

## Mark 1:1-8

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

2 It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” -

3 “a voice of one calling in the desert,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

4 And so John came,

baptizing in the desert region

and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 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 made of camel’s hair,

with a leather belt around his waist,

and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And this was his message:

“After me will come one more powerful than I,

the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

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

## Mark 1:21-28

- 21 They 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 who had authority,  
not as the teachers of the law.
- 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil 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!”
- 25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!”
- 26 The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.
- 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other,  
“What is this? A new teaching -- and with authority!  
He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.”
- 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

## Mark 2:13-17

- 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.  
"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."

## Mark 3:1-6

- 1 Another time he 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.

## Mark 4:35-41

- 35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples,  
"Let us go over to the other side."
- 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat.  
There were also other boats with him.
- 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat,  
so that it was nearly swamped.
- 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.
- The disciples woke him and said to him,  
"Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
- 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"  
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
- 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- 41 They were terrified and asked each other,  
"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

## Mark 5:24-34

- 24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.  
25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.  
26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had,  
yet instead of getting better she grew worse.  
27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,  
28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."  
29 Immediately her bleeding stopped  
and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.
- 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him.  
He turned around in the crowd and asked,  
"Who touched my clothes?"  
31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered,  
"and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"  
32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.  
33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her,  
came and fell at his feet and,  
trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.  
34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you.  
Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

## Mark 6:45-52

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida,  
while he dismissed the crowd.

46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

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

48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.

About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake.

He was about to pass by them,

49 but when they saw him walking on the lake,  
they thought he was a ghost.

They cried out, <sup>50</sup> because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said,

“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.

They were completely amazed,

52 for they had not understood about the loaves;  
their hearts were hardened.

## Mark 7:31-37

- 31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon,  
down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.
- 32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk,  
and they begged him to place his hand on the man.
- 33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd,  
Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears.  
Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.
- 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him,  
"Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!").
- 35 At this, the man's ears were opened,  
his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.
- 36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone.  
But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.
- 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement.  
"He has done everything well," they said.  
"He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## Mark 8:27-33

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.

On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

28 They replied,

"Some say John the Baptist;  
others say Elijah;  
and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

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

32 He spoke plainly about this,  
and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter.

"Get behind me, Satan!" he said.

"You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

## Mark 9:2-8

- 2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him  
and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone.  
There he was transfigured before them.
- 3 His clothes became dazzling white,  
whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.
- 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses,  
who were talking with Jesus.
- 5 Peter said to Jesus,  
"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here.  
Let us put up three shelters --  
one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."  
6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)
- 7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them,  
and a voice came from the cloud:  
"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"
- 8 Suddenly, when they looked around,  
they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

## Mark 10:17-22

- 17 As Jesus started on his way,  
a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.  
“Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- 18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.  
“No one is good -- except God alone.
- 19 You know the commandments:  
‘Do not murder,  
do not commit adultery,  
do not steal,  
do not give false testimony,  
do not defraud,  
honor your father and mother.’”
- 20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”
- 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him.  
“One thing you lack,” he said.  
“Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven.  
Then come, follow me.”
- 22 At this the man’s face fell.  
He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

## Mark 11:15-18

- 15 On reaching Jerusalem,  
Jesus entered the temple area  
and began driving out those who were buying and selling there.  
He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,
- 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.
- 17 And as he taught them, he said,  
“Is it not written:  
“‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’?  
But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”
- 18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this  
and began looking for a way to kill him,  
for they feared him,  
because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

## Mark 12:13-17

13 Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words.

14 They came to him and said,

“Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity.

You aren’t swayed by men,

because you pay no attention to who they are;

but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?

15 Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy.

“Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked.

“Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”

16 They brought the coin, and he asked them,

“Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

17 Then Jesus said to them,

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

And they were amazed at him.

## Mark 14:3-9

- 3 While he was in Bethany,  
reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper,  
a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume,  
made of pure nard.
- She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.
- 4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another,  
“Why this waste of perfume?  
5 It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.”  
And they rebuked her harshly.
- 6 “Leave her alone,” said Jesus.  
“Why are you bothering her?  
She has done a beautiful thing to me.  
7 The poor you will always have with you,  
and you can help them any time you want.  
But you will not always have me.  
8 She did what she could.  
She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.  
9 I tell you the truth,  
wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world,  
what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

## Mark 14:43-50

- 43 Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared.  
With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs,  
sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.
- 44 Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them:  
“The one I kiss is the man;  
arrest him and lead him away under guard.”
- 45 Going at once to Jesus,  
Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.
- 46 The men seized Jesus and arrested him.
- 47 Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest,  
cutting off his ear.
- 48 “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus,  
“that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?”
- 49 Every day I was with you,  
teaching in the temple courts,  
and you did not arrest me.  
But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”
- 50 Then everyone deserted him and fled.

## Mark 14:66-72

- 66 While Peter was below in the courtyard,  
one of the servant girls of the high priest came by.
- 67 When she saw Peter warming himself,  
she looked closely at him.  
“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.
- 68 But he denied it.  
“I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said,  
and went out into the entryway.
- 69 When the servant girl saw him there,  
she said again to those standing around,  
“This fellow is one of them.”
- 70 Again he denied it.  
After a little while, those standing near said to Peter,  
“Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”
- 71 He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them,  
“I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”
- 72 Immediately the rooster crowed the second time.  
Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him:  
“Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.”
- And he broke down and wept.

## Mark 15:6-15

- 6 Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested.  
7 A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists  
who had committed murder in the uprising.
- 8 The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.
- 9 “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate,  
10 knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.
- 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.
- 12 “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.  
13 “Crucify him!” they shouted.
- 14 “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.  
But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”
- 15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.  
He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## Mark 15:22-32

22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).

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

24 And they crucified him.

Dividing up his clothes,

they cast lots to see what each would get.

25 It was the third hour when they crucified him.

26 The written notice of the charge against him read:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 They crucified two robbers with him,

one on his right and one on his left.

29 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying,

“So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,

<sup>30</sup>come down from the cross and save yourself!”

31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves.

“He saved others,” they said,

“but he can’t save himself!

32 Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross,

that we may see and believe.”

Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

## Mark 15:33-39

- 33 At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.
- 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” —which means,  
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- 35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said,  
“Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”
- 36 One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar,  
put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.  
“Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.
- 37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.
- 38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
- 39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus,  
heard his cry and saw how he died, he said,  
“Surely this man was the Son of God!”

## Mark 16:1-8

- 1 When the Sabbath was over,  
Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome  
bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.
- 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise,  
they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other,  
"Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"
- 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone,  
which was very large, had been rolled away.
- 5 As they entered the tomb,  
they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side,  
and they were alarmed.
- 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said.  
"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, 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,  
'He is going ahead of you into Galilee.  
There you will see him, just as he told you.'"
- 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb.  
They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.