 111-112

6. Why must you lose yourself in order to gain your true self? pp. 113-116

7. Why did Peter get frustrated with Jesus? pp. 116-117

8. What are the differences in results when we "look for [ourselves]" compared to when we "look for Christ"? p. 118



Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" **28** And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." **29** And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." **30** And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." **34** And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **35** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses 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 soul? **37** For what can a man give in return for his soul? **38** For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."



True forgiveness always involves suffering of the forgiver.

Look to Christ, the one who chose to suffer for us, to find your true self in Him.



1. How is Jesus different from the prophets before Him that merely pointed to God? p. 123

2. What is the gap that Jesus bridges for us? What does Jesus bridging the gap give us? pp. 124-125

3. What is worship? Why will worship help the disciples get through what is to come? pp. 126–129

4. Why is the dad's helpless belief a picture of saving faith? pp. 129-132

5. How does worship prepare us for everyday life? p. 133

Mark 9:2-29

The Transfiguration

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, **3** and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. **4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. **5** And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." **6** For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7** And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." **8** And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. **9** And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10** So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. **11** And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" **12** And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? **13** But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. **21** And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, " 'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."



Experiencing what we know to be true is Worship that fuels us to face whatever life brings our way.



1. Why is the center of Christianity always moving? pp. 134-136

2. How was the view of the wealthy people back then generally different than today? Why did this view make the disciples say "who then can be saved?" pp. 136–140

3. Why did the rich young ruler come to Jesus to ask how to inherit eternal life? pp. 141–142

4. What was Jesus's answer to the rich young ruler ultimately saying? pp. 142–145

5. Though the teacher of the law agrees with Jesus's answer, why does Jesus say he is "close to the Kingdom of God," but not there? pp. 145-148

6. How is Jesus the "ultimate" rich young ruler? How should that change our attitude toward money? pp. 148–150



The Rich Young Man

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother." 20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." **21** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

🕞 Mark 12: 28-34

The Great Commandment

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which 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 is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.



The salvation of anyone is a Miracle from God.

Christ was the richest ever, but gave it all up for us.



1. What was the purpose for Jesus "coming" to Earth and dying? pp. 151-154

2. Why can't God just simply say He forgives us? What is the cost of lifechanging love? pp. 154–158

3. What is the irony of James and John's request? pp. 158-160

4. How does God call us to live amongst those who don't believe the same as we do? Who was the perfect example of this? pp. 161-163

5. Why is doing "self-less" acts to make yourself feel good or earn something still "selfish"? How do we become truly unselfish? pp. 163-166

Mark 10:32-45

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, **33** saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. **34** And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

The Request of James and John

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." **36** And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" **37** And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." **38** Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" **39** And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized?" **39** And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, **40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." **41** And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. **42** And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Christ came to serve and be a ransom for us.

We sacrificially love because Christ first sacrificially loved us.



1. Why is Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey significant? pp. 167-169

2. Why was Jesus being an advocate for the Gentiles instead of kicking them out of the temple? Why would that not fit what a Jewish reader would believe about the Messiah? pp. 170–174

3. How does the parable of the fig tree relate to the Israelites of the day? How does it relate to many "Christians" in our day? pp. 174–176

4. Is my end goal as a Christian to be a nicer and more moral person, or a more complete person? Why and how is it possible? pp.176-177



The Triumphal Entry

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples **2** and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. **3** If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.' " **4** And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. **5** And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" **6** And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. **7** And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. **8** And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. **9** And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "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** And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

12 On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. **13** And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. **16** And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. **17** And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." **18** And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching.



Christ came to bring salvation to all people who believe in Him.

Christ ransomed us to make us how we were designed to be.



1. What is the Jewish the celebration of Passover? pp. 178–179

2. What is the significance of Jesus referring to His body and blood as the bread and wine at the Passover meal? pp. 179–182

3. What is the connection between Jesus and the lamb at Passover? 182– 183

4. How do the two examples on pages 183–184 describe Jesus's substitutionary sacrifice for us?

5. How does the eating of the meal at Passover represent accepting Jesus's gift of salvation? pp. 184–186

6. How does this Passover meal represent Jesus creating a "new family"? pp. 186–187

7. How does the Lord's Supper (Communion) ultimately remind us of the hope we have now and for eternity? pp. 187-188



The Passover with the Disciples

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 13 And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, 14 and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." 16 And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.



Institution of the Lord's Supper

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." **23** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. **24** And 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 again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."



Jesus is the ultimate and last sacrificial lamb.

If we accept Jesus's sacrifice on our behalf, we have no fear of death, but hope of eternal life.



1. What was the difference in the way Jesus faced death compared to early Christians dying for their faith? Why? pp. 189–190

2. What does the "cup" symbolize? pp. 192-193

3. Why is it that "if you want a loving God, you have to have an angry God"? How does God's anger prove you to be valuable in His eyes? pp. 194–195

4. How does Jesus display the perfect response to suffering in His prayer? pp. 195–198

5. Why is Jesus's love for us on the Cross the love we have been looking for all our lives? pp. 198–199

Mark 14:32-36

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

32 And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." **33** And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. **34** And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." **35** And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36** And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.



What Jesus went through on the Cross was far worse than we could ever imagine.

Jesus willing went to the Cross because of His love for us and hate towards sin.



1. How were the students morals shaped by Christianity? pp. 200-203

2. Why is the Kingdom of God a "reverse Kingdom"? pp. 203–204

3. How did Judas and Peter both misunderstand Jesus's revolution? pp. 204-207

4. Why would Jesus only as an example crush us? pp. 207-209

5. How does the Kingdom of God free us from the most precious things in the Kingdom of this world? pp. 209-211



Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

43 And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. **44** Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." **45** And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. **46** And they laid hands on him and seized him. **47** But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. **48** And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? **49** Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." **50** And they all left him and fled.

A Young Man Flees

51 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, **52** but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.



The Kingdom of God is an upside down Kingdom.

Christ's death frees us to be able to live a life that is not enslaved by the temporary things of this world.



1. What is Jesus making known when He answers the High Priest? p. 213

2. Why is it ironic that Jesus is under judgement? p. 214

3. Why is Pilate trying to get out of trying Jesus? pp. 215-216

4. How was the darkness during Jesus's crucifixion not just weird weather? What did the darkness symbolize? pp. 218–220

5. How was Jesus forsaken on the Cross? Why was that a big deal? pp. 220-221

6. How does spiritual darkness cause disorientation just like physical darkness? pp. 221-225

7. What is the significance of the curtain in the temple tearing when Jesus dies? pp. 226-227

8. How is Jesus on the cross, though as awful as it was, the most beautiful thing we could ever see? pp. 228-231



Jesus Before the Council

53 And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. 54 And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. 56 For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. 57 And some stood up and 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, not made with hands." " 59 Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. 65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.



Jesus Delivered to Pilate

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. **2** And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." **3** And the chief priests accused him of many things. **4** And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." **5** But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. **7** And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. **8** And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. **9** And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" **10** For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. **11** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. **12** And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" **13** And they cried out again, "Crucify him." **14** And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." **15** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

21 And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. **22** And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). **23** And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. **24** And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. **25** And it was the third hour when they crucified him. **26** And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." **27** And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. **29** And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, **30** save yourself, and come down from the cross!" **31** So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; 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 also reviled him.

The Death of Jesus

33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. **34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **35** And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." **36** And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." **37** And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. **38** And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. **39** And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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What seemed to be the worst thing that could ever happen, was the most beautiful display of God's love for us.



1. What is Mark trying to get across when he keeps mentioning the women in the story? pp. 233–234

2. Why was nobody expecting a resurrection, even though Jesus told them several times? pp. 235-237

3. How do we know that people actually saw Jesus after His death and not just a ghost or a hallucination? pp. 238-239

4. What does Jesus's resurrection prove? pp. 240-242

5. What does the resurrection mean for us now, if we believe? How does Joni Eareckson Tada explain it? pp. 242-245

6. Why was important for the disciples to see Jesus's scars? How do the scars give us hope? pp., 245-246

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37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. **38** And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. **39** And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" **40** There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. **41** When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

Jesus Is Buried

42 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, **43** Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **44** Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. **45** And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. **46** And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. **47** Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

The Resurrection

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" **4** And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. **5** And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. **6** And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."



The proof of the resurrection of Jesus gives us Hope for eternity that God will make everything bad come untrue.

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