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Mark**Mark 1****Mark 1:1****ULT**

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

UST

¹ This is the beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, who is the Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:2**ULT**

² Just as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way;

UST

² This good news began just as the prophet Isaiah said that it would begin when he wrote {long ago these words that God said to Jesus}, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare people for your coming.

What did the prophet Isaiah predict would happen before the Lord came? (vv2-3)

Isaiah predicted that God would send a messenger, a voice of someone calling out in the wilderness, to prepare the way of the Lord.

Mark 1:3**ULT**

³ a voice crying out in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'

UST

³ He will be a voice calling out in the desolate place to anyone who hears him, saying 'Make yourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Get everything organized for his coming.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:4**ULT**

⁴ John came, the one baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

UST

⁴ The messenger that Isaiah wrote about was John. People called him "The Baptizer." John was in a desolate area near the Jordan River. He was baptizing people and telling them, "If you want God to forgive your sins, you must reject wrong ways of living. Then I will baptize you."

What did John come preaching?

John came preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:5**ULT**

⁵ And the whole region of Judea and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

UST

⁵ A great number of people from the region of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to the desolate place to hear John speak. Many of those who heard him agreed that they had sinned. Then John baptized them in the Jordan River.

What did the people do as they were baptized by John?

The people confessed their sins as they were baptized by John.

Mark 1:6**ULT**

⁶ And John was clothed with camel hair and a leather belt around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey.

UST

⁶ John wore {rough} clothes made of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and honey that he found in that desolate area.

What did John eat?

John ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:7**ULT**

⁷ And he was proclaiming, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me, of whom I am not worthy, stooping down, to untie the strap of his sandals.

UST

⁷ John was preaching this message: "Soon someone else will come who is very much greater than I am. He is so great that I am not even worthy to stoop down and untie his sandals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:8**ULT**

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

UST

⁸ I baptized you with water {to show that you want God to remove your sin}, but {when this person does remove your sin,} it will be like he is baptizing you, but with the Holy Spirit."

With what did John say the one coming after him would baptize?

John said the one coming after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:9**ULT**

⁹ And it happened that in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and he was baptized by John in the Jordan.

UST

⁹ Later during the time when John was preaching, Jesus came from Nazareth, a town in the Galilee region. Jesus went to where John was preaching, and John baptized him in the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And immediately, coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being split open and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove.

UST

¹⁰ As soon as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven tear open and the Spirit of God descending {from there} on himself. The Spirit of God came down from heaven {looking} like a dove.

What did Jesus see as he came up out of the water after being baptized by John?

After being baptized, Jesus saw the heavens split open and the Spirit descend on him as a dove.

Mark 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ And a voice came out of the heavens, "You are my beloved Son. I am well-pleased with you."

UST

¹¹ Then, God spoke from heaven and said, "You are my Son, whom I love dearly. I am very pleased with you."

What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus was baptized?

The voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; I am very pleased with you."

Mark 1:12**ULT**

¹² And immediately, the Spirit compelled him to go out into the wilderness.

UST

¹² Right after that, the Spirit of God sent Jesus out into the desolate area.

Who drove Jesus out into the wilderness?

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness.

Mark 1:13**ULT**

¹³ And he was in the wilderness 40 days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

UST

¹³ Jesus was in the desolate area for 40 days. During that time, Satan was tempting him. There were wild animals in that place, and angels were taking care of him.

How long was Jesus in the wilderness, and what happened to him there?

Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days, and he was tempted by Satan there.

Mark 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God

UST

¹⁴ Later, after the governor Herod Antipas had put John the Baptizer in prison, Jesus went to the region of Galilee. In Galilee, he was preaching God's good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ and saying, "The time has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

UST

¹⁵ He preached this message: "The time {that God set for this} has come {at last}. God is now making it possible for you to be a part of his kingdom. Be done with your sinful way of living. Believe this good news."

What message did Jesus preach?

Jesus preached that the kingdom of God was near, and that people must repent and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, were net-casting into the sea, for they were fishermen.

UST

¹⁶ One day, while Jesus was walking along the shore of the lake of Galilee, he saw two fishermen there. One man was Simon and the other was Andrew, Simon's brother. As Jesus watched, they were casting their fishing nets into the lake {to catch fish in them}.

What was the occupation of Simon and Andrew?

Simon and Andrew were fishermen.

Mark 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

UST

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "You know how to gather fish, but come with me and I will teach you how to gather people."

What did Jesus say he would make Simon and Andrew become?

Jesus said he would make Simon and Andrew fishers of men.

Mark 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And immediately, having left the nets, they followed him.

UST

¹⁸ As soon as Jesus said this, Simon and Andrew dropped their fishing nets and went with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And having gone on a little farther, he saw James, the {son} of Zebedee, and John, his brother, and they are mending the nets in the boat.

UST

¹⁹ After they had gone on a little farther, Jesus saw two other men, James and James' {younger} brother, John. They were the sons of a man named Zebedee. They were all in a boat fixing their fishing nets.

What was the occupation of James and John?

James and John were fishermen.

Mark 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ And immediately, having called them and they having left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, they went away after him.

UST

²⁰ As soon as Jesus saw them, he told them to come with him. Right away, they left their father Zebedee in the boat with his servants, and they went away with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:21**ULT**

²¹ And he enters into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbaths, having entered into the synagogue, he began to teach.

UST

²¹ Jesus, along with Peter, Andrew, James and John went into a nearby town called Capernaum. There, Jesus began teaching in the Jewish meeting place on the Sabbath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:22**ULT**

²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes.

UST

²² Those who were listening were amazed at the way he taught. He taught like a teacher who relies on what he himself knows. He did not teach like those who taught the Jewish laws, who repeated the different things that other men had taught.

Why did Jesus' teaching astonish the people in the synagogue?

Jesus' teaching astonished the people because Jesus taught as one with authority.

Mark 1:23**ULT**

²³ And immediately there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

UST

²³ In the Jewish preaching place where Jesus taught, there was a man that an evil spirit controlled. The man with the evil spirit began shouting,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ saying, "What to us and to you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

UST

²⁴ "Hey! Jesus, from Nazareth! We evil spirits have nothing to do with you! Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One from God!"

What title did the unclean spirit in the synagogue give Jesus?

The unclean spirit in the synagogue gave Jesus the title of the Holy One of God.

Mark 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Jesus rebuked it, saying, "Be silenced and come out from him!"

UST

²⁵ Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, saying, "Be quiet and come out of that man!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ And having thrown him down and having cried out with a loud voice, the unclean spirit went out from him.

UST

²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently. It screamed loudly, and then he came out of the man and left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ And they all were amazed, so they discussed among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching according to authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!"

UST

²⁷ All the people who were in the synagogue were amazed. As a result, they discussed this among themselves, saying, "This is something we have never seen before! Not only does he teach in a new and authoritative way, but he also commands the evil spirits and they obey him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the news of him immediately went out everywhere into the whole surrounding region of Galilee.

UST

²⁸ The people very soon told many others throughout the entire Galilee region what Jesus had done.

What happened with the news about Jesus?

The news about Jesus went out everywhere.

Mark 1:29**ULT**

²⁹ And immediately, having come out from the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John.

UST

²⁹ After they left the Jewish preaching place, Jesus, Simon and Andrew, along with James and John, went directly to the house of Simon and Andrew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:30**ULT**

³⁰ Now the mother-in-law of Simon was lying down, being sick with a fever, and immediately they speak to him concerning her.

UST

³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed because she was feeling sick due to having a fever. Right away someone told Jesus about her being sick.

When they went into Simon's house, who did Jesus heal?

When they went into Simon's house, Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law.

Mark 1:31**ULT**

³¹ And having come near, he raised her up, having taken hold of {her} hand, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

UST

³¹ Jesus went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. Right away she recovered from the fever and began serving Jesus and his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:32**ULT**

³² Now when it became evening, after the sun had set, they were bringing to him all those having sickness and those possessed by demons.

UST

³² That evening, after the sun had gone down, people from the surrounding area brought to Jesus many others who were sick and those that evil spirits controlled.

What happened when it was evening? (vv32-34)

When it was evening, the people brought all who were sick or possessed by demons, and Jesus healed them.

Mark 1:33**ULT**

³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

UST

³³ It seemed as though everyone who lived in the town had gathered at the doorway of Simon's house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:34**ULT**

³⁴ And he healed many having sickness with various diseases, and cast out many demons, but he was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew him.

UST

³⁴ Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases. He also forced many evil spirits to come out from people. He did not allow the evil spirits to tell people about him, because they knew that he was the Holy One from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:35**ULT**

³⁵ And very early in the night, having gotten up, he left and went away to a solitary place, and there he began to pray.

UST

³⁵ Jesus got up very early the next morning while it was still dark. He left the house and went away from the town to a place where there were no people. Then he prayed.

What did Jesus do before the sun rose?

Before the sun rose, Jesus went out to a solitary place and prayed there.

Mark 1:36**ULT**

³⁶ And Simon and those who {were} with him searched for him,

UST

³⁶ Simon and his companions searched for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:37**ULT**

³⁷ and found him, and say to him, "Everyone is seeking you."

UST

³⁷ When they found him they said, "Everyone in town is looking for you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:38**ULT**

³⁸ And he says to them, "Let us go elsewhere, into the surrounding towns, so that I may preach there also, because I came for this."

UST

³⁸ Jesus said to them, "We need to go to the other towns in this region so that I can preach there as well. This is the reason I came here."

What did Jesus tell Simon he had come to do? (vv38-39)

Jesus said that he had come to preach in the surrounding towns.

Mark 1:39**ULT**

³⁹ And he went in all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out the demons.

UST

³⁹ So they went throughout Galilee region. As they went, Jesus would preach in the Jewish preaching places and forced evil spirits to come out from people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And a leper comes to him, begging him and kneeling down, saying to him, "If you are willing, you are able to make me clean."

UST

⁴⁰ One day a man who had a bad skin disease called leprosy came to Jesus. He knelt down in front of Jesus and pleaded with him, saying, "Please make me clean, because you are able to make me clean if it is your will!"

What attitude did Jesus have toward the leper who begged Jesus to be healed? (vv40-41)

Jesus had pity on the leper and healed him.

Mark 1:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And having been moved with compassion, having reached out his hand, he touched him, and says to him, "I am willing. Be cleansed."

UST

⁴¹ Jesus felt compassion for him. He reached out his hand and touched the man. Then he said to him, "It is my will to heal you, so be healed!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:42**ULT**

⁴² And immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean.

UST

⁴² Right away the man was healed! He was no longer a leper!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:43**ULT**

⁴³ But having strictly warned him, he immediately sent him away.

UST

⁴³ Jesus gave the man a warning as he was sending him away,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And he says to him, "See that you may say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

UST

⁴⁴ saying, "Do not tell anyone what just happened. Instead, go to a priest and show yourself to him in order that he may examine you and see that you no longer have leprosy. Then make the offering that Moses commanded for people whom God has healed from leprosy. This will be the testimony to the community that you no longer have leprosy."

What did Jesus tell the leper to do, and why?

Jesus told the leper to go offer the sacrifices according to what Moses commanded. It would serve the community as a testimony that he was healed.

Mark 1:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ But he, having gone out, began to proclaim often and to spread the word widely, so that he was able no longer to enter into a town openly, but he was out in desolate places, and they were coming to him from all sides.

UST

⁴⁵ The man did not follow Jesus' instruction. He began telling many people about how Jesus had healed him. As a result, Jesus was no longer able to enter towns publicly because the crowds of people would surround him. Instead, he remained outside the towns in places where no one lived. But people kept coming to him from all over that region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2**Mark 2:1****ULT**

¹ And having entered again into Capernaum after {some} days, it was heard that he is in a house.

UST

¹ After some days had passed, Jesus returned to the town called Capernaum. People spread the news quickly to others that Jesus had returned and was in a certain house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:2**ULT**

² And many gathered so that there {was} no more space, not even at the door, and he began to speak the word to them.

UST

² Soon a great number of people gathered where Jesus was staying. The number was so great that the house was full. There was no longer space to stand, not even around the doorway. Jesus spoke God's message to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:3**ULT**

³ And they come bringing to him a paralytic, being carried by four men.

UST

³ Some people came to the house, who were bringing to Jesus a man who was paralyzed. Four men carried him on a sleeping pad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:4**ULT**

⁴ And not being able to approach him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was, and having dug an opening, they lower the mat where the paralytic was lying.

UST

⁴ They were not able to bring the man close to Jesus because of the crowd that had gathered. So, they went up on the roof of the house and made a big hole in the roof above Jesus. They lowered the paralyzed man on his sleeping pad through the hole in front of Jesus.

What did the four men do who were carrying the paralyzed man?

The men removed the roof of the house and lowered the paralyzed man to Jesus.

Mark 2:5**ULT**

⁵ And Jesus, having seen their faith, says to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

UST

⁵ After Jesus perceived that the men believed that he could heal this man, he said to the paralyzed man, "My child, I have forgiven your sins!"

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?

Jesus said, "Child, your sins are forgiven".

Mark 2:6**ULT**

⁶ But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

UST

⁶ Some men who taught the Jewish laws were sitting there. They started thinking to themselves,

Why did some of the scribes object to what Jesus had said? (vv6-7)

Some of the scribes reasoned that Jesus had blasphemed because only God can forgive sins.

Mark 2:7**ULT**

⁷ “Why does this man speak this way? He is blaspheming! Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?”

UST

⁷ “Who does this man think he is talking like that? He insults God by saying that! No person can forgive sins—only God can!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:8**ULT**

⁸ And immediately Jesus, having perceived in his spirit that they are thinking in this manner within themselves, says to them, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?”

UST

⁸ Jesus knew right away within himself what they were thinking. He said to them, “Why are you thinking that I don’t have the right to forgive sins?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:9**ULT**

⁹ Which is easier to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say, ‘Get up and take up your mat, and walk?’

UST

⁹ Which would be easier for me to say to the paralyzed man, ‘I have forgiven your sins’ or to say, ‘Stand up! Take your sleeping pad and walk?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins," he says to the paralytic,

UST

¹⁰ I will demonstrate to you that God has given the Son of Man authority on earth to forgive sins." Then he said to the paralyzed man,

How did Jesus demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins? (vv10-12)

Jesus told the paralyzed man to take up his bed and go to his house, and the man did.

Mark 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ "I say to you, get up, take up your mat, and go away to your house."

UST

¹¹ "Stand up! Pick up your sleeping pad and go home!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:12**ULT**

¹² And having gotten up and immediately having taken up the mat, he went out in front of everyone, so that they are all amazed and glorify God, saying, "We never saw thus."

UST

¹² The man stood up right away. He picked up the sleeping pad, and he walked out of the house while all the people there were watching. They were all amazed, and they praised God and said, "We have never before seen anything like what happened just now!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:13**ULT**

¹³ And he went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them.

UST

¹³ Jesus left the town of Capernaum and walked again along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd came to him and he taught them.

What was Levi doing when Jesus told Levi to follow him? (vv13-14)

Levi was sitting at the tax-collecting place when Jesus called him.

Mark 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And passing by, he saw Levi the {son} of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's tent, and he says to him, "Follow me." And having gotten up, he followed him.

UST

¹⁴ As he was walking, he saw a man named Levi whose father's name was Alphaeus. He was sitting in his office where he collected taxes. Jesus said to him, "Come with me and be my disciple." He got up and went with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he happened to recline to eat in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and his disciples, for many also were following him.

UST

¹⁵ Later, Jesus was eating a meal in Levi's house. Many men who collected taxes and others who the religious leaders considered to be sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. There were many people like this who were going everywhere with Jesus.

At Levi's house, what was Jesus doing that offended the Pharisees? (vv15-16)

Jesus was dining with the sinful people and tax collectors.

Mark 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, having seen that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, began to say to his disciples, "Why is he eating with the tax collectors and sinners?"

UST

¹⁶ Men who taught the Jewish laws and who were members of the Pharisee sect saw that Jesus was eating with sinners and men who collected taxes. They asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does he eat and drink with sinners and men who collect taxes?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And having heard this, Jesus says to them, "The ones being healthy do not have need of a physician, but the ones having sickness. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

UST

¹⁷ After Jesus heard what they were asking, he said to the men who taught the Jewish laws, "Healthy people do not need a doctor. On the contrary, it is those who are sick who need a doctor. I did not come to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me, but those who know that they have sinned."

Who did Jesus say he had come to call?

Jesus said he had come to call sinful people.

Mark 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting, and they come and say to him, "Because of what are the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fasting, but your disciples are not fasting?"

UST

¹⁸ Now at this time, the students of John the Baptizer and some men who belonged to the Pharisee sect were abstaining from food, as they often did. Some men came to Jesus and asked him, "The disciples of John and of the Pharisees often abstain from food. Why do your students not abstain from food?"

What question did some people ask Jesus about fasting?

They asked Jesus why his disciples did not fast when John's disciples and the Pharisees' disciples did fast.

Mark 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, "The sons of the wedding chamber are not able to fast while the bridegroom is still with them, are they? As much time as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.

UST

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "When a man is marrying a woman, his friends will certainly not abstain from food while he is still with them. The wedding is a time of feasting and celebrating with the groom. It is not a time for abstaining from food, especially while the groom is with them.

How did Jesus explain why his disciples were not fasting?

Jesus said that while the bridegroom is still with the wedding attendants, they cannot fast.

Mark 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ But days will come when the bridegroom may be taken away from them, and in those days, then they will fast.

UST

²⁰ But some day, the groom will be taken away from his friends. Then in those days, they will abstain from food."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:21**ULT**

²¹ No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, but if not, the filler pulls away from it, the new from the old, and there is a worse tear.

UST

²¹ Jesus went on to say to them, "People do not sew a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment in order to mend a hole. If they did, when they washed the garment, the patch would shrink and the new piece of cloth would tear off more of the old cloth. As a result, the hole would become even bigger!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:22**ULT**

²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, but if not, the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine and the wineskins will be destroyed, but new wine into fresh wineskins."

UST

²² Similarly, people do not put new wine into old animal skin bags to store it. If they did, the new wine will burst the skin bags because they would not stretch when the wine ferments and expands. As a result both the wine and the skin bags would be ruined! On the contrary, people must put new wine into new skin bags!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:23**ULT**

²³ And he happened on the Sabbaths to pass through the grainfields, and his disciples began to make {their} way, picking the heads of grain.

UST

²³ On one Jewish day of rest, Jesus was walking through some grain fields with his students. As they were walking along through the grain fields, Jesus' disciples were plucking some of the heads of grain.

**What did Jesus' disciples do in some fields on the Sabbath which offended the Pharisees?
(vv23-24)**

Jesus' disciples picked heads of grain and ate them on the Sabbath.

Mark 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbaths?"

UST

²⁴ Some of the Pharisees saw what they were doing and said to Jesus, "Look at this! They are breaking the Jewish law concerning the day of rest. Why are they doing that?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ And he says to them, "Have you never read what David did when he had need and was hungry—he and the ones with him—

UST

²⁵ Jesus said to them, "Have you never read the scriptures concerning King David and the men who were with him when they were hungry?"

What example did Jesus give of someone who needed and ate bread normally forbidden for them? (vv25-26)

Jesus gave the example of David who, out of need, ate the bread of the presence, normally reserved for the priests.

Mark 2:26**ULT**

²⁶ how he went into the house of God during Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the presence, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and he also gave to those being with him?"

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²⁶ During the time Abiathar was high priest, King David entered the house of God and asked for some bread. The high priest gave him some of the bread that had been on display before God. According to our laws, only the priests could eat that bread! But David ate some of it. Then he also gave some of it to the men who were with him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:27**ULT**

²⁷ And he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.

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²⁷ Jesus said to them further, "God made the day of rest for the sake of mankind. He did not make the day of rest to be a burden on mankind.

For whom did Jesus say the Sabbath was made?

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for people.

Mark 2:28

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²⁸ Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the sabbath."

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²⁸ So, to be clear, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the day of rest!"

What authority did Jesus claim for himself?

Jesus said that he was Lord also of the Sabbath.

Mark 3**Mark 3:1****ULT**

¹ And he entered into the synagogue again, and there was a man having a withered hand.

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¹ On another Jewish day of rest, Jesus again went into a Jewish meeting place. There was a man there whose hand was shriveled.

Why were they watching Jesus on the Sabbath in the synagogue? (vv1-2)

They were watching Jesus to see if he would heal on the Sabbath, so they could accuse him.

Mark 3:2**ULT**

² And they were watching him closely, if he will heal him on the Sabbaths, so that they might accuse him.

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² Some men of the Pharisee sect watched him carefully to see whether he would heal the man on the day of rest. For they wanted to be able to accuse him of doing something wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:3**ULT**

³ And he says to the man having the withered hand, "Stand up in the midst."

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³ Jesus said to the man whose hand was shriveled, "Stand up here in front of everyone!" {So the man stood up.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:4**ULT**

⁴ And he says to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbaths to do good, or to do harm; to save a life, or to kill?" But they were keeping silent.

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⁴ Then Jesus said to the people, "Do the laws that God gave Moses permit people to do good on the day of rest, or to do evil? Do the laws permit us to save a person's life on the day of rest, or permit us to refuse to help a person and let them die?" But they did not reply.

What question did Jesus ask the people about the Sabbath?

Jesus asked the people if it was lawful to do good, or to do harm on the Sabbath.

How did the people respond to Jesus' question?

The people were silent.

Mark 3:5**ULT**

⁵ And having looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their heart, he says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

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⁵ He looked around at them angrily. He was very disappointed that they were stubborn {and not willing to help the man}. So he said to the man, "Extend your hand!" When the man extended his shriveled hand, it became healthy again!

What then was Jesus' attitude toward them?

Jesus became angry with them.

Mark 3:6**ULT**

⁶ And the Pharisees, having gone out, immediately were making counsel with the Herodians against him, as to how they might kill him.

UST

⁶ The Pharisees left the meeting place. Right away they met with some of the Jews who supported Herod Antipas, who ruled the region of Galilee. Together they planned how they could kill Jesus.

What did the Pharisees do when Jesus healed the man?

The Pharisees went out and plotted to put Jesus to death.

Mark 3:7**ULT**

⁷ And Jesus, with his disciples, withdrew to the sea, and a great crowd followed from Galilee and from Judea

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⁷ Jesus and his disciples left that town and went to an area further along the sea of Galilee. A great crowd of people followed him. The people that followed him came from the regions of Galilee and Judea,

How many people followed Jesus as he went to the sea? (vv7-8)

A great crowd followed Jesus.

Mark 3:8**ULT**

⁸ and from Jerusalem and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. A great crowd, hearing how much he was doing, came to him.

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⁸ from the city of Jerusalem, from the region of Idumea, from the region on the east side of the Jordan River, and from the region around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. They all came to Jesus because they had heard about what he was doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:9**ULT**

⁹ And he spoke to his disciples so that a small boat might be waiting for him because of the crowd, so that they might not press against him.

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⁹⁻¹⁰ Because he had healed many people, many other people who had various illnesses pushed forward in order to touch him. They believed that if only they touched him, it would make them well. So he told his disciples that they should get a small boat ready for him in order that the crowd would not crush him when they pushed forward to touch him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For he healed many, so then as many as had diseases pressed against him so that they might touch him.

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⁹⁻¹⁰ Because he had healed many people, many other people who had various illnesses pushed forward in order to touch him. They believed that if only they touched him, it would make them well. So he told his disciples that they should get a small boat ready for him in order that the crowd would not crush him when they pushed forward to touch him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they were falling down before him and crying out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

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¹¹ Whenever the evil spirits saw Jesus, they caused the people whom they controlled to fall down in front of Jesus and call out to him, "You are the Son of God!"

What did the demons cry out when they saw Jesus?

The demons cried out that Jesus was the Son of God.

Mark 3:12**ULT**

¹² And he was often rebuking them so that they might not make him known.

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¹² Jesus commanded the evil spirits strongly that they must not tell anyone who he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:13**ULT**

¹³ And he goes up on the mountain and summons those whom he himself wanted, and they went to him.

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¹³ Jesus went up into the hills. There, he summoned those that he wanted to go with him and they followed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he appointed 12 (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and so that he might send them to preach,

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¹⁴ He appointed twelve men to travel with him, whom also he would send out to preach. He called them his representatives.

How many men did Jesus appoint as apostles, and what were they to do? (vv14-15)

Jesus appointed 12 apostles who were to be with him, preach, and have authority to cast out demons.

Mark 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ and to have authority to cast out the demons.

UST

¹⁵ He also gave them power to be able to force evil spirits to come out from people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he appointed the Twelve ^[1], and he added to Simon the name Peter;

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¹⁶ These were the twelve men he appointed: Simon (and Jesus gave him the new name Peter).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and James the {son} of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, to whom he also added the name Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder;

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¹⁷ And along with Peter, Jesus also appointed James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James. He gave both of them the new name, 'Men who are like Thunder' because of their fiery zeal;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the {son} of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot,

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¹⁸ and he appointed Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, and James who was the son of Alphaeus; and he appointed Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

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¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot (who later caused him to get arrested).

Who was the apostle that would betray Jesus?

The apostle that would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Mark 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ And he comes into a house, and the crowd gathers together again, so that they are not able even to eat bread.

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²⁰ Jesus and his disciples went to a house. Again a crowd gathered where he was staying. Many people crowded around him. He and his apprentices did not even have time to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:21**ULT**

²¹ And those beside him, having heard about it, went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

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²¹ When his relatives heard about this, they went to take him home with them because some people were saying that he was insane.

What did Jesus' family think about the crowds and the events surrounding Jesus?

Jesus' family thought that he was out of his mind.

Mark 3:22**ULT**

²² And the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, "He has Beelzebul" and "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."

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²² Some men who taught the Jewish laws came downhill from the city of Jerusalem. They heard that Jesus was forcing evil spirits to come out of people. So they were telling people, "Beelzebul, who rules the evil spirits, controls Jesus. He is the one who gives Jesus the power to force evil spirits out from people!"

What accusation did the scribes make against Jesus?

The scribes accused Jesus of driving out demons by the ruler of demons.

Mark 3:23**ULT**

²³ But having called them to himself, in parables he was saying to them, "How is Satan able to cast out Satan?"

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²³ So Jesus summoned those men over to himself. Jesus spoke to them in parables and said, "How can Satan expel Satan?"

What was Jesus' response to the scribes' accusation? (vv23-24)

Jesus responded that no kingdom divided against itself can stand.

Mark 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ And if a kingdom might have been divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand.

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²⁴ If people who live in the same country are fighting against one another, their country will cease to be a united country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ And if a house might have been divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

UST

²⁵ And if people who live in the same house fight each other, they will certainly not remain united as one family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ And if Satan rose up against himself and was divided, he is not able to stand, but he has an end.

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²⁶ Similarly, if Satan and his evil spirits were fighting one another, instead of remaining strong, he would become powerless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ But no one is able, having entered into the house of the strong man, to steal his possessions unless he would tie up the strong man first, and then he will plunder his house.

UST

²⁷ No one can go into the house of a strong man and take his possessions away from him unless he first ties up the strong man. Only then will he be able to steal the things in that man's house."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:28**ULT**

²⁸ Truly I say to you that all the sins of the sons of men will be forgiven, even whatever blasphemies they may blaspheme,

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²⁸ Jesus also said, "Consider this carefully! People may sin in many ways and they may speak evil about God. Yet God can still forgive them,

What sin did Jesus say cannot be forgiven? (vv28-29)

Jesus said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven.

Mark 3:29**ULT**

²⁹ but whoever might have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit does not have forgiveness to eternity, but is guilty of an everlasting sin"—

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²⁹ but if anyone speaks evil words about the Holy Spirit, God will never forgive them. That person is eternally guilty of sin."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:30**ULT**

³⁰ because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

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³⁰ Jesus told them this because they were saying, "An evil spirit is controlling him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:31**ULT**

³¹ And his mother and his brothers come, and standing outside, they sent to him, summoning him.

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³¹ Jesus' mother and younger siblings came to where Jesus was teaching. While they stood outside, they sent someone inside to tell Jesus to come to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:32**ULT**

³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they say to him, "Behold, your mother and your brothers seek you outside."

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³² A crowd was sitting around Jesus. Some of them said to him, "Listen! Your mother and younger siblings are outside. They want to see you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:33**ULT**

³³ And answering them, he says, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

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³³ Jesus asked them, "Who is my mother? Who are my siblings?"

Who did Jesus say were his mother and brothers? (vv33-35)

Jesus said that his mother and brothers were those who do the will of God.

Mark 3:34**ULT**

³⁴ And having looked around at those sitting in a circle around him, he says, "Behold, my mother and my brothers!"

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³⁴ After he looked around at those who sat with him, he said, "Look here! You are my mother and my siblings."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:35**ULT**

³⁵ For whoever may do the will of God, this is my brother, and sister, and mother."

3:16 ^[1]

UST

³⁵ For those who do what God wants are my brother, my sister, or my mother!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4**Mark 4:1****ULT**

¹ And again, he began to teach beside the sea, and a large crowd is gathered around him. Therefore, he had stepped into a boat on the sea to sit in it, and the whole crowd was on the shore beside the sea.

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¹ Another time Jesus began to teach people alongside the sea of Galilee. As he was teaching, a very large crowd gathered around him. Because {the crowd was so big}, he got into a boat and pushed out onto the water. The crowd listened to his teaching from the shore of the sea.

Why did Jesus get into a boat to teach?

Jesus got into a boat to sit and teach because a very large crowd had gathered around him.

Mark 4:2**ULT**

² And he was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in his teaching,

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² Then he taught them many parables. While he was teaching them, he told them this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:3**ULT**

³ "Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.

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³ "Listen to this: A man went out to his field to plant some seeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:4**ULT**

⁴ And it happened that as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured it.

UST

⁴ As he was scattering them over the soil, some of the seeds fell on the path. Then some birds came and ate those seeds.

What happened to the seeds sown on the road?

The birds came and devoured them.

Mark 4:5**ULT**

⁵ And other fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, because it did not have deep soil.

UST

⁵ Other seeds fell on ground where there was little soil, and it was filled with rocks. Very soon the seeds appeared through the soil because the soil was not very deep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:6**ULT**

⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it was dried up.

UST

⁶ Later that day, after the sun shone on those young plants, it scorched them. Then they withered because their roots were not deep enough in the ground.

What happened to the seeds sown on the rocky ground when the sun rose?

They withered away because they had no root.

Mark 4:7**ULT**

⁷ And other fell into the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it did not produce a crop.

UST

⁷ As he sowed, other seeds fell on ground that contained roots of thorny plants. The seeds grew, but the thorny plants also grew up and crowded out the good plants. So the plants produced no grain.

What happened to the seeds sown among thorn plants?

The thorn plants choked them.

Mark 4:8**ULT**

⁸ And other fell into the good soil, and it was producing a crop, growing up and being increased and yielding one, 30, and one, 60, and one, 100."

UST

⁸ But as he sowed, other seeds fell on good soil. As a result, they sprouted, grew large, and then they produced plenty of grain. Some plants bore thirty times as much as the seed that the man had planted. Some bore sixty times as much. Some bore one hundred times as much."

What happened to the seeds sown in the good soil?

The seeds produced grain, yielding 30, 60, and some, 100 times what was planted.

Mark 4:9**ULT**

⁹ And he said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!"

UST

⁹ Then Jesus said, "Whoever is willing to listen, listen to what I say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the Twelve were asking him about the parables.

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¹⁰ Later, when only the twelve disciples and other close followers were with him, they asked him about the parables.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he began to say to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those who {are} outside, everything is in parables,

UST

¹¹ He said to them, "To you I have explained the message about how God reveals himself as king, but to the others I have spoken in parables.

What did Jesus say was given to the Twelve, but not to those outside?

Jesus said the mystery of the kingdom of God was given to the Twelve, but not to those outside.

Mark 4:12**ULT**

¹² so that looking, they may look but may not see, and hearing, they may hear but may not understand, so that they might not turn, and it might be forgiven to them."

UST

¹² When they see what I am doing, they will not learn {why I do it}. When they hear what I say, they will not understand what it means. This is so that they would not repent, and God would not forgive them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:13**ULT**

¹³ And he says to them, "Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables?"

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¹³ Jesus also said to his disciples, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand when I teach you other parables?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The sower sows the word.

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¹⁴ In the parable that I told you, the man who sows seeds represents someone who teaches God's message to others.

In Jesus' parable, what is the seed?

The seed is the word of God.

Mark 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now these are the ones beside the road, where the word is being sown, but whenever they might have heard it, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

UST

¹⁵ Some people are like the instance when the seeds fell along the path. When they hear God's message, Satan comes at once and causes them to forget what they have heard.

What does the seed sown on the road represent?

It represents those who hear the word, but immediately Satan takes it away.

Mark 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And in the same manner, these are the ones being sown on the rocky ground, who, whenever they might have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy,

UST

¹⁶ Some people are like the seed which the farmer sows upon the rocky soil. As soon as they hear God's message, they accept it with joy.

What does the seed sown on the rocky ground represent? (vv16-17)

It represents those who hear the word with joy, but when persecution comes, they stumble.

Mark 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and they have no root in themselves, but are temporary. Then, tribulation or persecution having come because of the word, immediately they are caused to stumble.

UST

¹⁷ But, they did not have their own strong roots, but their roots were weak. Because of this, when people cause them to suffer because of the message of God, they quickly stop believing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And others are the ones being sown into the thorns. These are the ones who have heard the word,

UST

¹⁸ Some people are like the soil that has thorny weeds in it. Those people hear God's message,

What does the seed sown among thorn plants represent? (vv18-19)

It represents those who hear the word, but the cares of the world choke the word.

Mark 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ but the cares of the age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires concerning other things, entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

UST

¹⁹ but only care about earthly things and becoming rich, and they forget God's message. These things therefore choke the message which they received, and the person becomes fruitless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ And those are the ones sown in the good soil, who hear the word and receive it, and produce a crop—one, 30, and one, 60, and one, 100."

UST

²⁰ But some people are like the seed which was sowed on the good soil. They hear God's message and they accept it and they believe it, and they do the things that God wants them to do. They are like the good plants that produced thirty, sixty, or one hundred grains."

What does the seed sown in the good soil represent?

It represents those who hear the word, receive it, and produce fruit.

Mark 4:21**ULT**

²¹ And he was saying to them, "The lamp does not come so that it might be put under a basket or under the bed, does it? Is it not so that it might be put on the lampstand?"

UST

²¹ He told the disciples another parable: "People certainly do not light an oil lamp and then bring it in the house in order to put something over it to cover its light. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so that the light will shine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:22**ULT**

²² For nothing is hidden except so that it might be revealed, and nothing secret has happened except so that it might come to exposure.

UST

²² Similarly, things that were hidden—one day everyone will know them, and the things that have happened in secret—one day everyone will see them in full light.

What did Jesus say would happen to the hidden and secret things?

Jesus said that the hidden and secret things would be brought into the light.

Mark 4:23**ULT**

²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

UST

²³ "Whoever is willing to listen, listen to what I say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ And he was saying to them, "Pay attention to what you hear. In what measure you use it will be measured to you, and it will be added to you.

UST

²⁴ "Consider carefully what you hear me say to you, for God will let you understand to the same degree that you consider what I say. He will let you understand even more than that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ For he who has, it will be given to him, and he who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him"

UST

²⁵ For if a person has some understanding, he will receive even more. But if a person does not have understanding, even what little he has, he will lose."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he was saying, "Thus is the kingdom of God: As a man may throw the seed on the ground,

UST

²⁶ Jesus also said, "When God begins to show himself as king, it is like a man who has scattered seed on the ground.

**In what way is the kingdom of God like a man who casts his seed upon the ground?
(vv26-27)**

The man casts the seed, and it grows, but he does not know how, then when the harvest is ripe he gathers it.

Mark 4:27**ULT**

²⁷ and he may sleep and may get up, night and day, and the seed may sprout and may grow—how, he himself does not know.

UST

²⁷ Afterwards he slept each night and rose up each day without worrying about the seeds. During that time the seeds sprouted and grew in a way that he did not understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:28**ULT**

²⁸ The soil produces a crop of its own accord: First the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.

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²⁸ The ground produced the crop on its own. First the stalks appeared. Then the heads appeared. Then the full kernels in the heads appeared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:29**ULT**

²⁹ And whenever it may have delivered the crop, he immediately sends forth the sickle because the harvest has come.”

UST

²⁹ As soon as the grain was ripe he sent people to harvest it because it was time to harvest the grain.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:30**ULT**

³⁰ And he was saying, “How might we compare the kingdom of God, or in what parable might we present it?

UST

³⁰ Jesus told them another parable. He said, “When God begins to show himself as king, what is it like? What parable can I use to describe it?

In what way is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed? (vv30-32)

The mustard seed begins as the smallest of seeds, yet grows into a great plant where many can make their nests.

Mark 4:31**ULT**

³¹ {It is} like a mustard seed, which, when it may have been sown in the soil, being the smallest of all the seeds that {are} on the earth,

UST

³¹ It is like mustard seeds, which are the smallest seeds that are planted in the ground, smaller than any other seed upon the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:32**ULT**

³² and when it may have been sown, it grows and becomes greater than all the edible plants, and it makes large branches, so that the birds of the sky are able to make their nests in its shade.”

UST

³² After they are planted, they grow up and become larger than the other garden plants. They put out big branches so that birds are able to make nests in their shade.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:33**ULT**

³³ And with many such parables he was speaking the word to them, to the degree that they were able to hear;

UST

³³ Jesus used many parables when he talked to the people about God’s message. He told them as much as they were able to understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:34**ULT**

³⁴ but he was not speaking to them without a parable, but by himself, he was explaining everything to {his} own disciples.

UST

³⁴ He always used parables when he spoke to them. But he explained all the parables to his own apprentices when he was alone with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:35**ULT**

³⁵ And he says to them on that day, evening having come, "Let us cross over to the other side."

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³⁵ On that same day, when the sun was setting, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee."

What happened as the disciples and Jesus crossed the lake? (vv35-37)

A great storm began, threatening to fill the boat with water.

Mark 4:36**ULT**

³⁶ And having left the crowd, they take him with them, as he was, in the boat, and other boats were with him.

UST

³⁶ Jesus was already in the boat, so they left the crowd of people and sailed away. Other people also went along with them in their boats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:37**ULT**

³⁷ And a great storm of wind happens, and the waves were breaking into the boat so as to already be filling the boat.

UST

³⁷ A strong wind came up and the waves started coming into the boat! The boat was in danger of being filled with water

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:38**ULT**

³⁸ And he himself was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they wake him up and say to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

UST

³⁸ Jesus was in the back part of the boat. He was sleeping with his head on a cushion. So the disciples woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Are you not concerned that we are about to die?"

What was Jesus doing at this time in the boat?

Jesus was sleeping.

What question did the disciples ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus if he cared that they were about to die.

Mark 4:39**ULT**

³⁹ And having been awakened, he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

UST

³⁹ So Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and he spoke to the lake, "Be quiet! Be still!" The wind stopped blowing and then the Sea of Galilee became very calm.

What did Jesus then do?

Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

Mark 4:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you not yet have faith?"

UST

⁴⁰ He said to the disciples, "Why are you afraid? Do you not yet believe that I can protect you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and were saying to one another, "Who then is this, for even the wind and the sea obey him?"

UST

⁴¹ They were terrified. They said to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

After Jesus did this, what was the response of the disciples?

The disciples were filled with great fear and wondered who Jesus was, that the wind and sea obeyed him.

Mark 5**Mark 5:1****ULT**

¹ And they came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.

UST

¹ Jesus and his disciples arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. People called the Gerasenes lived near the place where they landed.

Who met Jesus when they came to the region of the Gerasenes? (vv1-2)

A man with an unclean spirit met Jesus.

Mark 5:2**ULT**

² And when he had gotten out from the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit came from the tombs to meet him,

UST

² When Jesus stepped out of the boat, a man came out from the tombs in a cemetery. Evil spirits controlled the man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:3**ULT**

³ who had {his} dwelling in the tombs, and no one was able to bind him anymore, not even with a chain,

UST

³ The man was coming out of the cemetery because he lived among the tombs. The people at times tried to restrain him. They could not restrain him, not even with {metal} chains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:4**ULT**

⁴ because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles had been shattered, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

UST

⁴ Whenever they used chains and shackles, the man would break them apart. He was so strong that no one was able to control him.

What had happened when people tried to restrain this man with chains?

When people tried to restrain this man with chains, he tore the chains apart.

Mark 5:5**ULT**

⁵ And throughout every night and day in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones.

UST

⁵ Day and night the man would spend his time among the places in the cemetery where people were buried. In the hill-country he would scream out loud and cut himself with sharp stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:6**ULT**

⁶ And having seen Jesus from a distance, he ran to him and bowed down to him.

UST

⁶ When he saw Jesus in the distance getting out of the boat, he ran over to him and knelt before him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:7**ULT**

⁷ And crying out in a loud voice, he says, "What to me and to you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you by God, may you not torment me."

UST

⁷⁻⁸ The demon cried out in a loud voice, "Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! Swear by the name of God that you will not torture me! The demon said this because Jesus was saying to him, "Go out from that man, unclean spirit!"

What title did the unclean spirit give Jesus?

The unclean spirit called Jesus the Son of the Most High God.

Mark 5:8**ULT**

⁸ For he was saying to him, "Come out from the man, unclean spirit."

UST

⁷⁻⁸ The demon cried out in a loud voice, "Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! Swear by the name of God that you will not torture me! The demon said this because Jesus was saying to him, "Go out from that man, unclean spirit!"

What did Jesus say to the unclean spirit in the man?

Jesus said, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit".

Mark 5:9**ULT**

⁹ And he was asking him, "What {is} your name?" And he says to him, "My name {is} Legion, for we are many."

UST

⁹ Jesus asked the unclean spirit, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion because there are many of us evil spirits in this man."

What was the name of the unclean spirit?

The unclean spirit's name was Legion, because there were many.

Mark 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he was begging him repeatedly that he would not send them out of the region.

UST

¹⁰ Then the evil spirits kept asking Jesus fervently that he not send them out of the region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ But there was a great herd of pigs being fed on the hill,

UST

¹¹ At the same time, a large herd of pigs was grazing nearby on the hillside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:12**ULT**

¹² and they begged him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, so that we might enter into them."

UST

¹² So the evil spirits pleaded with Jesus saying, "Allow us to go to the pigs in order that we might enter them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:13**ULT**

¹³ And he permitted them, and having come out, the unclean spirits entered into the pigs, and the herd—about 2,000—rushed down the steep slope into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

UST

¹³ Jesus permitted them to do that. So the evil spirits left the man and entered the pigs. The herd, which numbered about two thousand, rushed down the steep hill into the Sea of Galilee, where they drowned.

What happened when Jesus cast out the unclean spirit from the man?

The spirits came out and entered a herd of pigs, which ran down a steep hill and drowned in the lake.

Mark 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And those feeding them ran away and reported this in the city and in the countryside, and they went out to see what it was that had happened.

UST

¹⁴ The men who were tending the pigs ran and reported in the town and the countryside what had happened. Many people {from those places} went to see for themselves what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And they come to Jesus and see the one being demon-possessed, sitting, clothed and being in his right mind—the one who had had the Legion—and they became afraid.

UST

¹⁵ All of the people came to the place where Jesus was. Then they saw the man whom evil spirits had previously controlled. He was sitting there with clothes on and no longer acting like evil spirits controlled him. They were afraid when they saw all this.

After the unclean spirit was cast out, what was the condition of the man?

The man was sitting with Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.

Mark 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And those who had seen how it happened to the one who was demon-possessed explained it to them, and about the pigs.

UST

¹⁶ The people who had seen what Jesus did told those who had come from the town and from the countryside. They told the people about what had happened to the man whom the evil spirits previously controlled. They also described what had happened to the pigs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And they began to beg him to depart from their region.

UST

¹⁷ Then the people pleaded with Jesus to leave their region.

What did the people of the region ask Jesus to do?

The people asked Jesus to leave their region.

Mark 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And when he is getting into the boat, the one who had been demon-possessed was begging him so that he might be with him.

UST

¹⁸ As Jesus got in the boat to leave, the man whom the evil spirits previously controlled begged Jesus, "Please let me go with you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But he did not permit him, but says to him, "Go to your house, to your {people}, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and had mercy on you."

UST

¹⁹ But Jesus did not let the man go with him. Instead, he said to him, "Go home to your family and tell them everything the Lord has done for you, and tell them how he has been so kind to you."

What did Jesus tell the man who had lived in the tombs to now do?

Jesus told the man to tell his people what the Lord had done for him.

Mark 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus did for him, and everyone was marveling.

UST

²⁰ So the man went and traveled around the Ten Towns in that region. He told people everything Jesus had done for him. All the people who heard what the man said were amazed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:21**ULT**

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed over again to the other side in the boat, a great crowd was gathered around him, and he was beside the sea.

UST

²¹ After Jesus crossed again in a boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, a large crowd gathered around him on the shore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:22**ULT**

²² And behold, one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, comes, and having seen him, he falls at his feet.

UST

²² One of the men who was in charge of a Jewish meeting place, whose name was Jairus, came there. When he saw Jesus, he knelt at his feet.

What request did Jairus, the synagogue leader, make of Jesus? (vv22-23)

Jairus asked Jesus to come with him to lay hands on his daughter, who was near death.

Mark 5:23**ULT**

²³ And he begs him repeatedly, saying, "My little daughter is at the extreme; come, so that you might lay {your} hands on her in order that she might be healed, and she might live."

UST

²³ Then he pleaded with Jesus earnestly, "My daughter is sick and nearly dead! Please come to my house and place your hands on her. Heal her and keep her alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:24**ULT**

²⁴ And went with him, and a great crowd was following him and was pressing around him.

UST

²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed him and many pushed in close to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:25**ULT**

²⁵ And a woman, being with a flow of blood for 12 years,

UST

²⁵ There was a woman in the crowd who had a bleeding disorder. She had been bleeding every day for twelve years.

What was the problem with the woman who touched Jesus' cloak?

The woman had suffered with a discharge of blood for 12 years.

Mark 5:26**ULT**

²⁶ and having suffered much from many doctors, and having spent everything that she had, and not having been helped, but instead having become worse,

UST

²⁶ She suffered many times by the hand of many doctors. At the same time, she had spent all of her money, and did not get better, but instead got worse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:27**ULT**

²⁷ having heard the things about Jesus, having come up behind him in the crowd, she touched his cloak.

UST

²⁷⁻²⁸ When she heard that Jesus healed people, she joined the crowd which was following him, and touched his garment. For she was thinking, "If I only touch his clothes, it will heal me." So she touched Jesus' clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:28**ULT**

²⁸ For she was saying, "If I might touch just his clothes, I will be saved."

UST

²⁷⁻²⁸ When she heard that Jesus healed people, she joined the crowd which was following him, and touched his garment. For she was thinking, "If I only touch his clothes, it will heal me." So she touched Jesus' clothes.

Why did the woman touch Jesus' cloak?

The woman thought that if she just touched Jesus' clothes, she would be healed.

Mark 5:29**ULT**

²⁹ And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up, and she knew in {her} body that she had been healed from the disease.

UST

²⁹ At once her bleeding stopped. At the same time, she felt within her body that Jesus cured her of her illness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:30**ULT**

³⁰ And immediately Jesus, having realized in himself that {his} power had gone out from him, having turned around in the crowd, was saying, "Who touched my clothes?"

UST

³⁰ As soon as she touched Jesus, he sensed within himself that his power had healed someone. So he turned around in the crowd and then he asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

What did Jesus do when the woman touched his cloak?

Jesus knew that power had gone out from him so he asked who touched his clothes.

Mark 5:31**ULT**

³¹ And his disciples were saying to him, "You see this crowd pressing in on you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'"

UST

³¹ His disciples replied, "You can see that many people are pushing close to you! Probably many people have touched you! So why do you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:32**ULT**

³² But he was looking around to see the one having done this.

UST

³² But Jesus kept looking around in order to see the one who had touched him.

What did Jesus do after the woman touched his cloak?

Jesus looked around to see who had touched him.

Mark 5:33**ULT**

³³ But the woman, having become afraid and trembling, having known what had happened to her, came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.

UST

³³ The woman was very afraid and trembling because she knew that when she touched Jesus, he healed her. She knelt before him and told him what she had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:34**ULT**

³⁴ But he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be healed from your disease."

UST

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, because you have believed that I could heal you, I have now healed you. Be at peace, knowing that I permanently healed you from your illness."

When the woman told Jesus all the truth, what did Jesus say to her?

Jesus told her that her faith had made her well, and to go in peace.

Mark 5:35**ULT**

³⁵ While he is still speaking, they come from the synagogue leader's {house}, saying, "Your daughter died. Why trouble the teacher any longer?"

UST

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking to that woman, some people arrived who had come from Jairus' house. They said to Jairus, "Your daughter has now died. So there is no need to bother the teacher any longer in bringing him to your house."

What was the condition of Jairus' daughter when Jesus arrived at the house?

Jairus' daughter was dead.

Mark 5:36**ULT**

³⁶ But Jesus, having heard the word being spoken, says to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear. Only believe."

UST

³⁶ But when Jesus heard what these men said, he said to Jairus, "Do not be afraid that your daughter is dead! Just believe that she will live!"

What did Jesus tell Jairus at this time?

Jesus told Jairus to not be afraid, but to just believe.

Mark 5:37**ULT**

³⁷ And he did not permit anyone to accompany him, except Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

UST

³⁷ Then he allowed only his three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, to go with him to the house. He did not allow any other people to go with him.

Which disciples went with Jesus into the room where the child was?

Peter, James, and John went with Jesus into the room.

Mark 5:38**ULT**

³⁸ And he comes to the house of the leader of the synagogue and sees a commotion and weeping and much wailing.

UST

³⁸ After they arrived near Jairus' house, Jesus saw that the people there were in turmoil. They were weeping and wailing loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:39**ULT**

³⁹ And entering, he says to them, "Why are you upset and weeping? The child has not died, but is sleeping."

UST

³⁹ He entered the house and then he said to the people there, "Why are you so upset and crying? The child is not dead, but only sleeping."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And they were laughing at him. But he, having put them all outside, takes along the father of the child, and the mother, and those with him, and he enters where the child was.

UST

⁴⁰ The people laughed at him, because they knew that she was dead. He sent all the other people outside the house. Then he took the child's father and mother and the three disciples who were with him and they went into the room where the child was lying.

What did the people in the house do when Jesus said Jairus' daughter was only sleeping?

The people laughed at Jesus when he said that Jairus' daughter was only sleeping.

Mark 5:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And having taken the hand of the child, he says to her, "Talitha, koum!" which is translated: "Little girl, I say to you, rise up."

UST

⁴¹ He took hold of the child's hand and said to her in her own language, "Talitha koum!" That means, "Little girl, get up!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:42**ULT**

⁴² And immediately the little girl rose up and was walking (for she was 12 years {of age}), and they were immediately astonished with great amazement.

UST

⁴² At once the girl got up and walked around. (It was not surprising that she could walk, because she was twelve years old.) When this happened, all who were present were greatly amazed.

When the child got up and walked, how did the people react?

The people were greatly overcome and astonished.

Mark 5:43**ULT**

⁴³ And he strictly ordered them that no one should know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

UST

⁴³ Jesus ordered them strictly, saying, "Do not tell anyone about what I have done!" Then he told them to give the girl something to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6**Mark 6:1****ULT**

¹ And he went out from there and comes to his hometown, and his disciples are following him.

UST

¹ Jesus and his disciples left the city of Capernaum and went to the the town of his birth, Nazareth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:2**ULT**

² And the Sabbath having come, he began to teach in the synagogue. And many of those who were hearing him were amazed, saying, "From where are these things, and what {is} this wisdom that has been given to him, and these miracles happening by his hands?"

UST

² On the Jewish day of rest, Jesus entered the Jewish meeting place and taught the people. Many who were listening to him were amazed. They wondered where he gained all his wisdom and the power to perform miracles.

Why were the people of Jesus' home town shocked about him?

The people did not know from where he got his teachings, his wisdom, and his miracles.

Mark 6:3**ULT**

³ Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are his sisters not here with us?" And they were offended by him.

UST

³ They said, "He is just an ordinary carpenter! We know him and his family! We know Mary his mother! We know his younger brothers James, Joses, Judas and Simon! And his younger sisters also live here with us!" So they were troubled by his teachings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jesus was saying to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in {his} own house."

UST

⁴ Jesus said to the people, "It is certainly true people honor prophets in other places, but not in their hometowns! Even their relatives and the people who live in their own houses do not honor them!"

Where did Jesus say a prophet is without honor?

Jesus said a prophet is without honor in his home town, among his relatives, and in his own household.

Mark 6:5**ULT**

⁵ And he was not able to do any mighty work there, except, having laid {his} hands on a few sick people, he healed them.

UST

⁵ So, although he healed a few sick people there by placing his hands on them, he was not able to perform any other miracle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:6**ULT**

⁶ And he was amazed because of their unbelief, and he was going around the villages teaching.

UST

⁶ He was amazed that so few of the people believed in him. Jesus and his disciples continued going through their villages and teaching them.

What amazed Jesus about the people in his home town?

Jesus was amazed by the unbelief of the people in his home town.

Mark 6:7**ULT**

⁷ And he calls the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and he was giving them authority over the unclean spirits,

UST

⁷ One day, Jesus summoned the twelve disciples together. He then told them that he was going to send them out two by two to teach people in various towns. He also gave them power to force evil spirits out of the people who they controlled.

What authority did Jesus give the Twelve as he sent them out?

Jesus gave the Twelve authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:8**ULT**

⁸ and commanded them that they should take nothing for the journey, except only a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in {their} belts—

UST

⁸⁻⁹ He also instructed them to only wear sandals and to take along a walking stick when they were traveling. He told them not to take food, nor a bag in which to put supplies, nor any money for their journey. He also did not allow them to take an extra tunic.

What did the Twelve take with them on their journey? (vv8-9)

The Twelve took a staff, sandals, and one tunic.

Mark 6:9**ULT**

⁹ but having put on sandals, and, "You may not wear two tunics."

UST

⁸⁻⁹ He also instructed them to only wear sandals and to take along a walking stick when they were traveling. He told them not to take food, nor a bag in which to put supplies, nor any money for their journey. He also did not allow them to take an extra tunic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he was saying to them, "Whenever you might enter into a house, remain there until you may go out from there.

UST

¹⁰ He also instructed the twelve disciples, "If someone invites you to stay in his house, live in their house until you leave that town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ And whatever place might not receive you nor listen to you, going out from there, shake off the dust that {is} under your feet for a testimony against them."

UST

¹¹ Wherever the people do not welcome you and wherever the people do not listen to you, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that place. By doing this, you will testify that they {did not welcome you or your message}."

What did Jesus tell the Twelve to do if a place did not receive them?

Jesus told the Twelve to shake off the dust under their feet as a testimony against them.

Mark 6:12**ULT**

¹² And having gone out, they proclaimed that people should repent.

UST

¹² So after the disciples went out to various towns, they were preaching in order that people might repent {of their sins}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:13**ULT**

¹³ And they were casting out many demons and anointing many sick people with oil and healing them.

UST

¹³ They were also forcing many evil spirits out from people, and they were anointing many sick people with olive oil and healing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And King Herod heard this, for his name became well known, and some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and because of this, miraculous powers are working in him."

UST

¹⁴ Now King Herod Antipas heard about what Jesus was doing, because many people were talking about him. Some people were saying about Jesus, "He must be John the Baptizer! He has risen from the dead! That is why he has the power to perform these miracles!"

Who did the people suppose Jesus was? (vv14-15)

The people supposed that Jesus was John the Baptizer or Elijah or a prophet.

Mark 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But others were saying, "He is Elijah." But others were saying, "A prophet, like one of the prophets."

UST

¹⁵ Others were saying about Jesus, "He is the ancient prophet Elijah, whom God promised to send back again." Others were saying about Jesus, "No, he is a different prophet, like one of the other prophets who lived long ago."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But Herod, having heard this, was saying, “John, whom I beheaded—he has been raised.”

UST

¹⁶ After hearing what the people were saying, King Herod Antipas himself said, “The man performing those miracles must be John the Baptizer! I commanded my soldiers to cut off his head, but he is alive again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For Herod himself, having sent, seized John and he bound him in prison on account of Herodias (the wife of his brother Philip), because he married her.

UST

¹⁷ For previously, King Herod had arrested John and thrown him in prison. He did this because Herod married his brother Philip's wife, Herodias.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For John was saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother.”

UST

¹⁸ Herod put John in prison because he was saying to Herod, “God's law does not allow you to marry the wife of your brother.”

What had John the Baptizer told Herod he was doing unlawfully?

John had told Herod it was unlawful for Herod to marry his brother's wife.

Mark 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But Herodias was angry with him and was wanting to kill him, but she was not able,

UST

¹⁹ Herodias was angry at John because he was saying this, so she desired to kill him. She was not able to kill him because he was in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ for Herod was fearing John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe, and having heard him, he was greatly perplexed, yet he was listening to him gladly.

UST

²⁰ Herod respected John the Baptizer, for he knew that John was a righteous and holy man. Because of this, he kept him safe in prison from Herodias. Herod, after listening to him, would often become confused, but desired to keep listening to him.

How did Herod react when he heard John preach?

Herod became upset when he heard John preach, but he was still glad to hear him.

Mark 6:21**ULT**

²¹ And the opportune day having come when Herod made his birthday dinner for his officials, and for the commanders, and for the leaders of Galilee,

UST

²¹ A timely day came to have someone execute John when they honored King Herod on his birthday. Herod invited the most important government officials, the most important army leaders, and the most important people in the district of Galilee to eat and celebrate with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:22**ULT**

²² and his daughter Herodias having entered and having danced and having pleased Herod and those reclining to eat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you might desire and I will give it to you."

UST

²² During the celebration, Herodias' daughter came into the room and danced for the king and his guests. She pleased King Herod and his guests so much that he said to her, "Ask me for whatever you wish and I will give it to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:23**ULT**

²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you might ask of me, I will give it to you, up to half of my kingdom."

UST

²³ He also promised to her, "Ask for whatever you would like! For I am willing to give to you as much as half of my kingdom."

What oath did Herod swear to Herodias?

Herod swore that she could have whatever she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom.

Mark 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ And having gone out, she said to her mother, "What should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

UST

²⁴ After this, the daughter went to Herodias and told her what Herod said. Then she asked her, "What should I ask for?" Her mother replied, "Ask the king to give you the head of John the Baptizer!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ And immediately, having entered in with haste to the king, she requested, saying, "I desire that you would give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

UST

²⁵ The girl quickly reentered the room and went to the king. Then, she made her request, saying, "I want you to command someone to cut off the head of John the Baptizer and bring it to me at once on a platter!"

For what did Herodias ask?

Herodias asked for the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.

Mark 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the king, having become deeply grieved, he did not want to refuse her because of {his} oaths and those reclining to eat with him,

UST

²⁶ The king became very distressed when he heard what she asked for. But he could not refuse what she requested because he had promised that he would give her anything she asked for, and his guests had heard him make this promise.

How did Herod react to Herodias' request?

Herod became very sorry but did not refuse her request, because of the oaths he had made in front of his guests.

Mark 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ and the king, immediately having sent an executioner, commanded him to bring his head, and so having departed, he beheaded him in the prison.

UST

²⁷ So King Herod at once ordered someone to go and cut off John's head and bring it to the girl. Then, that man went to the prison and cut off John's head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ And he brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

UST

²⁸ He put the head on a platter and gave it to the girl {as she requested}. The girl took it to her mother, Herodias.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ And his disciples, having heard of this, came and took his body and placed it in a tomb.

UST

²⁹ After John's disciples heard what happened to John, they went to the prison and took John's body and buried it in a tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the apostles are gathered together with Jesus and reported to him all that they did and what they taught.

UST

³⁰ Those whom Jesus chose to represent him returned to Jesus from the places where he had sent them. They reported to him what they had done and what they had taught to people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:31**ULT**

³¹ And he says to them, "You yourselves, come away by yourself to a desolate place and rest a little while." For those coming and those going were many, and they were not even having opportunity to eat.

UST

³¹ He said to them, "Come with me to a place where there are no people, in order that we can be alone and rest a little while!" {He said this} because many people were coming to them and going away again, with the result that Jesus and his disciples did not even have time to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:32**ULT**

³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

UST

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a place where no people were living.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:33**ULT**

³³ But many saw them leaving and recognized them, and they ran there together on foot from all the towns, and they arrived before them.

UST

³³ Many people saw them leaving to go rest. Because they could see where they were going, many people from the cities ran ahead of them and got there first.

What happened when Jesus and the apostles tried to go away by themselves to rest?

Many people recognized them and ran to arrive there before Jesus and the apostles.

Mark 6:34**ULT**

³⁴ And having gotten out, he saw a great crowd and had compassion on them because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

UST

³⁴ As Jesus and his disciples got out of the boat, Jesus saw this great crowd. He felt compassion for them because they needed guidance, like sheep without a shepherd. So he taught them many things.

What was Jesus' attitude toward the crowd that was waiting for them?

Jesus had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:35**ULT**

³⁵ And the hour already having become late, his disciples, having come to him, were saying, "This place is desolate, and the hour {is} already late.

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³⁵ Late in the afternoon the disciples came to him and said, "This is a place where no one lives, and it is very late in the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:36**ULT**

³⁶ Send them away so that, having gone away into the surrounding countryside and villages, they might buy something for themselves to eat."

UST

³⁶ So send the people away in order that they may go to the surrounding towns in order that they can buy for food themselves!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:37**ULT**

³⁷ But he, answering, said to them, "You give them to eat." And they say to him, "Having gone away, might we buy 200 denarii of bread and give it to them to eat?"

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³⁷ But Jesus replied to them, "No, you yourselves give them something to eat!" They replied to him, "How will we go out and spend 200 denarii on bread to give to them to eat? {We do not have enough money to do this!}"

When asked by Jesus, what did the disciples think they would have to do to feed the people?

The disciples thought they would have to go and buy 200 denarii worth of bread.

Mark 6:38**ULT**

³⁸ But he says to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go. See." And having found out, they say, "Five, and two fish."

UST

³⁸ But Jesus replied to the disciples, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go and find out!" They went {to where they carried their food} and found out and then they told him, "We have only five flat loaves and two cooked fish!"

What food did the disciples already have with them?

The disciples already had five loaves and two fish with them.

Mark 6:39**ULT**

³⁹ And he commanded them all to recline group by group on the green grass.

UST

³⁹ Jesus instructed the disciples to tell all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And they reclined group by group according to hundreds and according to fifties.

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⁴⁰ So the people sat in groups. There were fifty people in some groups and one hundred people in other groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves and was giving them to his disciples so that they might set them before them, and he divided the two fish among them all.

UST

⁴¹ Jesus took the five flat loaves and the two fish {from the disciples}. He looked up toward heaven and thanked God for them. Then he broke the loaves and fish into pieces and was handing them out to his disciples in order that they would distribute them to the people. Jesus also divided up the two fish among all of the people there.

What did Jesus do as he took the loaves and fish?

As he took the loaves and fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples.

Mark 6:42**ULT**

⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied.

UST

⁴² Everyone ate the bread and fish until they all had enough to eat!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:43**ULT**

⁴³ And they took up 12 full baskets of broken pieces, and from the fish.

UST

⁴³ After everyone was done eating, the disciples {walked around and} collected twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and of the fish that were left over.

How much food was left after everyone ate?

There were 12 baskets of bread, and pieces of fish left after everyone ate.

Mark 6:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were 5,000 men.

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⁴⁴ There were about five thousand men who ate the bread and fish. They did not even count the women and children.

How many men had been fed?

There were 5,000 men that had been fed.

Mark 6:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And immediately he compelled his disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he sends the crowd away.

UST

⁴⁵ Right away Jesus told his disciples to get into the boat and go ahead of him to the town across the Sea of Galilee called Bethsaida. Meanwhile, he stayed and told the crowd to return to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And having sent them away, he went to the mountain to pray.

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⁴⁶ After the people had left, Jesus went up into the hills in order to pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And having become evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he {was} alone on the land.

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⁴⁷ When it was evening, the boat which the disciples were on was in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was by himself on the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And having seen them being tormented as they rowed, for the wind was against them, and about the fourth watch of the night he comes to them, walking on the sea, and he intended to pass by them.

UST

⁴⁸ Jesus saw that the disciples were struggling to row against an opposing wind. It was early in the morning, and Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. He was desiring to pass by them.

How did Jesus come to the disciples on the lake?

Jesus came to the disciples walking on the lake.

Mark 6:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ But they, having seen him walking on the sea, thought that he is a ghost and they cried out,

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⁴⁹ The disciples saw him walking on the water, but they thought that he was a ghost. {This terrified them, so} they cried out in fear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were troubled. But immediately he spoke with them and says to them, "Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!"

UST

⁵⁰ For they all saw Jesus walking on the water, and this terrified them. But right away, Jesus spoke with them, saying "Be calm! Do not be afraid, for it is me!"

What did Jesus tell the disciples when they saw him?

Jesus told the disciples to be brave and to not be afraid.

Mark 6:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And he went up into the boat with them, and the wind stilled, and they were very much amazed within themselves.

UST

⁵¹ He got into the boat and sat down with them, and the strong wind stopped blowing. The disciples in the boat were completely amazed about what he had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:52**ULT**

⁵² For they did not understand about the loaves, but their heart had been hardened.

UST

⁵² Although they had seen Jesus multiply the bread and the fish, they did not understand why he did it. This is because God did not allow them to understand.

Why did the disciples not understand about the miracle of the loaves?

The disciples did not understand about the miracle of the loaves because their minds were slow to understand.

Mark 6:53**ULT**

⁵³ And having crossed over to the land, they came to Gennesaret and anchored there.

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⁵³ After they crossed the sea of Galilee in their boat, they came to shore at the town of Gennesaret. Then they tied up the boat there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ And when they had come out from the boat, immediately having recognized him,

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⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, the people there recognized Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ they ran throughout that whole region and began to carry on {their} mats those having sickness where they were hearing that he is.

UST

⁵⁵ So the people ran throughout the whole region in order to tell others that Jesus was there. Then the people placed those who were sick on sleeping pads and carried them to wherever they heard that Jesus was.

What did the people of the region do when they recognized Jesus?

The people brought the sick on stretchers to Jesus wherever they heard he was coming.

Mark 6:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ And wherever he was entering into villages, or into cities, or into the countryside, they were placing the sick in the marketplaces and were begging him so that at least they might touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched him were being healed.

UST

⁵⁶ In whatever village, town or place in the countryside where he went, they would bring to the marketplaces those who were sick. Then the sick people would beg Jesus to let them touch even the edge of his clothes in order that Jesus might heal them. All those who touched his robe were healed.

What happened to those who just touched the fringe of Jesus' garment?

Those who just touched the fringe of Jesus' garment were healed.

Mark 7**Mark 7:1****ULT**

¹ And the Pharisees and some of the scribes, having come from Jerusalem, are being gathered around him.

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¹ One day, some Pharisees and teachers of the Law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:2**ULT**

² And they had seen some of his disciples that eat bread with defiled hands, that is, unwashed.

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² They saw that some of his disciples were frequently eating without washing their hands first.

What were some of Jesus' disciples doing that offended the Pharisees and scribes?

Some of the disciples were eating with unwashed hands.

Mark 7:3**ULT**

³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they would wash {their} hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders;

UST

³ {They noticed this} because the Pharisees and all of the other Jews would not eat unless they washed their hands. They learned this ritual from their elders.

Whose tradition was it that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating? (vv3-4)

It was the tradition of the elders that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating.

Mark 7:4**ULT**

⁴ and from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they would wash, and there are many other things which they received to observe: the washing of cups, and pots, and copper vessels.)

UST

⁴ Likewise, they will not eat food from the marketplace until they are able to wash their hands. There are many other rituals which they hold to. They also washed their cups, pots, and copper utensils.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:5**ULT**

⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but they eat {their} bread with unwashed hands?"

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⁵ So, when they saw the disciples {eating without first washing their hands, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law questioned Jesus. They said, "Your disciples disobey the traditions of our elders! Why do they eat food if they have not washed their hands using our ritual?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:6**ULT**

⁶ But he, answering, said to them, "Isaiah prophesied well about you hypocrites. As it is written, 'This people honors me with {their} lips, but their heart is far from me.

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⁶ Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied accurately against you people who only pretend to be good! He wrote these words that God said: 'These people speak as if they honor me, but they really do not think about honoring me at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:7**ULT**

⁷ But they worship me in vain, teaching commandments of men as doctrines.'

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⁷ But their worship to me has no purpose, because they teach rules that people have made as if I myself had made those rules.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:8**ULT**

⁸ Having abandoned the commandment of God, you hold fast to the tradition of men."

UST

⁸ You no longer obey what God has commanded you, but you obey only what people have taught you."

What did Jesus say to the Pharisees and scribes about their teaching on the issue of washing? (vv8-9)

Jesus said that the Pharisees and scribes taught the rules of men while abandoning the commandment of God.

Mark 7:9**ULT**

⁹ And he was saying to them, "You do well at rejecting the commandment of God so that you may keep your tradition!

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⁹ Jesus also said to them, "You have refused to do what God commanded just so that you can obey your own traditions!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'The one speaking evil of {his} father or mother —let him end in death.'

UST

¹⁰ For example, our ancestor Moses wrote God's command, 'Honor your father and your mother'. He also wrote, 'Anyone who speaks in an evil way about their father or mother God will punish with death.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ But you say, 'If a man may say to {his} father or his mother, "Whatever you would have profited from me {is} Corban"' (that is, a gift),

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¹¹ But you teach people that it is all right if people give their things to God instead of giving their things to their father and mother {to take care of them}.

How did the Pharisees and scribes void the commandment of God which says to honor your father and mother? (vv11-13)

They voided God's commandment by telling people to give to them as Corban the money that would have helped their father and mother.

Mark 7:12**ULT**

¹² you no longer permit him to do anything for {his} father or {his} mother,

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¹² As a result, you are not allowing people to take care of their father and mother as Moses commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:13**ULT**

¹³ nullifying the word of God by your tradition which you handed down, and you do many such similar things.”

UST

¹³ In this way you disregard what God commanded! You teach your own rules to others and tell them that they should obey them! And you do many other things like that.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And having summoned the crowd again, he was saying to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

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¹⁴ Then Jesus again summoned the crowd to come closer. Then he said to them, “All of you people listen to me! Try to understand what I am about to tell you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ there is nothing from outside the man, entering into him, that is able to defile him; but the things that come out from the man are the things defiling the man.”

UST

¹⁵ Nothing that people eat causes God to consider them to be defiled. On the contrary, it is that which comes from people’s hearts that causes God to consider them to be defiled.”

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?

Jesus said that nothing from outside of a person can defile him when it enters into him.

What did Jesus say defiles a person?

Jesus said that what comes out of a person defiles him.

Mark 7:16**ULT**

16^[1] [If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.]

UST

16^[1] ["Whoever is willing to listen, listen to what I say.".]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:17**ULT**

17 And when he entered into the house from the crowd, his disciples were asking him about the parable.

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17 After they had entered the house away from the crowd, the disciples were asking him about the parable he had just told.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:18**ULT**

18 And he says to them, "Are you also thus without understanding? Do you not understand that everything that is entering into the man from outside is not able to defile him,

UST

18 He replied to them, "Did you also not understand what it meant? You ought to understand that food that people eat does not cause God to consider them to be defiled.

What did Jesus say does not defile a person? (vv18-19)

Jesus said that nothing from outside of a person can defile him when it enters into him.

Mark 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ because it does not go into his heart, but into the stomach, and passes out into the latrine?" (making all foods clean.)

UST

¹⁹ Instead of entering and corrupting us before God, food goes into our stomachs, and afterwards, it passes out of our bodies." By saying this, Jesus was declaring that people can eat any food without causing God to consider them unacceptable to him.

What kinds of foods did Jesus declare to be clean?

Jesus declared all foods to be clean.

Mark 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ But he was saying, "What is coming out from the man, that defiles the man.

UST

²⁰ Jesus also said, "It is the thoughts and actions that come from within people that cause God to consider them unacceptable to him.

What did Jesus say defiles a person? (vv20-23)

Jesus said that what comes out of a person defiles him.

Mark 7:21**ULT**

²¹ For from within, from the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,

UST

²¹ Specifically, it is people's desires that causes them to do things that are evil. They act immorally, they steal things, they commit murder,

What are three things that Jesus said can come out of a person to defile him? (vv21-22)

Jesus said that evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and folly can come out of a person to defile him.

Mark 7:22**ULT**

²² adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, an evil eye, slander, pride, {and} folly.

UST

²² They commit adultery, they are greedy, they act maliciously, they deceive people. They also act indecently, they envy people, they speak evil about others, they are proud, and they act foolishly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:23**ULT**

²³ All these evils come out from within, and they defile the man."

UST

²³ People think these thoughts and then they do these evil actions, and that is what causes God to consider them unacceptable to him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now having gotten up from there, he went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon, and having entered into a house, he was wanting no one to know it, but he was not able to hide.

UST

²⁴ Jesus and his disciples arose and left Galilee. They went to the region around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. While he stayed at a house, he did not want anyone to know {he was in the area}, but people soon found out that he was there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ But immediately, having heard about him, a woman, of whom her little daughter had an unclean spirit, having come, fell down at his feet.

UST

²⁵ A certain woman, whose daughter an evil spirit controlled, heard about Jesus. At once she came to him and knelt at his feet.

Was the woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit a Jew or a Greek? (vv25-26)

The woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit was a Greek.

Mark 7:26**ULT**

²⁶ Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by descent, and she was asking him that he would cast out the demon from her daughter.

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²⁶ This woman was Greek, and had been born in the area around the region of Phoenicia, in the district of Syria. She pled with Jesus that he might force the evil spirit out from her daughter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:27**ULT**

²⁷ And he was saying to her, "Permit the children first to be fed, for it is not good to take the bread of the children and to throw it to the dogs."

UST

²⁷ He said to the woman, "First let the children eat all they want, because it is not good for someone to take the food the mother has prepared for the children and then throw it to the little dogs."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:28**ULT**

²⁸ But she answered and says to him, "Yes, Lord, and the little dogs under the table eat from the crumbs of the children."

UST

²⁸ She replied to him, "Lord, what you say is correct, but even the house dogs, who lie under the table, eat the crumbs that the children drop."

How did the woman respond when Jesus told her that it was not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs?

The woman said that even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.

Mark 7:29**ULT**

²⁹ And he was saying to her, "Because of this word, go! The demon has gone out from your daughter."

UST

²⁹ Jesus said to her, "Because of what you have said, go home. I have caused the evil spirit to leave your daughter."

What did Jesus do for the woman? (vv29-30)

Jesus cast the demon out of the woman's daughter.

Mark 7:30**ULT**

³⁰ And having gone away to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, and the demon had gone out.

UST

³⁰ The woman returned to her house and saw that her child was lying quietly on the bed and that the evil spirit had left her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:31**ULT**

³¹ And again having gone out from the region of Tyre, he went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the midst of the region of the Decapolis.

UST

³¹ Jesus and his disciples left the region around Tyre and went through Sidon. Then they traveled to the part of the Sea of Galilee which is in the region of the Ten Towns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:32**ULT**

³² And they bring to him one who was deaf and had difficulty speaking, and they beg him that he would lay {his} hand on him.

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³² There, people brought to him a man who was deaf and could not talk. They begged Jesus to lay his hands on him {in order to heal him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:33**ULT**

³³ And having taken him aside from the crowd by himself, he put his fingers into his ears, and having spit, he touched his tongue.

UST

³³ So Jesus took him away from the crowd in order that the two of them could be alone. Then he put one of his fingers into each of the man's ears. After he spat on his fingers, he touched the man's tongue with his fingers.

When the man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus, what did he do to heal him? (vv33-34)

Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears, spit and touched his tongue, then looked to heaven and said, "Open!"

Mark 7:34**ULT**

³⁴ And having looked up to heaven, he sighed and says to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!").

UST

³⁴ Then he looked up toward heaven, he sighed and then said in his own language, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:35**ULT**

³⁵ And his ears were opened, and the band of his tongue was released, and he began speaking plainly.

UST

³⁵ At once the man could hear plainly. He also began to speak clearly because what was causing him to be unable to speak was healed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he ordered them so that they would tell it to no one. But as much as he ordered them, the more abundantly they were proclaiming it.

UST

³⁶ Jesus told the people not to tell anyone what he had done. But, although he ordered them and others repeatedly not to tell anyone about it, they kept talking about it even more.

What did the people do when Jesus told them to tell no one about his healings?

The more Jesus commanded them to be quiet, the more they talked about it.

Mark 7:37

ULT

³⁷ And they were extremely astonished, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

7:16 ^[1]

UST

³⁷ People who heard about it were utterly amazed and were saying, "Everything he has done is wonderful! Besides doing other amazing things, he enables deaf people to hear! And he enables those who cannot speak to speak!"

7:16 ^[1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8**Mark 8:1****ULT**

¹ In those days, there again being a great crowd, and not having anything to eat, having summoned his disciples, he says to them,

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¹ Around the same time, another large crowd gathered around Jesus who had nothing to eat. {Having seen this,} Jesus called his disciples to himself and said,

What concern did Jesus state about the great crowd that had been following him? (vv1-2)

Jesus stated that he was concerned the great crowd had nothing to eat.

Mark 8:2**ULT**

² "I have compassion on the crowd, because they are remaining with me already for three days and do not have anything to eat.

UST

² "I am very concerned for the people in this crowd. For they have been with me three days now without eating anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:3**ULT**

³ And if I would send them away to their home hungry, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from far way."

UST

³ If I send them home while they are still hungry, some of them will grow weary on the way home. Some of them have come from far away."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:4**ULT**

⁴ And his disciples answered him, "From where will anyone be able to feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?"

UST

⁴ His disciples knew that he was suggesting that they give the people something to eat, so they replied, "No one could possibly find enough food for this crowd. No one sells food in this place!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:5**ULT**

⁵ And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

UST

⁵ Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have?" They replied, "We have seven flat loaves."

How many loaves did the disciples have with them?

The disciples had seven loaves with them.

Mark 8:6**ULT**

⁶ And he commands the crowd to recline on the ground, and having taken the seven loaves, having given thanks, he broke them and was giving them to his disciples so that they might serve them, and they served the crowd.

UST

⁶ Jesus commanded the crowd, saying, "Sit down on the ground." After they sat down, he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, broke them into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people.

What did Jesus do with the disciples' loaves?

Jesus gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to serve.

Mark 8:7**ULT**

⁷ And they had a few small fish, and having blessed them, he told them to serve these also.

UST

⁷ They also had a few small fish. So after Jesus thanked God for these, he told his disciples, "Distribute these also."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:8**ULT**

⁸ And they ate and were satisfied, and they picked up an abundance of broken pieces—seven baskets.

UST

⁸ The people ate this food, and there was enough for all of them. then, his disciples collected the pieces of food that were left over and filled seven large baskets.

How much food remained after everyone had eaten?

There were seven baskets of food remaining after everyone had eaten.

Mark 8:9**ULT**

⁹ Now there were about 4,000, and he sent them away.

UST

⁹ There were about four thousand people who ate on that day. Then after they finished eating, Jesus dismissed the crowd.

How many people ate and were satisfied?

There were about 4,000 men who ate and were satisfied.

Mark 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And immediately, having gotten into the boat with his disciples, he went into the region of Dalmanutha.

UST

¹⁰ Soon after that, he got into the boat along with his disciples. They went around the Sea of Galilee to the region of Dalmanutha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, testing him.

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¹¹ Then some Pharisees came to Jesus. They began arguing with him and insisting that he perform a miracle. They did this in order to test him and see if God had really sent him.

To test him, what did the Pharisees want Jesus to do?

The Pharisees wanted Jesus to give them a sign from heaven.

Mark 8:12**ULT**

¹² And having sighed deeply in his spirit, he says, "Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, if a sign will be given to this generation..."

UST

¹² Jesus sighed deeply within himself, and then he said, "Why are you asking me to perform a miracle? I will certainly not do a miracle for you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:13**ULT**

¹³ And having left them, having boarded a boat again, he went away to the other side.

UST

¹³ Then he left the Pharisees again. He got into the boat, along with his disciples, and they went further around the Sea of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they forgot to bring bread, and except for one loaf, they did not have any with them in the boat.

UST

¹⁴ His apprentices had forgotten to bring more bread onto the boat for their journey, so they only had one loaf with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he was warning them, saying, "Keep watch! Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod."

UST

¹⁵ As they were going, Jesus warned them saying, "Be careful! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod!"

About what did Jesus warn his disciples concerning the Pharisees?

Jesus warned his disciples to be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees.

Mark 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And they were discussing with each other that they have no bread."

UST

¹⁶ The disciples were arguing amongst themselves about the fact that they did not have enough bread with them on the boat.

About what did the disciples think Jesus was talking?

The disciples thought Jesus was talking about the fact that they had forgotten to bring bread.

Mark 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And having known this, Jesus says to them, "Why are you reasoning that you do not have bread? Do you not yet perceive, nor understand? Have your hearts become hardened?"

UST

¹⁷ Jesus knew what they were discussing among themselves. So he said to them, "Why are you talking about not having enough bread? You should understand what I have said by now! You have become stubborn."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

UST

¹⁸ You have eyes, but you do not perceive what I have shown you! You have ears, but you do not understand what I say!" Then he said, "You do not remember what I have done!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves among the 5,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They say to him, "12."

UST

¹⁹ when I broke only five loaves and fed the five thousand people? Not only was everyone satisfied, but there was food left over! How many baskets of pieces of bread that were left over did you collect?" They replied, "We collected twelve baskets full."

Jesus reminded his disciples that what had happened when Jesus had broken five loaves?

Jesus reminded them that when he had broken five loaves, 5,000 people had been fed and 12 baskets full of broken pieces had been taken up.

Mark 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ "And when the seven among the 4,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they say to him, "Seven."

UST

²⁰ Then he asked, "When I broke the seven loaves in order to feed the four thousand people, again when everyone had plenty to eat, how many large baskets of pieces of bread that were left over did you collect?" They replied, "We collected seven large baskets full."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:21**ULT**

²¹ And he said to them, "How do you not yet understand?"

UST

²¹ Then he said to them, "You still do not understand what I am telling you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:22**ULT**

²² And they come to Bethsaida, and they bring to him a blind man and beg him that he would touch him.

UST

²² They arrived in the boat at the town of Bethsaida. People brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him touch the man in order to heal him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:23**ULT**

²³ And having taken hold of the hand of the blind man, he led him out from the village. And having spit into his eyes, having laid {his} hands on him, he was asking him, "Do you see anything?"

UST

²³ Jesus took the hand of the blind man and led him outside the town. Then he spat into the man's eyes, put his hands on the man and then asked him, "Do you see anything?"

What two things did Jesus first do to the blind man in order to restore his sight?

Jesus first spat on his eyes and laid his hands upon him.

Mark 8:24**ULT**

²⁴ And having looked up, he was saying, "I see men who look like walking trees."

UST

²⁴ The man looked up and then he said, "Yes, I see people! They are walking around, but I cannot see them clearly. They look like trees!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then he again laid {his} hands upon his eyes, and he looked intently and was restored, and he was seeing everything clearly.

UST

²⁵ Then Jesus again touched the eyes of the blind man. The man looked intently, and at that moment he was completely healed! He could see everything clearly.

What third thing did Jesus do to the blind man in order to completely restore his sight?

Jesus laid his hands upon his eyes again.

Mark 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he sent him away to his home, saying, "You may not even enter into the town."

UST

²⁶ Jesus said to him, "Do not go into the town!" Then he sent the man to his home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he was questioning his disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"

UST

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples left the town of Bethsaida and went to the villages near the town of Caesarea Philippi. On the way there he asked them, "Who do people say that I am?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ But they spoke to him, saying, "John the Baptist, and others, 'Elijah,' but others, 'One of the prophets.'"

UST

²⁸ They replied, "Some people say that you are John the Baptizer, who has come back to life. Others say that you are the prophet Elijah. And others say that you are one of the other former prophets."

Who were the people saying that Jesus was?

The people were saying that Jesus was John the Baptizer, Elijah, or one of the prophets.

Mark 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ And he was questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" And answering, Peter says to him, "You are the Christ."

UST

²⁹ He asked them, "What about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied to him, "We believe that you are the Messiah!"

Who did Peter say that Jesus was?

Peter said that Jesus was the Christ.

Mark 8:30**ULT**

³⁰ And he warned them that they might tell no one about him.

UST

³⁰ Then Jesus warned them strongly that they should not tell anyone yet that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:31**ULT**

³¹ And he began to teach them that it is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be killed, and to rise up after three days.

UST

³¹ Then Jesus began to teach them that he, the Son of Man, would certainly suffer very much. He would be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the men who teach the Jewish laws. He would even be killed. But on the third day after he died, he would become alive again.

About what future events did Jesus begin to teach his disciples clearly?

Jesus taught his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and be raised after three days.

Mark 8:32**ULT**

³² And he was speaking this word openly. And Peter, having taken him aside, began to rebuke him.

UST

³² He said this to them clearly. But Peter took Jesus aside and started to scold him for talking this way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:33**ULT**

³³ But Jesus, having turned and having looked at his disciples, rebuked Peter and says, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men."

UST

³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples. Then he rebuked Peter, saying, "Stop thinking like that! Satan is causing you to talk like that! Instead of wanting what God wants me to do, you are wanting me to do only what people would want me to do."

What did Jesus say when Peter began to rebuke him?

Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan! You do not care for the things of God, but for the things of people".

Mark 8:34**ULT**

³⁴ And having summoned the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

UST

³⁴ Then he called the crowd together along with his disciples so that they might listen to him. He told them, "If any one of you wants to be my disciple, you must disregard what you desire. You must also be willing to suffer pain like criminals who are forced to carry crosses to the places where they will be crucified. That is what anyone who wants to be my apprentice must do.

What did Jesus say anyone who wants to follow him must do?

Jesus said that anyone who wants to follow him must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus.

Mark 8:35**ULT**

³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for the sake of me and of the gospel will save it.

UST

³⁵ This is because those who try to save their lives by denying that they belong to me will suffer for an eternity. Those who are killed because they are my disciples and because they tell others the good news will live forever with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:36**ULT**

³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and to forfeit his soul?

UST

³⁶ For it benefits no one eternally to save their life now, and then for God to punish them eternally after they finally die.

What did Jesus say about a person's desire to gain the things of the world?

Jesus said, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and then forfeit his life?"

Mark 8:37**ULT**

³⁷ For what might a man give as an exchange for his soul?

UST

³⁷ For there is nothing in this world which is worth the price which God puts on the life of a person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:38**ULT**

³⁸ For if anyone may be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he would come in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

UST

³⁸ Those who refuse to say that they belong to me, and who reject what I say in these days when many people have turned away from God and are very sinful, I, the Son of Man, will also refuse to say that they belong to me when I come back with the holy angels and have the glory that my Father has!"

What did Jesus say he would do concerning those who are ashamed of him and his words?

Jesus said that at his coming he would be ashamed of those who were ashamed of him and his words.

Mark 9**Mark 9:1****ULT**

¹ And he was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who may certainly not taste death before they would see the kingdom of God come with power."

UST

¹ Jesus also said to the crowds and his disciples, "Listen carefully! Some of you who are here now will not die before you see God ruling powerfully!"

Who did Jesus say would see the kingdom of God coming with power?

Jesus said that some standing there with him would not die before they saw the kingdom of God coming with power.

Mark 9:2**ULT**

² And after six days, Jesus takes Peter and James and John and leads them up on a high mountain by themselves, alone, and he was transfigured before them.

UST

² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and James' brother John and led them up a high mountain. While they were alone up there, he appeared very different to them.

What happened to Jesus when Peter, James, and John went up a high mountain with him? (vv2-3)

Jesus was transfigured and his garments became radiantly brilliant.

Mark 9:3**ULT**

³ And his garments became radiantly, extremely white, such as no launderer on the earth is able thus to make them white.

UST

³ His clothes became dazzling white. They were whiter than anyone on earth could make them by bleaching them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:4**ULT**

⁴ And Elijah with Moses were seen by them, and they were talking with Jesus.

UST

⁴ Two prophets, who had lived long ago, Moses and Elijah, appeared to them. Then the two of them began talking with Jesus.

Who was talking with Jesus on the mountain?

Elijah and Moses were talking with Jesus.

Mark 9:5**ULT**

⁵ And answering, Peter says to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here, and let us make three shelters, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

UST

⁵ After a short time, Peter said, "Teacher, it is wonderful to be here! So allow us to make three shelters. One will be for you, one will be for Moses, and one will be for Elijah!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:6**ULT**

⁶ (For he did not know what he might answer, for they were terrified.)

UST

⁶ He said this because he wanted to say something, but he did not know what to say because he and the other two disciples were terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:7**ULT**

⁷ And a cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

UST

⁷ Then a shining cloud appeared that covered them. God spoke to them from the cloud saying, "This is my Son. He is the one whom I love. Therefore, listen to him!"

On the mountain, what did the voice from the cloud say?

The voice said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him".

Mark 9:8**ULT**

⁸ And suddenly, having looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them, but only Jesus.

UST

⁸ When the three disciples looked around, they suddenly saw that only Jesus was with them, and that Elijah and Moses were no longer there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:9**ULT**

⁹ And as they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them that they would relate to no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man would rise from the dead.

UST

⁹ While they were coming down the mountain, Jesus told them that they should not tell anyone yet what had just happened to him. He said, "You may tell them after I, the Son of Man, become alive again after I die."

What did Jesus command the disciples about what they had seen on the mountain?

Jesus commanded them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they kept the word to themselves, discussing together what it is “to rise from the dead.”

UST

¹⁰ So they did not tell others about it for a long time. But they discussed among themselves what it meant when he said that he would rise from the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they were questioning him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?”

UST

¹¹ The three disciples asked Jesus, “The men who teach the Jewish laws say that Elijah must come back to the earth before the Messiah comes to earth, {but we have just seen Elijah,} so is what they are teaching wrong?”

What did Jesus say about Elijah’s coming? (vv11-13)

Jesus said that Elijah does come first to restore all things, and that Elijah had already come.

Mark 9:12**ULT**

¹² But he was saying to them, “Elijah has come first to restore all things. And how has it been written about the Son of Man that he would suffer many things and would be despised?”

UST

¹²⁻¹³ Jesus answered them, “It is true that God promised to send Elijah to come first to put everything as it should be. But Elijah has already come, and our leaders treated him very badly, just like they wanted to do, as prophets long ago had said they would. But there is much written in the scriptures about me, the Son of Man. The scriptures say that I will suffer much and that people will reject me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:13**ULT**

¹³ But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did whatever they wanted to him, just as it is written about him."

UST

¹²⁻¹³ Jesus answered them, "It is true that God promised to send Elijah to come first to put everything as it should be. But Elijah has already come, and our leaders treated him very badly, just like they wanted to do, as prophets long ago had said they would. But there is much written in the scriptures about me, the Son of Man. The scriptures say that I will suffer much and that people will reject me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And having come to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and the scribes arguing with them.

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¹⁴ Then Jesus and those three disciples arrived where the other disciples were. They saw a large crowd around the other disciples and some men who taught the Jewish laws arguing with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And immediately, the whole crowd, having seen him, were amazed, and running up to him, they were greeting him.

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¹⁵ The crowd was very surprised to see Jesus come. So they ran to him and greeted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing with them about?"

UST

¹⁶ Jesus asked them, "What are you arguing about?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And one from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, having a mute spirit.

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¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son here to you {in order that you would heal him}. There is an evil spirit in him that makes him unable to talk.

What were the disciples unable to do for the father and his son? (vv17-18)

The disciples were unable to drive out the evil spirit from the father's son.

Mark 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And wherever it might seize him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth and grinds {his} teeth, and he becomes rigid, and I asked your disciples that they might cast it out, but they were not strong enough."

UST

¹⁸ Whenever the spirit begins to control him, it throws him down. He foams at the mouth, he grinds his teeth together, and he becomes stiff. I asked your disciples to expel the spirit, but they were not able to do it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But answering them, he says, "You unbelieving generation, until when will I be with you? Until when will I bear with you? Bring him to me."

UST

¹⁹ Jesus replied to them by saying, "You faithless people! I have become greatly wearied by your unbelief! Bring the boy to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ And they brought him to him, and having seen him, the spirit immediately threw him into a convulsion, and having fallen on the ground, he was rolling around, foaming at the mouth.

UST

²⁰ So they brought the boy to Jesus. As soon as the evil spirit saw Jesus, it shook the boy severely, and the boy fell on the ground. He rolled around and foamed at the mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:21**ULT**

²¹ And he asked his father, "How much time is it when this has been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

UST

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" He replied, "This started to happen when he was a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:22**ULT**

²² And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the waters in order that it might destroy him, but if you are able to do anything, help us, having had compassion on us."

UST

²² The spirit does not only do this, but he also often throws him into the fire or into the water in order to kill him. Pity us and help us, if you can!"

Into what did the evil spirit throw the boy to try to destroy him?

The evil spirit threw the boy into the fire or into the waters to try to destroy him.

Mark 9:23**ULT**

²³ But Jesus said to him, "If you are able? All things are possible for the one believing."

UST

²³ Jesus exclaimed to him, "Of course I can! God can do anything for people who believe that he is able to do it!"

How did the father respond when Jesus said all things are possible for the one who believes? (vv23-24)

The father responded, "I believe! Help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ And immediately the father of the child, having cried out, was saying, "I believe! Help me in {my} unbelief!"

UST

²⁴ Immediately the child's father shouted, "I believe that you can help me, but I do not believe strongly. Help me to believe more strongly!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Jesus, having seen that the crowd is running to them, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out from him, and you may never enter into him again."

UST

²⁵ Jesus saw that the crowd was growing. He rebuked the evil spirit: "You evil spirit, you who are causing this boy to be deaf and unable to talk! I command you to come out of him and never enter him again!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ And having cried out and convulsed him greatly, it came out, and he became like a dead person, so that many said, "He has died."

UST

²⁶ The evil spirit shouted and shook the boy violently, and then it left the boy. The boy did not move. He seemed like a dead body. So most of the people there said, "He has died!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ But Jesus, having taken him by his hand, lifted him up, and he stood up.

UST

²⁷ However, Jesus took the boy by the hand and helped him get up. Then the boy stood up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:28**ULT**

²⁸ And when he had gone into a house, his disciples asked him by himself, "Why could we not cast it out?"

UST

²⁸ Later, when Jesus and his disciples were alone in a house, they asked him, "Why were we not able to force the evil spirit out?"

Why were the disciples unable to cast out the mute and deaf spirit in the boy? (vv28-29)

The disciples were unable to cast out the spirit, because it could not be cast out except by prayer.

Mark 9:29**ULT**

²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind is able to come out by nothing except by prayer and fasting." [1]

UST

²⁹ Jesus said to them, "You can force this type of evil spirit out only by abstaining from food and praying to God. There is no other way that you can expel them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:30**ULT**

³⁰ And having gone out from there, they were passing through Galilee, but he was not wanting that anyone would know it,

UST

³⁰ After Jesus and his disciples left that region, they traveled through the region of Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone else to know where he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:31**ULT**

³¹ for he was teaching his disciples and saying to them, "The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And having been killed, he will rise again after three days."

UST

³¹ Jesus wanted to have time to teach his disciples. He was telling them, "Some day my enemies will arrest me, the Son of Man, and I will be put into the hands of other men. Those men will kill me. But on the third day after I die, I will become alive again!"

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him?

Jesus told them he would be put to death, then after three days he would rise again.

Mark 9:32**ULT**

³² But they were not understanding this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

UST

³² The disciples did not understand what Jesus was telling them, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:33**ULT**

³³ And they came to Capernaum, and having come into the house, he was asking them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

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³³ Then Jesus and his disciples returned to the town of Capernaum. When they were in the house, Jesus asked them, "What were you talking about while we were traveling on the road?"

What were the disciples arguing about along the way? (vv33-34)

The disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest.

Mark 9:34**ULT**

³⁴ But they were silent, for they had been arguing with one another on the way about who {was} greatest.

UST

³⁴ But the disciples did not reply. They were ashamed to reply because, while they were traveling, they had been arguing with each other about which one of them was the most important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:35**ULT**

³⁵ And having sat down, he called the Twelve together and says to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be last of all and a servant of all."

UST

³⁵ Jesus sat down, he called the twelve disciples to come close to him, and then he said to them, "If anyone wants God to consider him to be the most important person of all, he must consider himself to be the least important person of all, and he must serve everyone else."

Who did Jesus say is first?

Jesus said that he is first who is servant of all.

Mark 9:36**ULT**

³⁶ And having taken a little child, he placed him in their midst, and having taken him in his arms, he said to them,

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³⁶ Then Jesus took a child and placed him among them. He took the child in his arms and then he said to them,

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, who are they also receiving? (vv36-37)

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, they are also receiving Jesus and the one who sent Jesus.

Mark 9:37**ULT**

³⁷ "Whoever may receive one of these little children in my name receives me; and whoever may receive me, does not receive me but the one who sent me."

UST

³⁷ "Those who welcome a child like this one because they love me, God considers that they are welcoming me. Whoever welcomes me, it is as though they are also welcoming God who sent me to represent him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:38**ULT**

³⁸ John was saying to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we were preventing him, because he was not following us."

UST

³⁸ John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone who was forcing evil spirits out of people. He claimed that he had authority from you to do that. So we told him to stop doing it because he was not one of us disciples."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:39**ULT**

³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not prevent him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and will be able soon afterwards to speak evil about me.

UST

³⁹ Jesus said, "Do not tell him to stop doing that. For no person will say bad things about me soon after performing a mighty deed with my authority.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ For he who is not against us is for us.

UST

⁴⁰ Those who are not opposing us are trying to achieve the same goals that we are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:41**ULT**

⁴¹ For whoever may give you a cup of water in the name because you are Christ's, truly I say to you that he may certainly not lose his reward.

UST

⁴¹ God will certainly reward those who help you in any way, even if they simply give you a cup of water to drink because you follow me, the Messiah!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:42**ULT**

⁴² And whoever may cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him instead if a large millstone is put around his neck and he is thrown into the sea.

UST

⁴² Jesus also said, "But if you cause someone who believes in me to sin{, God will severely punish you}. If someone tied a very heavy stone around your neck and threw you into the sea, it would be better for you than if God punished you for causing a person who believes in me to sin.

What would be better for someone who causes a little one who believes in Jesus to stumble?

It would be better for that one if a millstone were tied around his neck and he was thrown into the sea.

Mark 9:43**ULT**

⁴³ And if your hand may cause you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than, having two hands, to go away into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

UST

⁴³ So if you are wanting to use one of your hands to sin, do not use it! Even if you have to cut your hand off and throw it away to avoid sinning, do it! It is better that you live eternally, even though you lack one of your hands while you are here on earth. But it is not good that you sin and as a result God throws your whole body into hell. There the fires never go out!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:44**ULT**

^{44[2]} [where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.]

UST

^{44[1]} [where worms never stop feeding on them, and the fire that burns them never goes out.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And if your foot may cause you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than, having two feet, to be thrown into Gehenna.

UST

⁴⁵ If you are wanting to use one of your feet to sin, stop using your foot! Even if you have to cut off your foot to avoid sinning, do it! It is good that you {not sin and} live eternally, even though you lack one of your feet while you are here on earth. But it is not good {that you sin and as a result} God puts your whole body into hell.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:46**ULT**

^{46[3]} [where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.]

UST

^{46[2]} [where worms never stop feeding on them, and the fire that burns them never goes out.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And if your eye may cause you to stumble, throw it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than, having two eyes, to be thrown into Gehenna,

UST

⁴⁷ If because of what you see you are tempted to sin, stop looking at those things! Even if you have to gouge out your eye and throw it away to avoid sinning, do it! It is better to have only one eye and for God to agree to rule over you, than him to throw you with two eyes into hell.

What did Jesus say to do with your eye if it causes you to stumble?

Jesus said to tear out your eye if it causes you to stumble.

Mark 9:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.

UST

⁴⁸ In that place worms feed on the people there forever and the fires are never put out."

What did Jesus say happens in hell?

Jesus said that in hell the worm does not die, and the fire is not put out.

Mark 9:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire.

UST

⁴⁹ "For God will put fire on everyone, just like people put salt on their food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt might become unsalty, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

9:29 ^[1], but the best manuscripts include it.

9:44 ^[2]

9:46 ^[3]

UST

⁵⁰ Salt is useful to put on food, but you cannot make it taste salty again if it becomes flavorless. We are to be like salt that adds flavor to food. And live in peace with one another."

9:44 ^[1]

9:46 ^[2]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10**Mark 10:1****ULT**

¹ And having gotten up, he goes from that place to the region of Judea and the other side of the Jordan, and the crowds come together to him again. And he was teaching them again, as he had been accustomed to do.

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¹ Jesus left that place with his disciples, and they went through the region of Judea and on across to the east side of the Jordan River. When crowds of people again gathered around him, he taught them again, as he regularly did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:2**ULT**

² And having approached, the Pharisees were questioning him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife, testing him.

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² While Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees approached him and asked him, "Does our law permit a man to divorce his wife?" They asked that in order to be able to criticize him no matter whether he answered "yes" or "no."

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in order to test him?

The Pharisees asked Jesus if it was lawful for a husband to divorce his wife.

Mark 10:3**ULT**

³ But he, answering, said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

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³ Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command your ancestors about a man divorcing his wife?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:4**ULT**

⁴ And they said, "Moses permitted him to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away."

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⁴ One of them replied, "Moses permitted that a man may write out divorce papers so that he may send her away."

What commandment had Moses given the Jews concerning divorce?

Moses had allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and then send his wife away.

Mark 10:5**ULT**

⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote this commandment to you.

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⁵ Jesus said to them, "It was because your ancestors stubbornly wanted just what they desired that Moses wrote that law for your ancestors, and you are just like them.

Why had Moses given the Jews this commandment concerning divorce?

Moses had given this commandment to the Jews because of their hard hearts.

Mark 10:6**ULT**

⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'He made them male and female.'

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⁶ Remember that Moses also wrote that, when God first created people, God made one man, and one woman to become that man's wife.

To what event in history did Jesus refer when telling the Pharisees about God's original design for marriage?

Jesus referred to the creation of male and female at the beginning when telling about God's original design for marriage.

Mark 10:7**ULT**

⁷ 'On account of this a man will leave his father and mother, ^[1]

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⁷ That explains why God said, 'When a man and woman marry, they should no longer live with their fathers and mothers after they marry.'

What did Jesus say the two people, the man and his wife, become when they are married? (vv7-8)

Jesus said that the two become one flesh.

Mark 10:8**ULT**

⁸ and the two will be one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

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⁸ Instead, the two of them will live together, and they will become so closely united that they are like one person.' Therefore, although the people who marry were two separate persons before, God regards them as one person now{, so he wants them to remain married}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore, what God joined together, let man not separate."

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⁹ Because that is true, a man must not divorce his wife. God has joined them together and he wishes them to stay together!"

What did Jesus say about what God joins together in marriage?

Jesus said that what God joins together, let no man tear apart.

Mark 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And in the house again, the disciples asked him about this.

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¹⁰ When Jesus and his disciples were alone in a house, they asked him again about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he says to them, "Whoever might divorce his wife and might marry another commits adultery against her.

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¹¹ Jesus said to them, "God considers that any man who divorces his wife and marries another woman is committing adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:12**ULT**

¹² And if she, having divorced her husband, might marry another, she commits adultery."

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¹² God also considers a woman who divorces her husband and marries another man to be committing adultery."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:13**ULT**

¹³ And they were bringing little children to him so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

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¹³ Now people were bringing children to Jesus so that he would lay his hands on them and bless them. But his disciples scolded those people.

What was Jesus' reaction when the disciples rebuked those bringing little children to him? (vv13-14)

Jesus was angry with the disciples and told them to permit the little children to come to him.

Mark 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But having seen this, Jesus was indignant and said to them, "Permit the little children to come to me, and do not prevent them, for of those such as these is the kingdom of God.

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¹⁴ When Jesus saw that, he became angry. He said to his disciples, "Allow the children to come to me! Do not forbid them! It is people who are humble and trust God as they do who can experience God ruling in their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Truly I say to you, whoever might not receive the kingdom of God as a little child may certainly not enter into it."

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¹⁵ Note this: Those who do not welcome God as their king in the same manner as children would, God will certainly not agree to rule over them."

How did Jesus say the kingdom of God must be received in order to enter it?

Jesus said the kingdom of God must be received as a little child in order to enter it.

Mark 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And having taken them into his arms, he blessed them, placing {his} hands on them.

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¹⁶ Then Jesus held the children in his arms. He also put his hands on them and called on God to do good to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And as he is proceeding on the journey, someone ran up to him and having knelt before him, was asking him, "Good Teacher, what might I do in order that I might inherit everlasting life?"

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¹⁷ As Jesus was starting to travel again with his disciples, a man ran up to him. He knelt before Jesus and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do so that I can live with God eternally?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Why are you calling me good? No one {is} good except God alone.

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¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "You do not realize what you are saying by calling me good! Only God is good!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You have known the commandments: 'Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not testify falsely, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

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¹⁹ {But to answer your question,} you know the commandments of Moses: 'Do not murder anyone, do not commit adultery, do not steal from anyone, do not lie about others, do not cheat anyone, and be respectful towards your father and mother'."

What did Jesus first tell the man he must do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus told the man he must not kill, not commit adultery, not steal, not testify falsely, not defraud, and must honor his father and mother.

Mark 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ But he was saying to him, "Teacher, all these things I have obeyed from my youth."

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²⁰ The man said to him, "Teacher, I have obeyed all those commandments ever since I was young."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:21**ULT**

²¹ But Jesus, having looked at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack; go away, sell as much as you have, and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me."

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²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. He said to him, "There is one thing that you have not yet done. You must go home, sell all that you possess, and then give the money to poor people. As a result, you will be spiritually rich in heaven. After you have done what I have told you, come with me and be my disciple!"

What additional commandment did Jesus then give the man?

Jesus then commanded the man to sell at that he had and to follow him.

Mark 10:22**ULT**

²² But he, having become downcast at this word, went away being grieved, because he was one having many possessions.

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²² The man became disappointed when he heard Jesus' instructions. He went away sad, because he was very rich.

How did the man react when Jesus gave him this commandment, and why?

The man was sorrowful and walked away, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10:23**ULT**

²³ And having looked around, Jesus says to his disciples, "How difficult {it is} for those having riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

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²³ Jesus looked around at the people. Then he exclaimed to his disciples, "It is very difficult for people who are wealthy to decide to let God rule over them."

Who did Jesus say had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God? (vv23-25)

Jesus said that the rich had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ But the disciples were astonished at his words, but again answering, Jesus says to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter into the kingdom of God!

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²⁴ The disciples were surprised by what Jesus said. {They thought that God favored the rich people, so if God did not save them, he would not save anyone.} Jesus said again, "You dear believers who are under my care, it is very difficult for anyone to decide to let God rule his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

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²⁵ It is impossible for a very large animal like a camel to go through the eye of a needle. It is almost as difficult for rich people to decide to let God rule their lives."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ But they were greatly astonished, saying to him, "And who is able to be saved?"

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²⁶ The disciples were very amazed. So they said to Jesus, "If that is so then how can anyone be saved!"

How did Jesus say even a rich person could be saved? (vv26-27)

Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ Having looked at them, Jesus says, "With men {it is} impossible, but not with God. For all things {are} possible with God."

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²⁷ Jesus looked at them and then he said, "Yes, it is impossible for people to save themselves! But God certainly can save them, because God can do anything!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:28**ULT**

²⁸ Peter began to speak to him, "Behold, we have left everything and have followed you."

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²⁸ Peter said, "Look, we have left behind everything and we have become your disciples."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ Jesus was saying, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for the sake of me and of the gospel,

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²⁹ Jesus replied, "I want you to know this: Those who have left their houses, their brothers, their sisters, their father, their mother, their children, or their plots of ground to be my disciples and to proclaim the good news,

What did Jesus say anyone would receive who had left house, family, and lands for Jesus' sake? (vv29-30)

Jesus said they would receive a hundred times as much in this world, with persecutions, and eternal life in the world to come.

Mark 10:30**ULT**

³⁰ who may not receive a hundred times {as much} now in this time: houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the age that is coming, everlasting life.

UST

³⁰ they will receive in this life a hundred times as much as they left behind. That will include houses and people as dear as brothers and sisters and mothers and children, and plots of ground. Also, people will persecute them {here on earth because they believe in me}, but in the future age they will live with God eternally.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:31**ULT**

³¹ But many {who are} first will be last, and the last, first."

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³¹ But I want you all to know: Many people who right now are considered by others to be very important will be considered unimportant by God at that future time, and many people who right now are considered by others to be unimportant will be considered very important by God at that future time!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:32**ULT**

³² Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them. And they were amazed, but those who are following behind were afraid. And having taken the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what is about to happen to him.

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³² Some days later as they continued to travel, Jesus and his disciples were walking on the road that leads up to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were astonished and the other people who were with them were afraid. Along the way Jesus took the twelve disciples to a place by themselves again. Then he began to tell them about what was going to happen to him;

On what road were Jesus and the disciples traveling?

Jesus and the disciples were traveling on the road going up to Jerusalem.

Mark 10:33**ULT**

³³ "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him to the Gentiles.

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³³ he said, "Listen carefully! We are going up to Jerusalem. There the chief priests and the teachers of the Jewish laws will arrest me, the Son of Man. They will declare that I must die. Then they will take me to the Roman authorities.

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him in Jerusalem? (vv33-34)

Jesus told his disciples that he would be condemned to death and delivered over to the Gentiles.

Mark 10:34**ULT**

³⁴ And they will mock him, and spit on him, and whip him, and kill him, but after three days, he will rise."

UST

³⁴ Their men will ridicule me and spit on me. They will scourge me, and then they will kill me. But on the third day after that, I will become alive again!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:35**ULT**

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approach him, saying to him, "Teacher, we desire that whatever we might ask you, you might do for us."

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³⁵ Along the way, James and John, who were the two sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us what we will ask you to do!"

What request did James and John make to Jesus? (vv35-37)

James and John requested to sit on Jesus' right and left hand with him in glory.

Mark 10:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want that I might do for you?"

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³⁶ Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:37**ULT**

³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant to us that we might sit in your glory, one at your right hand and one at your left hand."

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³⁷ They said to him, "When you rule gloriously, let one of us sit at your right side and one sit at your left side."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:38**ULT**

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am being baptized?"

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³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not understand what you are asking for." {Then he asked them,} "Can you endure suffering like I am about to suffer? Can you endure people killing you as they will kill me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:39**ULT**

³⁹ But they said to him, "We are able." But Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am being baptized, you will be baptized.

UST

³⁹ They said to him, "Yes, we are able to do that!" Then Jesus said to them, "It is true that you will endure suffering like I will suffer, and you will endure people killing you as they will kill me.

What did Jesus say that James and John would endure?

Jesus said that James and John would endure the cup Jesus would drink, and the baptism with which Jesus would be baptized.

Mark 10:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ But to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give, but {it is} for those for whom it has been prepared."

UST

⁴⁰ But I am not the one who chooses who will sit next to me. God will give those places to the ones whom he chooses in advance."

Did Jesus grant the request of James and John?

No. Jesus said that the seats at his right and left hand were not his to give.

Mark 10:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And having heard this, the ten began to be very angry with James and John.

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⁴¹ The other ten disciples later heard about what James and John had requested. {As a result,} they were angry with them {because they also wanted to rule with Jesus in the highest positions}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:42**ULT**

⁴² And having summoned them, Jesus says 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.

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⁴² Then, after Jesus called them all together, he said to them, "You know that those who rule the non-Jews enjoy showing that they are powerful. You also know that their officials enjoy commanding others.

How did Jesus say the rulers of the Gentiles treat their subjects?

Jesus said that the rulers of the Gentiles dominate their subjects.

Mark 10:43**ULT**

⁴³ But it is not this way among you. Instead, whoever might want to become great among you will be your servant,

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⁴³ But do not be like them! On the contrary, all those of you who want God to consider them great must become like servants to the rest of you.

How did Jesus say those who wish to be great among the disciples must live? (vv43-44)

Jesus said those who wish to be great among the disciples must be servant of all.

Mark 10:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ and whoever might want to be first among you will be a slave of all.

UST

⁴⁴ Furthermore, if anyone of you wants God to consider him to be the most important, he must act like a slave for the rest of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many."

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⁴⁵ I, the Son of Man, even though I came from heaven, did not come to have people serve me. On the contrary, I came in order to serve others and to allow others to kill me, in order that my dying for people would be like a payment to rescue many people from God punishing them for their sins."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And they come into Jericho, and as he is going out from Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road.

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⁴⁶ On the way to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus and his disciples came to the city of Jericho. Then, while they were leaving Jericho along with a great crowd, a blind man who habitually begged for money was sitting beside the road. His name was Bartimaeus, and his father's name was Timaeus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And having heard that it is Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and to say, "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!"

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⁴⁷ When he heard people say that Jesus from Nazareth was passing by, he shouted, "Jesus! you who are descended from King David, help me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And many were rebuking him so that he might be silent, but he was crying out much more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

UST

⁴⁸ Many people scolded him and told him that he should be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, "You who are descended from King David, be merciful to me!"

What did the blind man Bartimaeus do when many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet?

Bartimaeus cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mark 10:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ And having stood still, Jesus said, "Call him." And they call the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage! Get up! He is calling you."

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⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him to come over here!" They called the blind man, saying, "Jesus is calling you! So cheer up and stand up and come!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And having thrown aside his coat, having sprung up, he came to Jesus.

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⁵⁰ He threw aside his cloak as he jumped up, and he came to Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want that I might do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, that I might receive my sight."

UST

⁵¹ Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Teacher, I want to be able to see again!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:52**ULT**

⁵² But Jesus said to him, "Go. Your faith has healed you." And immediately he received his sight, and he was following him on the road.

10:7 ^[1], but the best manuscripts do not.

UST

⁵² Jesus said to him, "Because you have trusted in me, I have healed you! So you may go!" He could see immediately. And he went with Jesus along the road.

What did Jesus say had healed Bartimaeus of his blindness?

Jesus said that Bartimaeus' faith had healed him.

Mark 11**Mark 11:1****ULT**

¹ And when they come to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, to the Mount of Olives, he sends out two of his disciples

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¹ When Jesus and his disciples came close to Jerusalem, they came to the villages of Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:2**ULT**

² and says to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately, entering into it, you will find a colt having been tied up, on which no man has yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

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² Jesus said to them, "Go to that village just ahead of us. As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey that no one has ever ridden, that people have tied up. Untie it, and bring it to me.

What did Jesus send two of his disciples to do in the village opposite them?

Jesus sent them to bring a colt to him that had never been ridden.

Mark 11:3**ULT**

³ And if anyone might say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and immediately he sends it back here.'

UST

³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'Jesus needs it. He will send it back here with someone as soon as he no longer needs it.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:4**ULT**

⁴ And they left and found a colt having been tied up at a door outside on the street, and they untie it.

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⁴ So the two disciples went and they found the donkey. It was tied close to the door of a house, and was standing in the street. Then they untied it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:5**ULT**

⁵ And some of those who stood there began to say to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

UST

⁵ Some of the people who were there said to Jesus' two disciples, "Why are you untying the donkey?"

What happened when the disciples untied the colt? (vv5-6)

Some people asked the disciples what they were doing, so they spoke to the people as Jesus told them, and the people let them go their way.

Mark 11:6**ULT**

⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus told them, and they let them go.

UST

⁶ They told them what Jesus had instructed them to say. So the people permitted them to take the donkey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:7**ULT**

⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and throw their cloaks upon it, and he sat on it.

UST

⁷ The two disciples took the donkey to Jesus and put their robes on it {to make something for him to sit on}. Jesus then sat on the donkey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:8**ULT**

⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others, branches they had cut from the fields.

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⁸ Many people spread their robes on the road in front of him. Others cut branches from palm trees in nearby fields and spread them along the road.

What did the people spread on the road as Jesus rode on the colt?

On the road the people spread their garments and branches they had cut from the fields.

Mark 11:9**ULT**

⁹ Both those going before and those following were crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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⁹ The people who were going in front of him and behind him were all shouting, "Praise God!" {and} "May God bless this one who comes as his representative."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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¹⁰ {They also shouted,} May God bless you when you rule like our ancestor King David ruled!" "Praise God who is in the highest heaven!"

What coming kingdom were the people shouting about as Jesus rode toward Jerusalem?

The people were shouting that the kingdom of their father David was coming.

Mark 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple; and having looked around at everything, the hour already being late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem with them, and then he went into the temple courtyard. After he looked around at everything there, he left the city because it was already late in the afternoon. He returned to the village of Bethany with the twelve disciples.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area?

Jesus looked around and then went out to Bethany.

Mark 11:12**ULT**

¹² And the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, he was hungry.

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¹² The next day, as Jesus and his disciples were leaving Bethany, he felt hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:13**ULT**

¹³ And having seen from far away a fig tree having leaves, he went, if perhaps he will find anything on it. But having come to it, he found nothing except leaves, for it was not the season of figs.

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¹³ He saw in the distance a fig tree with all its leaves, so he went to it to see if he could find any figs on it. But when he came to it, he found no fruit on it, only leaves. This was because it was not yet the time when normal fig trees have ripe figs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And answering, he said to it, "No one will any longer eat fruit from you to eternity." And his disciples heard it.

UST

¹⁴ He said to the tree, "No one will ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard this.

What did Jesus do when he saw the fig tree with no fruit on it?

Jesus said to the fig tree, "No one will ever eat fruit from you".

Mark 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And coming to Jerusalem, and having entered into the temple, he began to cast out those selling and those buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling pigeons,

UST

¹⁵ Jesus and his disciples went back into Jerusalem and entered the temple courtyard. He saw people who were selling and buying animals for sacrifices. He chased those people from the temple courtyard. He also overturned the tables of those who were selling temple tax money in exchange for Roman coins. And he overturned the seats of the men who were selling pigeons for sacrifice.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area this time? (vv15-16)

Jesus cast out the sellers and purchasers and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

Mark 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and he was not permitting that anyone might carry containers through the temple.

UST

¹⁶ He would not allow anyone who was carrying anything to sell to go through the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying, "Has it not been written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

UST

¹⁷ Then as he taught those people, he said to them, "One of the prophets wrote in the scriptures that God said, 'I want people to call my house a house where people from all nations may pray,' but you robbers have made it like a cave where robbers hide."

What did Jesus say the temple was supposed to be, according to Scripture?

Jesus said that the temple was supposed to be a house of prayer for all the nations.

What did Jesus say the chief priests and scribes had made the temple?

Jesus said they had made the temple a den of robbers.

Mark 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard this, and they were seeking a way they might kill him, for they feared him because the entire crowd was amazed at his teaching.

UST

¹⁸ The chief priests and the men who taught the Jewish laws later heard about what Jesus had done. They were planning how they might kill him, but they feared him because they realized that the whole crowd was amazed at what he was teaching.

What were the chief priests and scribes trying to do to Jesus?

The chief priests and scribes were trying to kill Jesus.

Mark 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And when evening came, they were departing from the city.

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¹⁹ That evening, Jesus and his disciples left the city {and again slept in Bethany}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ And passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree had been withered from the roots.

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²⁰ The next morning while they were going along the road toward Jerusalem, they saw that the fig tree that Jesus had cursed had withered completely.

What happened to the fig tree to which Jesus had spoken?

The fig tree to which Jesus had spoken withered away to its roots.

Mark 11:21**ULT**

²¹ And having been reminded, Peter says to him, "Rabbi, behold! The fig tree that you cursed has been withered away."

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²¹ Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the fig tree and he said to Jesus, "Teacher, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:22**ULT**

²² And answering, Jesus says to them, "Have faith in God.

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²² Jesus replied, "You should not be surprised that God did what I asked! You must trust that God will do whatever you ask him to do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:23**ULT**

²³ Truly I say to you that whoever might say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and be cast into the sea,' and might not doubt in his heart, but might believe that what he says is happening, it will be for him.

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²³ Also note this: If anyone says to this mountain, 'Rise up and then throw yourself into the sea!' and if he does not doubt that what he asks for will happen, that is, if he believes that it will happen, God will do it for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ Because of this, I say to you: Whatever you pray and ask, believe that you have received it, and it will be to you.

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²⁴ So I tell you, whenever you ask God for something when you pray, believe that you will receive it, and, if you do, God will do it for you.

What did Jesus say about everything we ask for in prayer?

Jesus said that everything we ask for in prayer, believe that we have received it, and it will be ours.

Mark 11:25**ULT**

²⁵ And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have something against anyone, so that your Father who {is} in the heavens may also forgive you your trespasses."

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²⁵ Now, I tell you this also: Whenever you are praying, if you have a grudge against any person because they have sinned against you, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven will likewise forgive you for your sins."

What did Jesus say we must do so that the Father in heaven will also forgive you?

Jesus said we must forgive whatever we have against anyone so that the Father will also forgive us.

Mark 11:26**ULT**

^{26[1]} [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who {is} in the heavens forgive your trespasses.]

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^{26[1]} [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:27**ULT**

²⁷ And they come to Jerusalem again, and as he is walking around in the temple, the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders come to him.

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²⁷ Jesus and his disciples arrived in the temple courtyard in Jerusalem again. While Jesus was walking there, a group consisting of chief priests, some men who taught the Jewish laws, and elders came to him.

**In the temple, what did the chief priests, scribes, and elders want to know from Jesus?
(vv27-28)**

They wanted to know by what authority he did the things he was doing.

Mark 11:28**ULT**

²⁸ And they were saying to him, "By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you this authority, so that you might do them?"

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²⁸ They said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who authorized you to do things like those you did here yesterday?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:29**ULT**

²⁹ But Jesus said to them, "I also will ask you one word, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

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²⁹ Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question. If you answer me, then I will tell you who authorized me to do those things.

What question did Jesus ask the chief priests, scribes, and elders? (vv29-30)

Jesus asked them if John's baptism was from heaven or from men.

Mark 11:30**ULT**

³⁰ The baptism of John, was it from heaven or from men? Answer me."

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³⁰ Was it God who authorized John to baptize those who came to him? Or was it people who authorized him?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:31**ULT**

³¹ And they began to discuss between themselves, saying, "What should we say? If we would say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Because of what then did you not believe him?' ^[2]

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³¹ They debated among themselves as to what they should answer. They said to each other, "If we say that it was God who authorized him, he will say to us, 'Then you should have believed what John said!'

Why did the chief priests, scribes, and elders not want to answer that John's baptism was from heaven?

They did not want to give this answer because Jesus would ask why they didn't believe John.

Mark 11:32**ULT**

³² But we might say, 'From men, '...' (They were afraid of the crowd, for they all held that John really was a prophet.)

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³² On the other hand, if we say that it was people who authorized John, then what will happen to us?" They were afraid to say that about where John got his authority, because they knew that the people would be very angry with them. They knew that all the people truly believed that John was a prophet whom God had sent.

Why did the chief priests, scribes, and elders not want to answer that John's baptism was from men?

They did not want to give this answer because they feared the people, who all believed that John was a prophet.

Mark 11:33**ULT**

³³ And answering Jesus, they say, "We do not know." And Jesus says to them, "Neither do I say to you by what authority I do these things."

11:26 ^[1]

11:31 ^[2], but the best manuscripts include it.

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³³ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know who authorized John to baptize people." Then Jesus said to them, "Because you did not answer my question, I will not tell you who authorized me to do those things here yesterday."

11:26 ^[1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12

Mark 12:1

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¹ And he began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a pit for a winepress and built a watchtower and leased it to vine growers, and went away on a journey.

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¹ Then Jesus began to tell the Jewish leaders a parable. He said, "A certain man planted a vineyard. He built a fence around it in order to protect it. He made a stone tank to collect the grape juice that they would press out of the grapes. He also built a tower for someone to sit in to guard his vineyard. Then he rented the vineyard to some people who would take care of it. Then he went away to another country.

After building and leasing the vineyard, what did the owner do?

After building and leasing the vineyard, the owner went away on a journey.

Mark 12:2

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² And at the season, he sent a slave to the vine growers so that he might receive from the vine growers from the fruit of the vineyard.

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² When the time came to harvest the grapes, the owner of the vineyard sent a servant to the people who were taking care of his vineyard because he wanted to receive from them his share of the grapes that the vineyard had produced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:3

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³ But having seized him, they beat him, and sent him away with nothing.

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³ But when the servant arrived, they grabbed him and beat the servant, and they did not give him any fruit. Then they sent him away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:4**ULT**

⁴ And again he sent to them another slave, and that one, they wounded in the head and treated shamefully.

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⁴ Later the owner sent another servant to them. But they beat that one on the head and they insulted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:5**ULT**

⁵ And he sent another, and that one they killed, and many others—beating these, but killing those.

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⁵ Later the owner sent still another servant. That man the people who were caring for the vineyard killed. They also mistreated many other servants whom he sent. Some they beat and some they killed.

What did the vine dressers do to the many servants that the owner sent to receive the fruit of the vineyard?

The vine dressers beat some and killed some of the many servants.

Mark 12:6**ULT**

⁶ Having one more, a beloved son, he sent him to them last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

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⁶ The owner still had one other person with him, his son, whom he loved very much. So, finally he sent his son to them because he thought that they would respect him.

Who did the owner send last to the vine dressers?

The owner sent his beloved son last.

Mark 12:7**ULT**

⁷ But those vine growers said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

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⁷ But when the people who were caring for the vineyard saw his son coming, they said to each other, 'Look! Here comes the owner's son, who will some day inherit the vineyard! So let us kill him in order that this vineyard will be ours!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:8**ULT**

⁸ And having seized him, they killed him, and threw him outside of the vineyard.

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⁸ They seized the owner's son and killed him. Then they threw his body outside the vineyard.

What did the vine dressers do with the one sent last by the owner?

The vine dressers seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mark 12:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine growers and will give the vineyard to others.

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⁹ So I will tell you what the owner of the vineyard will do? He will come, and he will kill those evil men who were taking care of his vineyard. Then he will arrange for other people to take care of it.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to the vine dressers?

The owner of the vineyard will come and destroy the vine dressers and give the vineyard to others.

Mark 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And have you not read this scripture? 'The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner.

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¹⁰ Now think carefully about these words, which you have read in the scriptures: "The men who were building the building refused to use a certain stone. But the Lord has put that same stone in its proper place, and it has become the most important stone in the building!"

In the scripture, what happens to the stone which the builders rejected?

The stone which the builders rejected has been made the cornerstone.

Mark 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

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¹¹ The Lord has done this, and we marvel as we look at it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:12**ULT**

¹² And they were seeking to seize him, but they feared the crowd, for they knew that he spoke this parable against them. And having left him, they went away.

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¹² Then the Jewish leaders realized that Jesus was accusing them when he told this story about what those wicked people did. So they wanted to arrest him. But they were afraid of what the crowds of people would do if they did that. So they left him and went away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:13**ULT**

¹³ And they send some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him in order to trap him with a word.

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¹³ The Jewish leaders sent to Jesus some Pharisees {who thought that the Jews should pay only the tax that their own Jewish authorities required people to pay}. They also sent some members of the party that supported Herod Antipas and the Roman government. They wanted to trick Jesus; they wanted to make Jesus say something that would make one of those groups angry with him so they could bring charges against him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And having come, they say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and it is not a concern to you about anyone, for you do not look at the face of men, but, you teach the way of God according to truth. Is it lawful to give taxes to Caesar or not? Should we give, or should we not give?"

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¹⁴ After they arrived, one of them said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you teach only what is true. We also know that you are not concerned about people's opinion. Instead, you teach all people truthfully what God wants them to do without paying attention to whether or not they are an important or powerful person. {So tell us what you think about this matter:} Is it right that we pay taxes to the Roman government, or not? Should we pay the taxes, or should we not pay them?"

What question did the Pharisees and some of the Herodians ask Jesus?

They asked him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

Mark 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test me? Bring to me a denarius so that I might look at it."

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¹⁵ Jesus knew that they did not really want to know what God wanted them to do. So he said to them, "I know that you are just trying to make me say something wrong for which you can accuse me. {But I will answer your question anyway.} Bring me a coin so that I might look at it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And they brought one, and he says to them, "Whose {is} this image and inscription?" And they said to him, "Caesar's."

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¹⁶ After they had brought him a coin, he asked them, "Whose picture is on this coin? And whose name is on it?" They replied, "It is a picture and the name of Caesar{, the man who rules the Roman government}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "The things of Caesar, give back to Caesar, and the things of God, to God." And they were marveling at him.

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¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "{That is correct, so} give to the government what belongs to the government, and give to God what belongs to him." They were amazed by what he said.

How did Jesus answer their question?

Jesus said they should give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and give to God the things that are God's.

Mark 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, come to him and are questioning him, saying,

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¹⁸ Men who belong to the Sadducee group deny that people become alive again after they die. {In order to discredit Jesus by ridiculing the idea that people will live again, some of them} came to him and asked him,

In what did the Sadducees not believe?

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection.

Mark 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses wrote to us, 'If someone's brother might die and might leave behind a wife, but might not leave a child, that his brother should take the wife and should raise up offspring to his brother.'

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¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses instructed us Jews that if a man who has no children dies, his brother should marry the dead man's widow. Then if those two bear children, everyone will consider that those children are the children of the man who died, and in that way the dead man will continue to have descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and dying, did not leave offspring,

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²⁰ So here is an example. There were seven brothers in one family. The oldest one married a woman, but he and his wife did not bear any children. Then he later died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:21**ULT**

²¹ and the second took her and died, not having left offspring, and the third likewise.

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²¹ The second brother {followed this law and} married that woman and he, too, did not bear any children. Then he later died. The third brother did like his other brothers did. But he also did not bear any children, and later died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:22**ULT**

²² And the seven did not leave offspring. Last of all, the woman also died.

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²² Eventually all seven brothers married that woman one by one, but no one had any children, and one by one they died. Afterwards the woman died, too.

In the story told by the Sadducees, how many husbands did the woman have?

The woman had seven husbands.

Mark 12:23**ULT**

²³ In the resurrection, when they may rise again, of which of them will she be a wife? For the seven had her as wife."

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²³ {Therefore, if it were true what some people say, that people will become alive again after they die,} whose wife do you think that woman will be when people become alive again? Keep in mind that she had been married to all seven brothers!"

What question did the Sadducees ask Jesus about the woman?

They asked which of the men would be the woman's husband in the resurrection.

Mark 12:24**ULT**

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Are you not being led astray because of this, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God?"

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²⁴ Jesus replied to them, "You are certainly wrong. You do not know what the scriptures teach about this. You also do not understand God's power to make people alive again.

What reason did Jesus give the Sadducees for their error?

Jesus said that the Sadducees did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.

Mark 12:25**ULT**

²⁵ For when they may rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in the heavens.

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²⁵ {That woman will not be the wife of any of those brothers,} because when people become alive again, instead of men having wives and women having husbands, they will be like the angels in heaven. {Angels do not marry.}

What was Jesus' answer to the Sadducees' question about the woman?

Jesus said that in the resurrection, men and women will not marry, but will be like angels.

Mark 12:26**ULT**

²⁶ But concerning the dead that are raised, did you not read in the book of Moses, at the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob'?

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²⁶ But let me talk about people becoming alive again after they die. In the book that Moses wrote, he said something about people who have died that I am sure that you have read. When Moses was looking at the bush that was burning, God said to him, 'I am the God whom Abraham worships and the God whom Isaac worships and the God whom Jacob worships.' {God would not have said that if he had not made those men alive again and he were not still their God.}

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection? (vv26-27)

Jesus quoted from the book of Moses, where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - all who must then be still alive.

Mark 12:27**ULT**

²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are being quite deceived."

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²⁷ Now it is not dead people who worship God. It is living people who worship him. So when you say that dead people do not become alive again, you are very wrong."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:28**ULT**

²⁸ And one of the scribes, having come up, having heard them discussing this together, having seen that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

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²⁸ A man who taught the Jewish laws heard their discussion. He knew that Jesus had answered the Sadducees' question very well. So he stepped forward and asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the most important?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:29**ULT**

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

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²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, you people of Israel! The Lord our God, he only is our God.

What commandment did Jesus say is most important? (vv29-30)

Jesus said that to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is the most important commandment.

Mark 12:30**ULT**

³⁰ And you will love the Lord your God from your whole heart, and from your whole soul, and from your whole mind, and from your whole strength.'

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³⁰ You must love the Lord your God in all that you want and feel, in all that you think, and in all that you do!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:31**ULT**

³¹ The second {is} this, 'You will love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other greater commandment than these."

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³¹ The next most important commandment is: 'You must love the people around you as much as you love yourself.' No other commandment is more important than these two!"

What commandment did Jesus say is second?

Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself is the second commandment.

Mark 12:32**ULT**

³² And the scribe said to him, "Good, Teacher! According to truth you have said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

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³² The man said to Jesus, "Teacher, you have answered well. You say truthfully that God is the only God and that there is no other God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:33**ULT**

³³ And to love him from the whole heart and from the whole understanding and from the whole strength, and to love the neighbor as oneself, is even more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

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³³ You have also said correctly that we should love God in all that we want and feel, in all that we think, and in all that we do. And you have said correctly that we must love people with whom we come in contact as much as we love ourselves. And you have also correctly said that doing these things pleases God more than burning food or animals as an offering or giving other sacrifices."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:34**ULT**

³⁴ And Jesus, having seen him, that he had answered wisely, said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one any longer was daring to question him.

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³⁴ Jesus realized that this man had answered wisely. So he said to him, "{I perceive that} you are close to deciding to let God rule over you." After that, the Jewish leaders were afraid to ask him any more questions like that to try to trap him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:35**ULT**

³⁵ And answering, Jesus, teaching in the temple, said, "How do the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?"

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³⁵ Later, while Jesus was teaching in the temple area, he said to the people, "How is it that those who teach the Jewish laws say—and they are correct in saying—that the Messiah is a descendant of King David?"

What question did Jesus ask the scribes about David? (vv35-37)

Jesus asked how David could call the Christ Lord when the Christ is the son of David.

Mark 12:36**ULT**

³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I may place your enemies under your feet.'"

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³⁶ The Holy Spirit caused David to say about the Messiah, 'God said to my Lord, "Sit here beside me at my right hand, in the place where I will highly honor you above everyone else! Sit here until the time when I completely defeat your enemies!"'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:37**ULT**

³⁷ David himself calls him 'Lord,' and how is he his son?" And a large crowd was listening to him gladly.

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³⁷ Therefore, because David himself calls the Messiah 'my Lord,' how can the Messiah be just a man who descended from King David? He must be much greater than David!" Many people listened gladly to him as he taught those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:38**ULT**

³⁸ And in his teaching, he was saying, "Watch out for the scribes, who are desiring to walk in long robes, and greetings in the marketplaces,

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³⁸ While Jesus was teaching the people, he said to them, "Beware that you do not act like the men who teach our Jewish laws. They like people to honor them, so they put on long robes and walk around in order to show people how important they are. They also like people to greet them respectfully in the marketplaces.

What did Jesus tell the people to beware of concerning the scribes? (vv38-40)

Jesus said that the scribes desire to be honored by men, but they devour widows' houses and make long prayers for people to see.

Mark 12:39**ULT**

³⁹ and the chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at the banquets.

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³⁹ They like to sit in the most important seats in the Jewish meeting place. At festivals, they like to sit in the seats where the most honored people sit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ They are devouring the houses of the widows, and as a pretext offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

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⁴⁰ They {also} steal all the property of widows. But to make other people think that they are righteous, they pray for a long time {in public}. God will certainly punish them severely!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And having sat down across from the temple offering box, he was watching how the crowd puts money into the offering box. And many rich people were putting in much.

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⁴¹ Later, Jesus sat down in the temple area opposite the boxes in which people put offerings for God. As he was sitting there, he watched as many people put money into one of the boxes and noticed many rich people put in large amounts of money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:42**ULT**

⁴² And having come, one poor widow put in two mites, which are a quadrans.

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⁴² Then a poor widow came along and dropped in two small copper coins, which together are equal in value to one Roman quadrans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:43**ULT**

⁴³ And having called his disciples, he said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of those putting into the offering box.

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⁴³⁻⁴⁴ Jesus gathered his disciples around him and said to them, "The truth is that those other people have a lot of money, but they gave only a small part of it. But this woman, who is very poor, has put in all the money that she had to pay for the things she needed for today. So this poor widow has put more money into the box than all the others!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ For all of them gave from their abundance, but she, from her poverty, put in everything, as much as she had, all of her livelihood."

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⁴³⁻⁴⁴ Jesus gathered his disciples around him and said to them, "The truth is that those other people have a lot of money, but they gave only a small part of it. But this woman, who is very poor, has put in all the money that she had to pay for the things she needed for today. So this poor widow has put more money into the box than all the others!"

Why did Jesus say that the poor widow had put in more than all who contributed to the offering box?

Jesus said she had contributed more because she gave out of her poverty while the others gave out of their abundance.

Mark 13**Mark 13:1****ULT**

¹ And as he is walking away from the temple, one of his disciples says to him, "Teacher, look! What manner of stones and what manner of buildings!"

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¹ While Jesus was leaving the temple area, one of his apprentices said to him, "Teacher, look at how marvelous these huge cut blocks of stone in the walls are and how wonderful these buildings are!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:2**ULT**

² And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Stone upon stone may certainly not be left here, which may certainly not be torn down."

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² Jesus said to him, "Yes, these buildings that you are looking at are wonderful, but I want to tell you something about them. They will be destroyed completely. No block of stone here in this temple area will remain on top of another block."

What did Jesus say would happen to the wonderful stones and buildings of the temple?

Jesus said that not one stone would be left on another.

Mark 13:3**ULT**

³ And as he is sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew were asking him by himself,

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³ After they arrived at the Mount of Olives across the valley from the temple, Jesus sat down. When Peter, James, John, and Andrew were alone with him, they asked him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:4**ULT**

⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be? And what {is} the sign when all these things are about to be fulfilled?"

UST

⁴ "Tell us, when will these things that God has planned happen? What will happen to show us these things are about to take place?"

What question did the disciples then ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus when these things would happen, and what would be the sign.

Mark 13:5**ULT**

⁵ Now Jesus began to say to them, "Be careful that no one might deceive you.

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⁵ Jesus replied to them, "Beware that no one deceive you concerning what will happen!

About what did Jesus say the disciples must be careful? (vv5-6)

Jesus said the disciples must be careful that no one lead them astray.

Mark 13:6**ULT**

⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am!' and they will deceive many.

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⁶ Many people will come and say that I sent them. They will say, 'I am the Messiah!' They will deceive many people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:7**ULT**

⁷ But when you might hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not worry; it is necessary for it to happen, but {it is} not yet the end.

UST

⁷ When you hear the sound of soldiers fighting battles, or when you hear news about wars that are far away, do not be troubled. These things will definitely happen. But when they do happen, do not think that God will finish all that he has planned at that time!

What did Jesus say would be the beginnings of birth pains? (vv7-8)

Jesus said the beginning of birth pains would be wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines.

Mark 13:8**ULT**

⁸ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various place; there will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

UST

⁸ Groups who live in various countries will fight each other, and various kings and leaders will fight each other. There will also be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines. Yet, when these things happen, people will have only just begun to suffer. These first things that they suffer will be like the first pains a woman suffers who is about to bear a child. They will suffer much more after that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:9**ULT**

⁹ But you, watch yourselves! They will deliver you to councils and to synagogues; you will be beaten, and you will be made to stand before governors and kings because of me, for a testimony to them.

UST

⁹ Be ready for what people will do to you at that time. They will arrest you and put you on trial before groups of leaders. People will beat you in various synagogues. They will put you on trial in the presence of high government authorities. As a result, you will be able to tell them about me.

What did Jesus say would happen to the disciples?

Jesus said that the disciples would be delivered to councils, beaten in synagogues, and would stand before governors and kings as a testimony.

Mark 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And first, it is necessary for the gospel to be proclaimed to all the nations.

UST

¹⁰ My followers must proclaim the good news to people in all nations before God finishes everything that he has planned.

What did Jesus say must happen first?

Jesus said the gospel must be preached to all the nations first.

Mark 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ And when they might lead you away, handing you over, do not worry about what you should say. But whatever might be given to you in that hour, speak that; for you will not be the ones speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

UST

¹¹ When people arrest you, do not worry about what you will say. Instead, say what God puts into your mind at that time. Then it will not be just you who will be speaking. It will be the Holy Spirit who will be speaking through you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:12**ULT**

¹² And brother will deliver brother to death, and a father, {his} child. And children will rise up against parents and put them to death.

UST

¹² Some brothers and sisters will betray other brothers and sisters. Some fathers will betray their children. Some children will betray their parents so that government officials will kill their parents.

What did Jesus say would happen between family members?

Jesus said that one family member would deliver up another family member to death.

Mark 13:13**ULT**

¹³ And you will be hated by everyone because of my name. But the one who endured to the end, that one will be saved.

UST

¹³ Most people will hate you because you believe in me. But all you who continue to trust in me until your life is finished will be saved.

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said that whoever endures to the end would be saved.

Mark 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But when you might see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those {who are} in Judea flee to the mountains,

UST

¹⁴ During that time the detestable thing will enter the temple. It will defile the temple and cause people to abandon it. When you see it where it should not be, you should run away quickly! (May everyone who is reading this pay attention to this warning!) At that time those people who are in the district of Judea should flee to higher hills.

What did Jesus say those in Judea should do when they see the abomination of desolation?

Jesus said that those in Judea should flee to the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation.

Mark 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ but let the one on the housetop not go down nor go in to take anything from his house,

UST

¹⁵ Those people who are outside their houses should not enter their houses in order to get anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and let the one in the field not turn back to the things behind to get his cloak.

UST

¹⁶ Those who are working in a field should not return to their houses in order to get additional clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But woe to those having in the womb, and to those nursing in those days!

UST

¹⁷ I feel very sorry for women who will be pregnant and women who will be nursing their babies in those days, because it will be very difficult for them to run away!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But pray that it might not happen in winter.

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ In those days people will suffer very severely. People have never suffered like that since the time when God first created the world until now; and people will not suffer that way again. So pray that this painful time will not happen in winter, when it will be hard to travel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For there will be in those days tribulation—such as this kind has not happened from the beginning of creation which God created until now, and may certainly not happen.

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ In those days people will suffer very severely. People have never suffered like that since the time when God first created the world until now; and people will not suffer that way again. So pray that this painful time will not happen in winter, when it will be hard to travel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ And if the Lord did not cut short the days, no flesh would be saved. But for the sake of the elect whom he chose, he cut short the days.

UST

²⁰ If the Lord God had not decided that he would shorten that time when people suffer so much, everyone would die. But he has decided to shorten that time because he is concerned about the people whom he has chosen.

What did Jesus say the Lord would do for the sake of the elect, so that they would be saved?

Jesus said the Lord would shorten the days of tribulation for the sake of the elect.

Mark 13:21**ULT**

²¹ And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here {is} the Christ! Look, there!' do not believe it.

UST

²¹⁻²² At that time people will falsely say that they are the Messiah. And some will appear claiming to be prophets from God. Then they will perform many kinds of miracles. They will even try to deceive the people whom God has chosen. So at that time if someone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!', or if someone says, 'Look, there he is!', do not believe it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:22**ULT**

²² For false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give signs and wonders, to deceive, if possible, the elect.

UST

²¹⁻²² At that time people will falsely say that they are the Messiah. And some will appear claiming to be prophets from God. Then they will perform many kinds of miracles. They will even try to deceive the people whom God has chosen. So at that time if someone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!', or if someone says, 'Look, there he is!', do not believe it!

Who did Jesus say would arise to deceive people?

Jesus said that false Christs and false prophets would arise to deceive people.

Mark 13:23**ULT**

²³ But you, watch out! Behold, I have told you everything beforehand.

UST

²³ Be alert! Remember that I have warned you about all this before it happens!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:24**ULT**

²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

UST

²⁴ After the time when people suffer like that, God will cause the sun to become dark, and the moon will not shine;

What will happen to the lights and powers in the heavens after the tribulation of those days? (vv24-25)

The sun and moon will be darkened, the stars will fall from the sky. The powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:25**ULT**

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

UST

²⁵ God will cause the stars to fall from the sky, and all the things in the sky to shake out of their place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:26**ULT**

²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

UST

²⁶ Then people will see me, the Son of Man, coming through the clouds powerfully and gloriously.

What will the people see in the clouds?

They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27**ULT**

²⁷ And then he will send the angels and he will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

UST

²⁷ Then I will send out my angels so they can gather together the people whom God has chosen from everywhere, from the most remote places on earth.

What will the Son of Man do when he comes?

The Son of Man will gather his elect from the ends of the earth and the sky.

Mark 13:28**ULT**

²⁸ Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When already its branch might become tender and might put out {its} leaves, you know that summer is near.

UST

²⁸ Now I want you to learn something from how fig trees grow. When their branches become tender and their leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:29**ULT**

²⁹ So also, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the doors.

UST

²⁹ Similarly, when you see what I have just described happening, you yourselves will know that it is very near the time for me to return. It will be as though I am already at the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:30**ULT**

³⁰ Truly I say to you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things occur.

UST

³⁰ Keep this in mind: this generation will not die until these things take place.

What did Jesus say would not pass away until all of these things occurred?

Jesus said that this generation would not pass away until all of these things occurred.

Mark 13:31**ULT**

³¹ The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

UST

³¹ You can be certain that these things that I have prophesied will happen. The earth and what is in the sky will one day be destroyed, but these things that I have told you will certainly happen.

What did Jesus say would never pass away?

Jesus said that his words would never pass away.

Mark 13:32**ULT**

³² But concerning that day or the hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, except the Father.

UST

³² But no one knows the exact time when I will return. The angels in heaven also do not know. Even I, God's Son, do not know. Only my Father knows.

When did Jesus say all these things would happen?

Jesus said that no one knows the day or hour except the Father.

Mark 13:33**ULT**

³³ Be alert! Watch and pray, because you do not know when the time is.

UST

³³ So be ready! Always be alert, because you do not know when that time will come when God will cause all these events to happen!

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding when the time is?

Jesus told his disciples to be alert, watch and pray.

Mark 13:34**ULT**

³⁴ As a man on a journey, having left his house, and having given to each of his servants authority over his work, and he commanded the door-keeper that he would stay alert;

UST

³⁴ When a man who wants to travel to a distant place is about to leave his house, he tells his servants that they should manage the house. He tells each one what he should do. Then he tells the doorkeeper to be ready for his return.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:35**ULT**

³⁵ therefore, stay alert, because you do not know when the lord of the house is coming—whether evening, or midnight, or at rooster crowing, or at dawn—

UST

³⁵ That man must always be ready, because he does not know whether his master will return in the evening, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or at dawn. Similarly, you also must always be ready, because you do not know when I will return.

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding his coming?

Jesus told his disciples to be stay alert as they await his coming.

Mark 13:36**ULT**

³⁶ lest, having come suddenly, he might find you sleeping.

UST

³⁶ May it not happen that when I come suddenly, I will find that you are not ready!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:37**ULT**

³⁷ But what I say to you I say to everyone: Stay alert!"

UST

³⁷ These words that I am saying to you apprentices I am saying to everyone: Always be ready!"

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding his coming?

Jesus told his disciples to be alert and watch.

Mark 14

Mark 14:1

ULT

¹ Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread was in two days, and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how, having seized him by stealth, they might kill him.

UST

¹ It was only two days before the people would begin to celebrate the week-long festival that they called the Passover. During those days they also celebrated the festival which they called Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the men who taught the Jewish laws were planning how they could arrest Jesus secretly and put him to death.

What were the chief priests and scribes considering how to do?

They were considering how to stealthily arrest Jesus and then kill him.

Mark 14:2

ULT

² For they were saying, "Not during the festival, so that there will not be a riot of the people."

UST

² But they were saying to one another, "We must not do it during the festival because if we do it then, the people will be very angry with us and riot!"

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to act during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

They were worried that a riot would arise among the people.

Mark 14:3**ULT**

³ And while he is in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, while he is reclining to eat, a woman came, having an alabaster jar of very costly anointing-oil of pure nard. Having broken the jar, she poured it on his head.

UST

³ Jesus was at Bethany town in the house of Simon, whom Jesus had healed from leprosy. While they were eating, a woman came to him. She was carrying a stone jar that contained expensive, fragrant perfume called nard. She opened the jar and then poured all the perfume on Jesus' head.

What did a woman do to Jesus at the house of Simon the leper?

A woman broke a vial of costly liquid and poured it on Jesus' head.

Mark 14:4**ULT**

⁴ But there were some who are angry within themselves, "For what has this waste of the anointing oil happened?"

UST

⁴ Some of the people who were present became angry and said to themselves, "It is terrible that she wasted that perfume!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:5**ULT**

⁵ For this perfume was able to be sold for more than 300 denarii and given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

UST

⁵ It could have been sold for almost a year's wages and then the money could have been given to poor people!" So they scolded her.

For what were some rebuking the woman?

Some were rebuking the woman for not selling the perfume and giving the money to the poor.

Mark 14:6**ULT**

⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you causing trouble for her? She did a good work for me.

UST

⁶ But Jesus said, "Stop scolding her! She has done to me what I consider to be very appropriate. So you should not bother her!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:7**ULT**

⁷ For you always have the poor with yourselves, and whenever you might desire you are able to do good to them, but you do not always have me.

UST

⁷ You will always have poor people among you. So you can help them whenever you want to. But I will not be here with you much longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:8**ULT**

⁸ What she could, she did. She anticipated to anoint my body for burial.

UST

⁸ It is appropriate that she has done what she could do. It is as if she had known that I was going to die soon, because she has anointed my body ahead of time so that it is ready for burial.

What did Jesus say the woman had done for him?

Jesus said the woman had anointed his body for burial.

Mark 14:9**ULT**

⁹ But truly I say to you, wherever the gospel might be preached in the whole world, what she has done will also be spoken of, in remembrance of her."

UST

⁹ I will tell you this: Wherever my followers preach the good news throughout the world, they will also tell what she has done, and people will remember her."

What promise did Jesus make about what the woman had done?

Jesus promised that wherever the gospel was preached in the whole world, what the woman had done would be spoken of in memory of her.

Mark 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Judas Iscariot, who {was} one of the Twelve, went away to the chief priests so that he might betray him to them.

UST

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests to talk about helping them to capture Jesus. He did that even though he was one of the twelve apprentices.

Why did Judas Iscariot go away to the chief priests?

Judas Iscariot went away to the chief priests so that he might deliver Jesus to them.

Mark 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ But they, having heard it, were glad and promised to give him silver. And he was seeking how to conveniently betray him.

UST

¹¹ When the chief priests heard what he was willing to do for them, they were very happy. They promised that they would give him a large amount of money in return. Judas agreed and began watching for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:12**ULT**

¹² And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they were sacrificing the Passover lamb, his disciples say to him, "Where do you want us to go away to prepare so that you might eat the Passover?"

UST

¹² On the first day of the festival that they call Unleavened Bread, when they kill the lambs for the Passover, Jesus' apprentices said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare the meal for the Passover Celebration so that we can eat it?"

How did the disciples find the place where they would all eat the Passover? (vv12-15)

Jesus told them to go into the city and follow a man carrying a pitcher of water, and then ask him where the guest room was that they would use to eat the Passover.

Mark 14:13**ULT**

¹³ And he sends two of his disciples and says to them, "Go into the city, and a man bearing a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him.

UST

¹³ So Jesus chose two of his apprentices to prepare everything. He said to them, "Go into Jerusalem city. A man will meet you, who will be carrying a large jar full of water. Follow him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And wherever he may enter, say to the owner of that house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'

UST

¹⁴ When he enters a house, say to the man who owns the house, 'Our teacher wants us to prepare the meal of the Passover Celebration so that he can eat it with us his disciples. Please show us the room.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room, furnished {and} ready, and make the preparations for us there.”

UST

¹⁵ He will show you a large room that is on the upper floor of the house. It will be furnished and ready for us to eat a meal in it. Then prepare the meal there for us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the disciples left and went to the city, and they found it just as he said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

UST

¹⁶ So the two apprentices left. They went into the city and found everything to be just like he had told them. They prepared the meal for the Passover Celebration there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And, evening having arrived, he came with the Twelve.

UST

¹⁷ When it was evening, Jesus arrived at that house with the twelve apprentices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And as they were reclining to eat and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, one from among you who is eating with me will betray me."

UST

¹⁸ As they were all sitting there and eating, Jesus said, "Listen carefully to this: One of you will make it possible for my enemies to arrest me. It is one of you who is eating with me right now!"

What did Jesus say as they were reclining at the table and eating?

Jesus said that one of the disciples eating with him would betray him.

Mark 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ They began to be grieved, and to say to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

UST

¹⁹ The apprentices became very sad and they said to him one by one, "Surely it is not I?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ But he said to them, "{It is} one of the Twelve, the one dipping with me into the bowl.

UST

²⁰ Then he said to them, "It is one of you twelve apprentices, the one who is dipping bread into the sauce in the dish along with me.

Which disciple did Jesus say would betray him?

Jesus said that the disciple dipping bread with him in the bowl would betray him.

Mark 14:21**ULT**

²¹ For the Son of Man is going away just as it is written about him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is being betrayed! It would have been good for him if that man had not been born."

UST

²¹ It is certain that I, the Son of Man, will die, because that is what has been written about me. But there will be terrible punishment for the man who betrays me! In fact, he would have been better off if he had never been born!"

What did Jesus say about the destiny of the disciple who betrayed him?

Jesus said that it would have been better for him if he had not been born.

Mark 14:22**ULT**

²² And as they were eating, having taken bread, having blessed it, he broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take it. This is my body."

UST

²² While they were eating, he took a flat loaf of bread and thanked God for it. Then he broke it into pieces and gave it to them and said to them, "This bread is my body. Take it and eat it."

What did Jesus say as he gave the disciples the broken bread?

Jesus said, "Take this. This is my body."

Mark 14:23**ULT**

²³ And having taken a cup, having given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

UST

²³ Afterwards, he took a cup that contained wine and thanked God for it. Then he gave it to them and they all drank.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many.

UST

²⁴ He said to them, "This wine is my blood, which is about to be shed when my enemies kill me. With this blood I will confirm the covenant that God has made to forgive the sins of many people.

What did Jesus say as he gave the disciples the cup?

Jesus said, "This is my blood of the covenant, the blood that is poured out for many."

Mark 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ Truly I say to you that I may certainly not any longer drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I may drink it new in the kingdom of God."

UST

²⁵ I want you to know this: I will not drink any more wine until the time when I drink it again when God shows himself as king."

When did Jesus say he would again drink of this fruit of the vine?

Jesus said he would again drink of this fruit of the vine on the day when he drank it anew in the kingdom of God.

Mark 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

UST

²⁶ After they sang a hymn, they went out toward the Mount of Olives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Jesus says to them, "You all will fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.'

UST

²⁷ While they were on their way, Jesus said to them, "They wrote in the scriptures that God said about me, 'I will kill the shepherd and scatter his sheep.' Those words will come true. You will leave me and run away.

At the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus predict about his disciples?

Jesus predicted that his disciples would all fall away because of him.

Mark 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ But after I have been raised up, I will go before you into Galilee."

UST

²⁸ But after God makes me alive again, I will go ahead of you to the district of Galilee and meet you there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ But Peter was saying to him, "Even if all will be caused to stumble, yet not I."

UST

²⁹ Then Peter said to him, "Perhaps all the other disciples will leave you, but I will not! I will not leave you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Jesus says to him, “Truly I say to you, that today—this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

UST

³⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “The truth is that this very night, before the rooster crows two times, you will say about me three times, that you do not know me.

What did Jesus tell Peter after Peter said he would never fall away?

Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed twice, Peter would deny Jesus three times.

Mark 14:31**ULT**

³¹ But he said emphatically, “Even if it is necessary for me to die with you, I will certainly not deny you.” And they all also were speaking in the same manner.

UST

³¹ But Peter replied strongly, “Even if they kill me, I will not say that I do not know you.” And all the other apprentices said the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:32**ULT**

³² And they come to a place, the name of which {is} Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, “Sit here while I may pray.”

UST

³² On the way, Jesus and his apprentices came to the place that people call Gethsemane. Then he said to some of his disciples, “Stay here while I pray!”

What did Jesus tell his three disciples to do while he prayed? (vv32-34)

Jesus told them to remain there and watch.

Mark 14:33**ULT**

³³ And he takes along Peter, and James, and John with him and began to be distressed and deeply troubled.

UST

³³ Then he took Peter, James, and John with him. He became extremely upset.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:34**ULT**

³⁴ And he says to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death. Remain here and stay alert."

UST

³⁴ He said to them, "I am very sorrowful. It is as if I were about to die. You men stay here and keep watch!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:35**ULT**

³⁵ And having gone a little farther, he fell to the ground and was praying that, if it is possible, the hour might pass from him.

UST

³⁵ He went a bit farther and threw himself on the ground. Then he prayed that if it were possible, he would not have to suffer.

For what did Jesus pray?

Jesus prayed that this hour might pass from him.

Mark 14:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he was saying, "Abba, Father, all things {are} possible with you. Remove this cup from me. But not what I will, but what you will."

UST

³⁶ He said, "O my Father, because you are able to do everything, rescue me so that I do not have to suffer now! But do not do what I want. Instead, do what you want!"

What was Jesus willing to accept as an answer to his prayer to the Father?

Jesus was willing to accept whatever the Father's will was for him.

Mark 14:37**ULT**

³⁷ And he comes and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not able to stay alert for one hour?"

UST

³⁷ Then he returned and found his apprentices sleeping. He woke them up and said, "Simon Peter! Are you sleeping? Were you not able to stay awake for just a short time?"

What did Jesus find when he returned to the three disciples?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:38**ULT**

³⁸ Stay alert and pray, so that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed {is} willing, but the flesh {is} weak."

UST

³⁸ And he said to them, "You want to do what I say, but you are weak. So keep awake and pray so that you can resist when you are tempted!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:39**ULT**

³⁹ And again, having gone away, he prayed, having said the same thing.

UST

³⁹ Then he went away again and prayed again what he prayed before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And again, having come, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and they did not know what to answer to him.

UST

⁴⁰ When he returned, he found that they were sleeping again; they were so sleepy that they could not keep their eyes open. Because they were ashamed, they did not know what to say to him when he awakened them.

What did Jesus find the second time he returned from praying?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And he comes the third time and says to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

UST

⁴¹ Then he went and prayed again. He returned a third time and found them sleeping again. He said to them, "You are still asleep? No more of this! The time for me to suffer is about to begin. Look! Someone is about to enable sinful men to capture me, the Son of Man.

What did Jesus find the third time he returned from praying?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:42**ULT**

⁴² Get up, let us go. Behold, the one betraying me is near.”

UST

⁴² So get up! Let us go! Look! Here comes the one who is enabling them to capture me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:43**ULT**

⁴³ And immediately, while he is still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrives, and a crowd with him with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders.

UST

⁴³ While he was still speaking, Judas arrived. Even though he was one of Jesus’ twelve disciples, he came to enable Jesus’ enemies to capture him. A crowd who carried swords and clubs was with him. The leaders of the Jewish council had sent them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I may kiss, he it is. Seize him and lead him away securely.”

UST

⁴⁴ Judas, who was betraying Jesus, had previously told this crowd, “The man whom I kiss is the one whom you want. When I kiss him, seize him and lead him away.”

What sign did Judas give to show the guards which person was Jesus? (vv44-45)

Judas kissed Jesus to show which person was Jesus.

Mark 14:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And having arrived, immediately having come up to him, he says, "Rabbi," and he kissed him.

UST

⁴⁵ So, when Judas arrived, he immediately went to Jesus and said, "My teacher!" Then he kissed Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him.

UST

⁴⁶ Then the crowd grabbed Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ But a certain one of those standing by, having drawn {his} sword, struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

UST

⁴⁷ But one of his apprentices who was standing nearby drew his sword. He struck the servant of the high priest with it, but he only cut off his ear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And answering, Jesus said to them, "Did you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me?"

UST

⁴⁸ Jesus said to them, "Have you come here to seize me with swords and clubs, as if I were a bandit?"

What did Jesus say was being done in his arrest to fulfill scripture? (vv48-49)

Jesus said that scripture was being fulfilled because they came to arrest him like a robber, with swords and clubs.

Mark 14:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Every day I was with you teaching in the temple, and you did not seize me. But so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled..."

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⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple courtyard teaching the people Why did you not seize me then? But this is happening in order that what the prophets have written in the Scriptures about me may happen."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And having left him, they all ran away.

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⁵⁰ All his apprentices at once left him and ran away.

What did those with Jesus do when Jesus was arrested?

Those with Jesus left him and fled.

Mark 14:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And a certain young man was following him, wearing a linen garment over {his} naked body. And they seize him,

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⁵¹ At that time, a young man was following Jesus. He was wearing only a linen cloth around his body. The crowd grabbed him,

What did a young man who was following Jesus do when Jesus was arrested? (vv51-52)

The young man left his linen garment there and ran away naked.

Mark 14:52**ULT**

⁵² but he, having left behind the linen garment, ran away naked.

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⁵² but, as he pulled away from them, he left behind the linen cloth in their hands, and then he ran away naked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:53**ULT**

⁵³ And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, and the elders, and the scribes gather together.

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⁵³ The men who had seized Jesus led him away to the high priest's house. All of the Jewish council were gathering there.

Where was Peter as Jesus was taken to the high priest? (vv53-54)

Peter sat among the guards, near a fire to keep warm.

Mark 14:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ Now Peter followed him from a distance, as far as into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

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⁵⁴ Peter followed Jesus at a distance. He went into the courtyard of the house where the high priest lived, and he sat there with the men who guarded the house of the high priest. He was warming himself beside a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, and they were not finding any.

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⁵⁵ The chief priests and all the rest of the Jewish council were looking for evidence against Jesus that would be strong enough to put him to death. But they did not find any evidence that would require the officials to put him to death.

What was wrong with the testimony against Jesus given to the Council? (vv55-56)

The testimony against Jesus was false and did not agree.

Mark 14:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ For many were testifying falsely against him, but {their} testimony was not the same.

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⁵⁶ Many other people told lies about Jesus, but the statements they made did not agree with each other. And so, their statements were not strong enough to make a charge against Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ And certain ones, having stood up, were testifying falsely against him, saying,

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⁵⁷ Finally, some stood up and accused him falsely by saying,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:58**ULT**

⁵⁸ “We heard him saying, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’”

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⁵⁸ “We heard him when he said, ‘I will destroy this temple that was built by men, and then within three days I will build another temple without help from anyone else.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:59**ULT**

⁵⁹ And not even in this manner was their testimony the same.

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⁵⁹ But what some of these men said also did not agree with what others of them said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:60**ULT**

⁶⁰ And having stood up in the midst, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, “Do you not answer at all? What {are} these testifying against you?”

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⁶⁰ Then the high priest himself stood up in front of them and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to reply? What do you say about all the things that they are saying in order to accuse you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:61**ULT**

⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer at all. Again the high priest was questioning him and saying to him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

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⁶¹ But Jesus was silent and did not reply. Then the high priest tried again. He asked him, "Are you the Messiah? Do you say that you are the Son of God?"

What question did the high priest ask Jesus about who Jesus was?

The high priest asked Jesus if he was the Christ, the son of the Blessed.

Mark 14:62**ULT**

⁶² But Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

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⁶² Jesus said, "I am. Furthermore, you will see me, the Son of Man, ruling beside God, who is completely powerful. You will also see me coming down through the clouds in the sky!"

What was Jesus' answer to the high priest's question?

Jesus answered by saying, "I am."

Mark 14:63**ULT**

⁶³ But the high priest, having torn his garments, says, "What need do we still have of witnesses?"

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⁶³ When Jesus said this, the high priest tore his own outer garment in protest, and the high priest said, "Do we need more witnesses to testify against this man?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:64**ULT**

⁶⁴ You heard the blasphemy. What is evident to you?" And they all condemned him to be deserving of death.

UST

⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemous claim to be God!" They all agreed that Jesus was guilty and that he deserved to be put to death.

Hearing Jesus' answer, of what did the high priest say Jesus was guilty?

The high priest said that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy.

Mark 14:65**ULT**

⁶⁵ And certain ones began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, and to say to him, "Prophesy!" And the officers received him with slaps.

UST

⁶⁵ Then some of them began spitting on Jesus. They put a blindfold on him, and then they began striking him and saying to him, "If you are a prophet, tell us who hit you!" And those who were guarding Jesus struck him with their hands.

What did they do to Jesus after condemning him as one who deserved death?

They spit on him, struck him, and beat him.

Mark 14:66**ULT**

⁶⁶ And while Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest comes to him.

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⁶⁶ While Peter was outside in the courtyard of the high priest's house, one of the girls who worked for the high priest came near him.

What was Peter's answer to the servant girl who said that Peter was with Jesus? (vv66-68)

Peter answered that he did not know or understand about what the girl was talking.

Mark 14:67**ULT**

⁶⁷ And having seen Peter warming himself, having looked closely at him, she says, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus."

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⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself beside the fire, she looked at him closely. Then she said, "You also were with Jesus, that man from Nazareth!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:68**ULT**

⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "Neither have I known, nor do I understand what you are saying." And he went out, outside into the courtyard. ^[1]

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⁶⁸ But he denied it by saying, "I do not know what you are talking about! I understand nothing of it!" Then he went away from there to the gate of the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:69**ULT**

⁶⁹ But the servant girl, having seen him {there}, began to say again to those standing around, "This one is from among them!"

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⁶⁹ The servant girl saw him there and said again to the people who were standing nearby, "This man is one of those who have been with that man they arrested."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:70**ULT**

⁷⁰ But he was denying it again. And after a little while those standing around again were saying to Peter, "Truly you are from among them, for you also are a Galilean."

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⁷⁰ But he denied it again. After a little while, those who were standing there said to Peter again, "We can tell that you also are from Galilee district. So it is certain that you are one of those who accompanied Jesus!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:71**ULT**

⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man whom you are talking about."

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⁷¹ But he began to say that God could punish him if he were not telling the truth; he said, "I do not know the man that you are talking about!"

What was Peter's response when he was asked a third time if he was one of Jesus' disciples?

Peter swore and put himself under curses that he did not know Jesus.

Mark 14:72**ULT**

⁷² And immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered the word that Jesus said to him: "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times," and having broken down, he was weeping.
14:68 ^[1]

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⁷² Immediately the rooster crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him earlier: "Before the rooster crows a second time, you will deny three times that you know me." When he realized that he had denied him three times, he started crying.

What happened after Peter answered the third time?

After Peter answered the third time, the rooster crowed a second time.

What did Peter do after he heard the rooster?

After he heard the rooster, Peter broke down and wept.

Mark 15**Mark 15:1****ULT**

¹ And immediately at dawn, having held a consultation, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the entire Sanhedrin, having bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

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¹ Very early in the morning the chief priests met together with the rest of the Jewish council in order to decide how to accuse Jesus before the Roman governor. Their guards tied Jesus' hands again. They took him to the residence of Pilate, the governor.

Early in the morning, what did the chief priests do with Jesus?

Early in the morning, they bound Jesus and handed him over to Pilate.

Mark 15:2**ULT**

² And Pilate questioned him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" But he, answering him, says, "You say so."

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² Pilate asked Jesus, "Do you say that you are the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You yourself have said so."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:3**ULT**

³ And the chief priests were accusing him of many things.

UST

³ Then the chief priests claimed that Jesus had done many bad things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:4**ULT**

⁴ Now Pilate again was questioning him, saying, "Do you not answer at all? See how many things they are accusing you!"

UST

⁴ So Pilate asked him again, "Do you have nothing to reply? Listen to how many bad things they are saying that you have done!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:5**ULT**

⁵ But Jesus no longer answered anything, so that Pilate was amazed.

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⁵ But even though Jesus was not guilty, he did not say anything more. The result was that Pilate was very much surprised.

While the chief priests were presenting many charges against Jesus, what amazed Pilate about Jesus?

Pilate was amazed that Jesus no longer answered him.

Mark 15:6**ULT**

⁶ Now during the festival, he usually released to them one prisoner, whom they were requesting.

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⁶ Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover Celebration to release one person who was in prison. He usually released any prisoner the people requested.

What did Pilate usually do for the crowd at the time of the feast?

Pilate usually released to the crowd one prisoner they requested at the time of the feast.

Mark 15:7**ULT**

⁷ Now there was one who was called Barabbas, bound with the rebels, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

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⁷ At that time there was a man called Barabbas who was in prison with some other men. They had committed murder when they rebelled against the Roman government.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:8**ULT**

⁸ And having come up, the crowd began to request of him just as he usually did for them.

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⁸ A crowd approached Pilate and asked him to release someone, just as in the past.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:9**ULT**

⁹ But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you desire that I would release to you the King of the Jews?"

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⁹ Pilate answered them, "Would you like me to release for you the man whom you people say is your king?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of envy.

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¹⁰ He asked this because he realized what the chief priests were wanting to do. They were accusing Jesus because they were jealous of him because many people were becoming his disciples.

Why did Pilate want to release Jesus to the crowd?

Pilate knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

Mark 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead.

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¹¹ But the chief priests urged the crowd to request that Pilate release Barabbas for them instead of Jesus.

Who did the crowd cry out to be released?

The crowd cried out for Barabbas to be released.

Mark 15:12**ULT**

¹² But answering again, Pilate, said to them, "What therefore should I do to the one you call the King of the Jews?"

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¹² Pilate said to them again, "If I release Barabbas, what do you want me to do with your king?"

What did the crowd say should be done with the King of the Jews? (vv12-13)

The crowd said that the King of the Jews should be crucified.

Mark 15:13**ULT**

¹³ But they cried out again, "Crucify him!"

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¹³ Then they shouted back, "Command your soldiers to crucify him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But Pilate was saying to them, "What wrong has he done?" But they cried out even more, "Crucify him."

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¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, "Why? What crime has he committed?" But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now Pilate, wanting to do what was pleasing to the crowd, released Barabbas to them and handed over Jesus, having flogged him, so that he might be crucified.

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¹⁵ So because Pilate wanted to please the crowd, he released Barabbas to them. Then his soldiers flogged Jesus; after that, Pilate told them to take him away and crucify him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Now the soldiers led him inside the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and call together the whole cohort,

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¹⁶ The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the barracks. Then they summoned the whole cohort who were on duty there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and put on him a purple robe, and place on him a crown of thorns they had twisted together,

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¹⁷ After the soldiers gathered together, they put a purple robe on Jesus. Then they placed on his head a crown that they had woven from thornbush branches. They did those things in order to ridicule him by pretending that he was a king.

How did the cohort of soldiers dress Jesus?

The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus and put on him a twisted crown of thorns.

Mark 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and they began to salute him: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

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¹⁸ Then they greeted him like they would greet a king, in order to ridicule him; they said, "Greetings, King of the Jews!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they were striking his head with a staff and spitting on him, and bending the knee, they were bowing down to him.

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¹⁹ They repeatedly struck his head with a reed and spat on him. They knelt down in front of him to pretend to honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple robe and put {his} own garments on him and lead him out so that they might crucify him.

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²⁰ When they had finished mocking him, they pulled off the purple robe. They put his own clothes on him, and then they led him outside of the city in order to nail him to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:21**ULT**

²¹ And they pressed into service a certain passerby, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), coming from the country, so that he might carry his cross.

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²¹ Now a man named Simon from Cyrene came along. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus, and he was passing by Jesus on his way to the city from somewhere else. The soldiers compelled Simon to carry the cross for Jesus.

Who carried Jesus' cross?

A passerby, Simon of Cyrene, was forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Mark 15:22**ULT**

²² And they bring him to Golgotha (a place which is translated, "Place of a Skull").

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²² The soldiers brought them both to a place that they call Golgotha. That name means, "A place like a skull."

What was the name of the place where the soldiers brought Jesus to crucify him?

The name of the place was Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull.

Mark 15:23**ULT**

²³ And they were offering him wine having been mixed with myrrh, but he did not drink it.

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²³ Then they tried to give Jesus wine that was mixed with myrrh. They wanted him to drink it so that he would not feel so much pain when they crucified him. But he refused to drink it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ And they crucified him and divide his garments, casting lots for them, who would take what.

UST

²⁴ Some of the soldiers took his clothes. Then they nailed him to a cross. Afterwards, they divided his clothes among themselves by gambling for them.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' garments.

Mark 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ Now it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

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²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ And this was the inscription of the charge against him having been written: "The King of the Jews."

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²⁶ They attached to the cross above Jesus' head a sign on which it had been written the reason why they were nailing him to the cross. It said, "The King of the Jews."

What charge against Jesus did the soldiers write on the sign?

The soldiers wrote "The King of the Jews" on the sign.

Mark 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ And they crucify two robbers with him, one on {his} right, and one on his left.

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²⁷ At the same time, they also nailed to crosses two men who were robbers. They nailed one to a cross at the right side of Jesus and one to a cross at his left side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:28**ULT**

^{28[1]} [And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'And he was counted with the lawless ones.']

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^{28[1]} [The scripture was fulfilled that says, 'He was counted with the lawless ones.']

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ And those passing by were blaspheming him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Aha! The one destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days,

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²⁹ The people who were passing by insulted him by shaking their heads at him. They said, "Aha! You said that you would destroy the temple and then you would build it again within three days.

What did those who passed by challenge Jesus to do? (vv29-30)

Those who passed by challenged Jesus to save himself and get down from the cross.

Mark 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ save yourself, having come down from the cross!"

UST

³⁰ If you could do that, then rescue yourself by coming down from the cross!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:31**ULT**

³¹ In the same way also, the chief priests, mocking him to each other, along with the scribes, were saying, "He saved others; he is not able to save himself.

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³¹ The chief priests, along with the men who taught the Jewish laws, also wanted to make fun of Jesus. So they said to each other, "He has saved others from trouble, but he cannot save himself!

What did the chief priests say Jesus should do so they would believe? (vv31-32)

The chief priests said that Jesus should come down from the cross so they would believe.

Mark 15:32**ULT**

³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we might see and might believe," and those who had been crucified with him were taunting him.

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³² He said, 'I am the Messiah. I am the King who rules the people of Israel.' If his words are true, he should come down now from the cross! Then we will believe him!" The two men who were nailed onto crosses beside him also insulted him.

What titles did the chief priests use for Jesus as they mocked him?

The chief priests called Jesus the Christ and the King of Israel.

Mark 15:33**ULT**

³³ And the sixth hour having arrived, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

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³³ At noon the whole land became dark, and it stayed dark until three o'clock in the afternoon.

What happened at the sixth hour?

At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land.

Mark 15:34**ULT**

³⁴ And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus shouted loudly, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" That means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?

Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Mark 15:35**ULT**

³⁵ And some of those who had been standing by, having heard him, were saying, "Look, he is calling for Elijah."

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³⁵ When some of the people who were standing there heard the word 'Eloi', they misunderstood it and said, "Listen! He is calling for the prophet Elijah!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:36**ULT**

³⁶ But someone, having run and having filled a sponge with sour wine, having put it on a reed, was giving it to him to drink, saying, "Let him alone! Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down!"

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³⁶ One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine. He placed it on the tip of a reed, and then held it up to try to get Jesus to suck on it. He said, "Wait! Let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down from the cross!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:37**ULT**

³⁷ But Jesus, having cried out with a loud voice, breathed his last.

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³⁷ And then Jesus shouted loudly, stopped breathing, and died.

What did Jesus do before he died?

Jesus cried out with a loud voice before he died.

Mark 15:38**ULT**

³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

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³⁸ At that moment the curtain in the temple sanctuary split into two pieces from top to bottom. That showed that ordinary people could now go into the presence of God.

What happened in the temple when Jesus died?

The curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom when Jesus died.

Mark 15:39**ULT**

³⁹ Now the centurion who had stood in front of him, having seen that he had breathed his last in this way, said, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

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³⁹ The officer who supervised the soldiers who nailed Jesus to the cross was standing in front of Jesus. When he saw how Jesus had died, he exclaimed, "Truly, this man was the Son of God!"

What did the centurion testify when he saw how Jesus died?

The centurion testified that truly this man was the Son of God.

Mark 15:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Now there were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joses), and Salome,

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⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ There were also some women there; they were watching these events from a distance. They had accompanied Jesus when he was in Galilee, and they had provided what he needed. They had come with him to Jerusalem. Among those women was Mary from Magdala. There was another Mary, who was the mother of the younger James and of Joses. There was also Salome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:41**ULT**

⁴¹ who, when he was in Galilee, were following him and serving him, and many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

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⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ There were also some women there; they were watching these events from a distance. They had accompanied Jesus when he was in Galilee, and they had provided what he needed. They had come with him to Jerusalem. Among those women was Mary from Magdala. There was another Mary, who was the mother of the younger James and of Joseph. There was also Salome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:42**ULT**

⁴² And when evening had already come, because it was the Day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

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⁴²⁻⁴³ When evening was near, a man named Joseph from Arimathea came there. He was a member of the Jewish council, one whom everyone respected. He was also one of those who had been waiting expectantly for when God would show himself as king. Evening was now approaching. It was the day before the Sabbath, a day the Jews called the day of preparation. So he went with courage to Pilate and asked him to permit him to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and bury it immediately.

On what day did Jesus die?

Jesus died on the day before the Sabbath.

Mark 15:43**ULT**

⁴³ Joseph who {was} from Arimathea, a respected member of the council who also was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, having come, he boldly went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

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⁴²⁻⁴³ When evening was near, a man named Joseph from Arimathea came there. He was a member of the Jewish council, one whom everyone respected. He was also one of those who had been waiting expectantly for when God would show himself as king. Evening was now approaching. It was the day before the Sabbath, a day the Jews called the day of preparation. So he went with courage to Pilate and asked him to permit him to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and bury it immediately.

What did Joseph of Arimathea do after Jesus died? (vv43-46)

Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb, rolling a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Mark 15:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Now Pilate was wondering if he had already died, and having called the centurion, he questioned him, whether he had already died.

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⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised when he heard that Jesus was already dead. So he summoned the officer who was in charge of the soldiers who had crucified Jesus, and he asked him if Jesus had already died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And having learned this from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

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⁴⁵ When the officer told Pilate that Jesus was dead, Pilate allowed Joseph to take away the body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And having bought a linen cloth, having taken him down, he wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was cut from a rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

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⁴⁶ After Joseph had bought a linen cloth, he and others took Jesus' body down from the cross. They wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that previously had been dug out of the rock cliff. Then they rolled a huge flat stone in front of the entrance to the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Now Mary Magdalene and Mary the {mother} of Joses were watching where he was laid.

15:28 ^[1]

UST

⁴⁷ Mary from Magdala and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where they placed Jesus' body.

15:28 ^[1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16**Mark 16:1****ULT**

¹ And the Sabbath having passed, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the {mother} of James, and Salome bought spices, so that having come, they might anoint him.

UST

¹ On Saturday evening when the Jewish day of rest had ended, Mary from Magdala, Mary the mother of the younger James, and Salome bought fragrant ointments to follow the Jewish custom and anoint Jesus' body for burial.

When did the women go to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body? (vv1-2)

The women went to the tomb on the first day of the week when the sun came up.

Mark 16:2**ULT**

² And very early on the first of the week, they arrive at the tomb, the sun having come up.

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² Very early on Sunday, the first day of the Jewish week, just after the sun rose, they took the fragrant ointment and started going toward the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:3**ULT**

³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

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³ While they were going there, they were asking each other, "Who will roll away for us the stone that blocks the entrance of the tomb?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:4**ULT**

⁴ And having looked up, they see that the stone has been rolled away, for it was extremely large.

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⁴ After they arrived, they looked up and were surprised to see that someone had rolled away the stone because it was very large.

How did the women enter the tomb even though there had been a very large stone at the entrance?

Someone had rolled away the very large stone from the entrance.

Mark 16:5**ULT**

⁵ And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

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⁵ They entered the tomb and saw an angel who looked like a young man. He was sitting at the right side of the cave. He was wearing a white robe. As a result, they were astonished.

What did the women see when they entered the tomb?

The women saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side.

Mark 16:6**ULT**

⁶ But he says to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has been raised! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

UST

⁶ The young man said to them, "Do not be astonished! I know that you are looking for Jesus, the man from Nazareth, who was put to death by being nailed to a cross. But he has become alive again! He is not here! Look! Here is the place where they placed his body.

What did the young man say about Jesus?

The young man said that Jesus was risen and was not there.

Mark 16:7**ULT**

⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

UST

⁷ Go and tell his apprentices. Particularly be sure that you tell Peter. Tell them, 'Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee district, and you will see him there, just like he told you previously!'

Where did the young man say the disciples would meet Jesus?

The young man said the disciples would meet Jesus in Galilee.

Mark 16:8**ULT**

⁸ And having gone out, they ran from the tomb, for trembling and amazement was gripping them. And they said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

UST

⁸ The women went outside and ran from the tomb. They were trembling because they were afraid, and they were astonished. But they did not say anything to anyone about this because they were afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:9**ULT**

^{9[1]} [Now early on the first {day} of the week, after he arose, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

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^{9[1]} [When Jesus became alive again early on Sunday morning, the first day of the Jewish week, he appeared first to Mary from Magdala. She was the woman from whom he had previously forced out seven evil spirits.

To whom did Jesus first appear after his resurrection?

Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene.

Mark 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ She went and told those who {were} with him, while they were mourning and weeping.

UST

¹⁰ She went to those who had been with Jesus, while they were mourning and crying. She told them what she had seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they heard that he was alive and that he had been seen by her, but they did not believe.

UST

¹¹ But when she told them that Jesus was alive again and that she had seen him, they refused to believe it.

How did Jesus' disciples respond when Mary told them she had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:12**ULT**

¹² Now after these things, he appeared in a different form to two of them as they were walking, going out into the country.

UST

¹² Later that day, Jesus appeared in a different form to two of his apprentices while they were walking from Jerusalem to the surrounding area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:13**ULT**

¹³ And they, having gone, told the rest of the disciples, but they did not believe them.

UST

¹³ After they recognized him, those two went back to Jerusalem. They told his other apprentices what had happened, but they did not believe it.

How did Jesus' disciples respond when two other people told them they had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now later, he appeared to the eleven as they were reclining to eat, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who saw him after he rose from the dead.

UST

¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the eleven apprentices while they were eating. He scolded them because they had stubbornly refused to believe the reports of those who saw him after he had become alive again.

When he appeared to the disciples, what did Jesus say to them about their unbelief?

Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief.

Mark 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Going into all the world, preach the gospel to the entire creation.

UST

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into the whole world and preach the good news to everyone!

What command did Jesus give the disciples?

Jesus commanded the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Mark 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved, and he who does not believe will be condemned.

UST

¹⁶ God will save everyone who believes your message and who is baptized. He will condemn everyone who does not believe.

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said those who believed and were baptized would be saved.

Who did Jesus say would be condemned?

Jesus said those who did not believe would be condemned.

Mark 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now these signs will go with those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons. They will speak in new languages.

UST

¹⁷ Those who believe the good news will perform miracles to show that I am with them. By my power they will do miracles like these: they will force evil spirits out of people. They will speak in languages that they have not learned.

What signs did Jesus say would go with those who believed? (vv17-18)

Jesus said those who believed would cast out demons, would speak in new languages, would not be hurt by anything deadly, and would heal others.

Mark 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They will pick up snakes, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."

UST

¹⁸ If they pick up snakes or if they drink any poisonous liquid accidentally, they will not be hurt. God will heal sick people on whom they lay their hands."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

UST

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had said this to his apprentices, God took him up into heaven. Then he sat down on his throne beside God at the place of highest honor at his right hand, to rule with him.

What happened to Jesus after he spoke to the disciples?

After he spoke to the disciples, Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Mark 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now those, having gone out, preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them {and} confirmed the word by the signs that went with them. Amen.]

16:9 ^[1]

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²⁰ As for the apprentices, they went out from Jerusalem, and then they preached everywhere. Wherever they went, the Lord enabled them to perform miracles. By doing that, he showed people that God's message is true.]

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What did the disciples then do?

The disciples then left and preached everywhere.

What did the Lord then do?

The Lord then worked with the disciples and confirmed the word with miraculous signs.

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