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Mark

Mark 1

Mark 1:1

ULT:

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

UST:

I am going to tell you the good news about Jesus, the Messiah. He is the Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:2

ULT:

Just as it has been written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way;

UST:

This story began as Isaiah, who spoke for God, wrote that it would: “Listen, I am sending my messenger ahead of you. He will make things ready for when you come.

What did the prophet Isaiah predict would happen before the Lord came? (1:2-3)

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:

a voice of one calling out in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

UST:

In the desolate place, someone will be calling out {to the people}: 'Prepare yourselves to receive the Lord! Make yourselves ready for when he comes!'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:4

ULT:

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

UST:

Now there was a man whose name was John. He baptized people in a desolate area. He proclaimed that people should allow him to baptize them. That would show that they were going to stop doing what was wrong. That way, God would forgive their sins.

What did John come preaching?

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

Mark 1:5

ULT:

And all the Judea region and all the Jerusalemites were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

UST:

Many people who lived in the region of Judea and many people who lived in the city of Jerusalem often went to listen to John. Many of these people 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:

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

UST:

John wore rough clothes that he made out of camel's hair. He fastened around his waist a belt that he made from animal skin. He ate grasshoppers and honey that he found in that desolate area.

What did John eat?

John ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:7

ULT:

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

UST:

He often preached, “Soon you will see someone else who is greater than I am. It is not appropriate for me even to kneel down and help him take off his sandals.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:8

ULT:

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

UST:

I use water to baptize you. However, he will give you the Holy Spirit, which will be like baptizing you.”

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:

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

UST:

Now while John was preaching and baptizing people, Jesus traveled from the town of Nazareth, which was in the region of Galilee. {He arrived where John was} and had John baptize him in the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:10

ULT:

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:

As soon as John baptized him, Jesus waded out of the Jordan River. Then, he saw God opening the way from heaven. He saw that the Holy Spirit, who looked like a small bird, was descending {from heaven} to him.

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:

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

UST:

Then God spoke from heaven, "You are my Son, the one whom I love dearly. What you do pleases me."

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:

And immediately, the Spirit casts him out into the wilderness.

UST:

As soon as that happened, the Holy Spirit sent Jesus into a desolate area.

Who drove Jesus out into the wilderness?

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness.

Mark 1:13

ULT:

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:

Jesus stayed for 40 days in that desolate area with the animals that lived there. During that time, Satan tried to make Jesus sin. Also, angels took care of Jesus.

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:

But after John was handed over, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God

UST:

Later, after {King Herod Antipas} arrested John, Jesus traveled {back} to the region of Galilee. There, he preached the good news from God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:15

ULT:

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

UST:

He declared, "This is the moment when God is about to establish his kingdom here. Stop doing what is wrong! Trust the 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:

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

UST:

One day, Jesus was walking next to the Sea of Galilee. He saw {a man whose name was} Simon and that man's {younger} brother, {whose name was} Andrew. They earned money by catching and selling fish. {When Jesus saw them,} they were using nets to try to catch fish.

What was the occupation of Simon and Andrew?

Simon and Andrew were fishermen.

Mark 1:17

ULT:

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

UST:

Jesus told them, "Come with me and be my apprentices. I will teach you how to gather people {to be my apprentices}, just as you have been gathering fish."

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:

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

UST:

As soon as {Jesus said that}, they stopped working. They went with him and were his apprentices.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:19

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus walked a short distance {next to the sea}. He saw {a man whose name was} James and that man's {younger} brother, {whose name was} John. They were sons of {a man whose name was} Zebedee. {When Jesus saw them,} they were preparing their fishing tools in a boat.

What was the occupation of James and John?

James and John were fishermen.

Mark 1:20

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as he saw them, Jesus commanded them, {"Come with me and be my apprentices."} They got out of the boat and left Zebedee their father with the workers they had hired. They went with Jesus and were his apprentices.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:21

ULT:

And they enter into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbaths, having entered into the synagogue, he was teaching.

UST:

Jesus, along with Peter, Andrew, James, and John, went to the town of Capernaum. As soon as it was the Jewish day of rest, Jesus visited the Jewish meeting place and instructed {the people who were there}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:22

ULT:

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

UST:

The way that Jesus taught impressed {the people who were there}. {It impressed them} because Jesus did not teach as the teachers of the Jewish law did. Rather, he taught them like someone whom God had authorized to do so.

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:

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

UST:

As Jesus was instructing people in the Jewish meeting place, a man whom a demon controlled was there. He shouted,

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:24

ULT:

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:

“Jesus from the town of Nazareth, leave us alone! You must be here to punish us. I realize who you are. You are the special one whom God has set apart!”

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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus commanded the demon to stop {controlling the man}. He said, "Be quiet. Leave that man!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:26

ULT:

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

UST:

The demon shook the man violently and shouted loudly. Then, it left the man.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:27

ULT:

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

UST:

{What Jesus had done} impressed all {the people who were in the Jewish meeting place}, and they talked about it with each other. They said, "{What he does} is amazing! He teaches new things as someone whom God has authorized {to do so}. He tells the demons what to do, and they do what he says!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:28

ULT:

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

UST:

And so, throughout the whole region of Galilee, people kept talking about what Jesus had done.

What happened with the news about Jesus?

The news about Jesus went out everywhere.

Mark 1:29

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as {Jesus forced the demon out of the man}, he left the Jewish meeting place. He, along with Simon, Andrew, James, and John, went to Simon and Andrew's home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:30

ULT:

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

UST:

Meanwhile, Simon's mother-in-law was resting in bed because she had a fever. As soon as {Jesus arrived}, the people there told him that she was 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:

And having approached, he raised her up, having taken hold of her hand, and the fever left her, and she was serving them.

UST:

So, Jesus went to her. He took her hand and helped her stand up. Then, she recovered from the fever and offered Jesus and his disciples some food.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:32

ULT:

Now evening having come, after the sun {had} set, they were bringing to him all the ones having sickness and the ones possessed by demons.

UST:

When it was late in the evening, people brought to Jesus many men and women who were sick or whom demons controlled.

What happened when it was evening? (1:32-34)

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

Mark 1:33

ULT:

And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

UST:

In fact, almost everybody in the town of Capernaum assembled outside the door of {Simon and Andrew's home}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:34

ULT:

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:

Jesus cured many people who were sick in many different ways. He also forced demons out of many people. Further, because the demons realized that Jesus was {the Messiah}, he did not allow them to say anything.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:35

ULT:

And in the morning, {while it was} still very dark, having gotten up, he went out and went away to a desolate place, and there he was praying.

UST:

Jesus woke up early the next morning, before sunrise. He left {the house} and walked to a place where no one lived. He prayed {to God} there.

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:

And Simon and the ones with him pursued him

UST:

{When they realized that Jesus was gone}, Simon and other people with him urgently searched for Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:37

ULT:

and found him and say to him, "All are seeking you."

UST:

When they found Jesus, they told him, "Almost everybody {in the town of Capernaum} is trying to find you. {We think that you should return there with us.}"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:38

ULT:

And he says to them, “Let us go elsewhere, into the surrounding towns, so that I may preach there also, because for this I went out.”

UST:

Jesus replied, “{I will not return with you.} I need to do what I am here to do. So, we need to visit other towns in this area. That way, I can preach {the good news} in those places too.”

What did Jesus tell Simon he had come to do? (1:38-39)

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

Mark 1:39

ULT:

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

UST:

So Jesus and his apprentices visited all the towns in the region of Galilee. Jesus preached {the good news} in the Jewish meeting places. Also, he forced demons out of people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:40

ULT:

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:

One day, a man who had a skin disease approached Jesus. He bowed down before Jesus and urged him, "{Please heal me!} I know that you can heal me if you want to do so."

What attitude did Jesus have toward the leper who begged Jesus to be healed? (1:40-41)

Jesus had pity on the leper and healed him.

Mark 1:41

ULT:

And having had compassion, having reached out his hand, he touched {him} and says to him, "I am willing. Be clean."

UST:

Jesus pitied the man. So, he stretched out his hand and touched the man. Jesus told him, "I want {to heal you}, and I heal you now!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:42

ULT:

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

UST:

At that time, Jesus cured the man. He no longer had the skin disease!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:43

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as {he healed the man}, Jesus commanded him to leave. As he was leaving, Jesus sternly told him,

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 1:44

ULT:

And he says to him, "See that you 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:

"Do not tell anyone what just happened. Instead, go and show yourself to a priest {so that he can examine you and see that you no longer have the skin disease}. Also, present what Moses required you to offer to become ceremonially clean again. This will prove to the community {that you no longer have the skin disease}."

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:

But he, having gone out, began to proclaim much and to report the word, 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:

However, after the man left, he frequently told people about how Jesus had healed him. As a result, people from many different places kept approaching Jesus. So, Jesus could no longer walk into any town publicly. Instead, he stayed outside {the towns} in places where no one lived.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2

Mark 2:1

ULT:

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

UST:

Sometime later, Jesus returned to the town of Capernaum. Then, people learned that he was in a certain house.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:2

ULT:

And many were gathered, so that it could no longer receive, not even the {areas} at the door, and he was speaking the word to them.

UST:

So, very many people assembled there. {There were so many of them} that there was no room for them inside the house or even outside the door. Jesus preached the good news to them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:3

ULT:

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

UST:

Then some people arrived {at the house} where Jesus was. Four of them were carrying a man who could not move.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:4

ULT:

And not being able to bring {him} to him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was, and having dug {it} out, they lower the mat where the paralytic was lying.

UST:

However, because of how many people were there, they could not carry the man close to Jesus. So, they went up on the flat roof of the house and dug a hole through it. Then, they lowered the man down as he was lying on his sleeping pad.

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:

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

UST:

Jesus perceived that these people believed {that he could heal the man}. So, he said to the man who could not move, "Young man, I forgive you for your sins!"

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?

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

Mark 2:6

ULT:

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

UST:

Now some teachers of the Jewish law were there. They were thinking to themselves,

Why did some of the scribes object to what Jesus had said? (2:6-7)

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

Mark 2:7

ULT:

“Why does this one speak in this way? He blasphemes! Who is able to forgive sins except one, God?”

UST:

“This man should not be saying that {he forgives sins}. The only one who can forgive sins is God. So, he is insulting God!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:8

ULT:

And immediately Jesus, having known in his spirit that they are debating in this way within themselves, says to them, “Why are you debating these things in your hearts?”

UST:

As soon as {they thought that}, Jesus realized what they were thinking to themselves. He told them, “You should not be thinking to yourselves that {I cannot forgive sins}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:9

ULT:

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:

You may think that it is easy to claim to forgive this man who cannot move for his sins{, since it is difficult to prove whether this has happened}. Similarly, you may think that it is difficult to tell {this man who cannot move} to stand up, carry his sleeping pad, and walk around{, since it is easy to prove whether this has happened}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:10

ULT:

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:

However, I want you to know that God has authorized me, the Son of Man, to forgive people on earth for their sins.” So, he said to the man who could not move,

**How did Jesus demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins?
(2:10-12)**

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

Mark 2:11

ULT:

"I say to you, get up, pick up your mat, and go to your house."

UST:

"Here is what I want you to do: stand up, carry your sleeping pad, and go home!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:12

ULT:

And having gotten up and immediately having taken up the mat, he went out before all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw thus."

UST:

Then the man stood up! As soon as {he did that}, he carried his sleeping pad and left. Everyone saw him {do those things}, and it impressed all of them. They praised God and declared that they had never seen anything like that before.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:13

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus returned to the area next to the Sea of Galilee. A large group of people approached him, and he instructed them.

What was Levi doing when Jesus told Levi to follow him? (2:13-14)

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

Mark 2:14

ULT:

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

UST:

As Jesus was walking along, he noticed a man whose name was Levi. He was the son of a man whose name was Alphaeus. Levi was sitting in the booth {where the people came to pay him the taxes that the government required}. Jesus said to him, "Come with me and be my apprentice!" So, Levi stood up and went with him as his apprentice.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:15

ULT:

And it happens {that} he reclined to eat in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and his disciples, for they were many, and they were following him.

UST:

Later, Jesus was feasting in Levi's home. Many people who collected taxes and other sinful people feasted with Jesus and his apprentices. All these people went with Jesus as his apprentices.

**At Levi's house, what was Jesus doing that offended the Pharisees?
(2:15-16)**

Jesus was dining with the sinful people and tax collectors.

Mark 2:16

ULT:

And the scribes of the Pharisees, having seen that he eats with the sinners and tax collectors, were saying to his disciples, "Does he eat with the tax collectors and sinners?"

UST:

Then, some Pharisees who taught the Jewish law noticed that Jesus was eating food with sinful people and people who collected taxes. They told Jesus' apprentices, "He should not be feasting with people who collect taxes and other sinful people."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:17

ULT:

And having heard, Jesus says to them, “The ones being healthy do not have need of a physician, but the ones having sickness. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

UST:

Jesus learned what they said. He told them, “People who are well do not need a doctor. Rather, people who are sick need a doctor. I am here not to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me. Rather, {I invite} those who know that they have sinned {to come to me}.”

Who did Jesus say he had come to call?

Jesus said he had come to call sinful people.

Mark 2:18

ULT:

And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting, and they come and say to him, "For what reason do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

UST:

One day, the Pharisees and the apprentices of John the Baptizer were abstaining from eating in order to please God. Meanwhile, some people visited Jesus. They asked him, "The apprentices of John the Baptizer and the apprentices of the Pharisees are abstaining from eating in order to please God. However, your apprentices do not do so. Why not?"

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:

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of the bridal 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:

Jesus answered, "The friends of the bridegroom do not abstain from eating while the wedding celebration is still going on. Indeed, they continue to eat as long as the wedding celebration continues."

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:

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

UST:

However, someday the bridegroom will no longer be with his friends. Then they will abstain from eating.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:21

ULT:

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, but if not, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear happens.

UST:

People do not attach a piece of unshrunk cloth on old clothing in order to mend a hole. However, suppose {that they did}. {When they washed the garment,} the new piece of cloth would shrink and completely rip out of the old clothing. As a result, the hole would become even bigger!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:22

ULT:

And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, but if not, the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine and the wineskins are destroyed, but new wine into new wineskins.”

UST:

Similarly, people do not put fresh wine into old skin bags {to store it}. However, suppose {that they did}. The fresh wine {would ferment and expand} and tear open the skin bags. That would ruin the wine and the skin bags. So, in contrast, people put fresh wine into new skin bags.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:23

ULT:

And it happened {that}, on the Sabbaths, he was passing through the grainfields, and his disciples began to make a way, picking the heads of grain.

UST:

Later, Jesus {and his apprentices} were walking through grain fields during one of the Jewish days of rest. As the apprentices were walking along, they picked some grain {and ate it}.

What did Jesus' disciples do in some fields on the Sabbath which offended the Pharisees? (2:23-24)

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

Mark 2:24

ULT:

And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Behold, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbaths?"

UST:

So, some Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look! Your apprentices should not be working on a Jewish day of rest. Our law forbids us to do that."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:25

ULT:

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:

Jesus replied, “Consider the story in the Scriptures about what King David did when he and the men who were with him became very hungry but did not have any food.

What example did Jesus give of someone who needed and ate bread normally forbidden for them? (2:25-26)

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:

how he went into the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the loaves of the presence, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and he also gave to the ones being with him?"

UST:

As you know, David entered the sacred tent while Abiathar was the ruling priest. He ate some of the bread that had been on display before God, and he had the men who were with him eat some of it too. He did that even though the law allowed only the priests to eat that bread."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 2:27

ULT:

And he was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

UST:

Then Jesus told the Pharisees, "God did not create humans because of the Jewish day of rest. Rather, he created the Jewish day of rest because of humans.

For whom did Jesus say the Sabbath was made?

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for people.

Mark 2:28

ULT:

Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath.”

UST:

So then, I, the Son of Man, can decide {what is right for people to do} even during the Jewish 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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus again visited the Jewish meeting place there. A certain man also was there. He could not move his hand.

Why were they watching Jesus on the Sabbath in the synagogue? (3:1-2)

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

Mark 3:2

ULT:

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

UST:

Since it was the Jewish day of rest, {the Pharisees who were there} focused on Jesus to see whether he would cure the man. They wanted to accuse Jesus {of disobeying the laws about not working on the Sabbath}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:3

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus told the man who could not move his hand, "Stand here in front of everyone!" {So, the man stood there.}

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:4

ULT:

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.

UST:

Then Jesus told the Pharisees, "You know that the laws that God gave Moses allow people to do what is good and to rescue people on Jewish days of rest. They do not allow people to do what is wrong and to kill people {on Jewish days of rest}." However, the Pharisees did not respond to him.

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:

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.

UST:

So Jesus stared at them angrily. Because they stubbornly refused to listen to him, he became very sad. Then Jesus commanded the man, "Extend the hand {that you cannot move}!" The man extended his hand, and he could move it again.

What then was Jesus' attitude toward them?

Jesus became angry with them.

Mark 3:6

ULT:

And having gone out, the Pharisees immediately were making counsel with the Herodians against him so that they might destroy him.

UST:

Then the Pharisees left {the Jewish meeting place}. As soon as {they left}, they met with some people who supported King Herod. Together, they started planning 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:

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

UST:

Jesus and his apprentices went back to the Sea of Galilee. Very many people from the region of Galilee went with him. Also, there were more people from the region of Judea,

How many people followed Jesus as he went to the sea? (3:7-8)

A great crowd followed Jesus.

Mark 3:8

ULT:

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

UST:

from the city of Jerusalem, from the region of Idumea, from the east side of the Jordan River, and from the regions around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Because they learned about all the things that Jesus was doing, all these many people went to where he was.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:9

ULT:

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

UST:

Further, because Jesus cured many people, many other people who were sick pushed forward in order to touch him. So, Jesus told his apprentices to prepare a boat for him {to get into}. That way, all those people would not crush him. (vv9-10)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:10

ULT:

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

UST:

Further, because Jesus cured many people, many other people who were sick pushed forward in order to touch him. So, Jesus told his apprentices to prepare a boat for him {to get into}. That way, all those people would not crush him. (vv9-10)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:11

ULT:

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

UST:

Also, when demons saw Jesus, they caused the people whom they controlled to kneel down in front of Jesus and yell, "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:

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

UST:

Jesus frequently commanded the demons strongly that they should not tell people about him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:13

ULT:

And he goes up on the mountain and summons those whom he was wanting, and they went away to him.

UST:

Then Jesus went up on a hill. He told the apprentices whom he chose to come to him there. They joined him on the hill.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:14

ULT:

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

UST:

He chose 12 men to be his closest apprentices and to proclaim {the good news}. He called them his representatives.

**How many men did Jesus appoint as apostles, and what were they to do?
(3:14-15)**

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

Mark 3:15

ULT:

and to have authority to cast out the demons.

UST:

He also authorized them to force demons out of people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:16

ULT:

And he appointed the Twelve, and he gave to Simon the name Peter;

UST:

Here are the 12 representatives that Jesus chose. He chose Simon, whom he called Peter.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:17

ULT:

and James the {son} of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, and he gave names to them, Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder;

UST:

He chose James, Zebedee's son, and John, James' {younger} brother. He called the two of them Boanerges, which means "men who are like thunder."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:18

ULT:

and Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and James the {son} of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus and Simon the Cananaios

UST:

He chose Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (who was Alphaeus' son), Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:19

ULT:

and Judas Iscariot, who also handed him over.

UST:

Finally, he chose Judas Iscariot. He was the one who helped Jesus' enemies arrest him.

Who was the apostle that would betray Jesus?

The apostle that would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Mark 3:20

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus {and his apprentices} entered a certain house. A large group of people again assembled there. There were so many people that Jesus and his apprentices did not have enough time even to eat food.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:21

ULT:

And the ones from him, having heard, went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

UST:

Jesus' relatives heard about what was happening. They thought that Jesus was insane. So, they traveled {from the town of Nazareth to where Jesus was} to force him to return with them.

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:

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

UST:

Now some teachers of the Jewish law arrived from Jerusalem. They were telling people, "Beelzebul controls this man. In fact, it is the leader of the demons who enables him to force demons out of 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:

And having summoned them, in parables he was saying to them, "How is Satan able to cast out Satan?"

UST:

So Jesus told the people there to come to him. He used stories to teach them. He said, "Satan does not enable people to force out his own demons!"

What was Jesus' response to the scribes' accusation? (3:23-24)

Jesus responded that no kingdom divided against itself can stand.

Mark 3:24

ULT:

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

UST:

Suppose that the people in one nation fight against each other. That nation will not last.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:25

ULT:

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

UST:

Further, suppose that the people in one household fight against each other. That household will not last.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:26

ULT:

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

UST:

Similarly, suppose that Satan and his demons fight against one another. Satan would soon cease to rule over the demons!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:27

ULT:

But no one is able, having entered into the house of the strong man, to steal his possessions if he has not first bound the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

UST:

Here is what is really true: before thieves can break into the home of a strong man and take his belongings, they must first tie up the strong man. After that, they can take the belongings from his home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:28

ULT:

Truly I say to you that all the sins and the blasphemies, as much as they may blaspheme, will be forgiven the sons of men,

UST:

God will forgive many people who sin in many ways or who frequently insult {God or others}. What I have said is true.

What sin did Jesus say cannot be forgiven? (3:28-29)

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

Mark 3:29

ULT:

but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit does not have forgiveness to eternity but is guilty of an eternal sin”—

UST:

However, God will not ever forgive people who insult the Holy Spirit. They will always be guilty because of how they sinned.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:30

ULT:

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

UST:

{Jesus spoke those things} because the scribes had said, "A demon controls this man!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:31

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus' mother and his {younger} brothers arrived. They waited outside {the house where he was}. They asked someone to go in and ask him to come out to them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:32

ULT:

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

UST:

A large group of people were sitting with Jesus. They told him, "Your mother and your {younger} brothers are waiting for you outside."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:33

ULT:

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

UST:

Jesus replied, "I will tell you whom I consider to be my mother and my brothers."

Who did Jesus say were his mother and brothers? (3:33-35)

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

Mark 3:34

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus looked at the people who were sitting with him. He declared, "These are the people whom I consider to be my mother and my brothers!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 3:35

ULT:

For whoever does the will of God, this is my brother and sister and mother.”

UST:

In fact, when a person does what God wants, I consider that person to be my brother or sister or mother.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4

Mark 4:1

ULT:

And again, he began to teach beside the sea, and the largest crowd is gathered to him. As a result, having gotten into a boat, he sat down on the sea, and the whole crowd was on the land beside the sea.

UST:

Sometime later, Jesus again started to instruct people while he was next to the Sea of Galilee. A very large group of people assembled to hear him. Because {there were so many people}, he got into a boat on the sea and sat down {to teach}. All the people stood on the shore, by the water.

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:

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

UST:

Jesus began to use stories to instruct them about many things. As he was instructing them, he said,

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:3

ULT:

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

UST:

"Listen to this: a farmer began to plant some grain seeds

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:4

ULT:

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

UST:

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

What happened to the seeds sown on the road?

The birds came and devoured them.

Mark 4:5

ULT:

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:

Other seeds fell on shallow soil on top of a layer of rocks. Because they were growing in shallow soil, the seeds sprouted very quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:6

ULT:

And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered.

UST:

Then, the sun shone on the new plants and dried them up. Then, because they did not have good roots, the plants died.

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:

And other fell into the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it did not give fruit.

UST:

Other seeds fell onto an area full of thorny plants. These thorny plants grew quickly and crowded out the grain plants. So, the grain plants did not produce a crop.

What happened to the seeds sown among thorn plants?

The thorn plants choked them.

Mark 4:8

ULT:

And others fell on the good soil, and it was giving fruit, growing up and being increased, and one was bearing 30, and one, 60, and one, 100.”

UST:

Finally, other seeds fell on fertile soil. They grew quickly, and they produced a crop. Some plants produced 30 {grains of wheat each}, others produced 60 {grains each}, and others produced 100 {grains each}.”

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:

And he was saying, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!”

UST:

Then Jesus told them, “You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:10

ULT:

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

UST:

Later, when no one else was with them, Jesus' 12 representatives and some other apprentices asked Jesus to explain the stories he had told.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:11

ULT:

And he was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those, the ones outside, everything is in parables,

UST:

He replied, "God has revealed to you hidden things about his kingdom. However, I use only stories to instruct people who are not my apprentices.

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:

so that, 'Looking, they may look but may not see, and hearing, they may hear but may not understand, lest they might turn back, and it might be forgiven to them.'"

UST:

That way, {just as you can read in the Scriptures,} 'They will look at things, but they will not really see them. They will hear things, but they will not learn from them. Otherwise, they would stop doing what is wrong, and God would forgive them.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:13

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus told his apprentices, “Unless you realize what that story means, you will not be able to realize what any of the other stories {that I tell} mean.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:14

ULT:

The sower sows the word.

UST:

{In the story that I told you,} the seeds that the farmer planted represent the good news.

In Jesus' parable, what is the seed?

The seed is the word of God.

Mark 4:15

ULT:

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

UST:

Some people are like the seeds that fell on the path. They hear the good news. However, as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and makes them forget the message that they 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:

And similarly, these are the ones being sown on the rocky ground, who, whenever they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy,

UST:

Other people are like the seeds that fell on shallow soil on top of a layer of rocks. When they hear the good news, they rejoice and quickly believe it.

What does the seed sown on the rocky ground represent? (4:16-17)

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

Mark 4:17

ULT:

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

UST:

However, they are like plants without good roots, which do not live very long. In fact, when bad things happen or when people hurt them because they accepted the good news, they quickly stop believing it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:18

ULT:

And others are the ones being sown into the thorns. These are the ones having heard the word,

UST:

Other people are like the seeds that fell onto an area full of thorny plants. They hear the good news.

What does the seed sown among thorn plants represent? (4:18-19)

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

Mark 4:19

ULT:

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

UST:

However, they continue to focus on things in this world. They try to become rich, even though being rich is not as helpful as they think it will be. Also, they desire many other things. When they do those things, it makes the good news ineffective, just as thorny plants crowd out the good plants and keep them from producing a crop.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:20

ULT:

And those are the ones sown on the good soil, who hear the word and receive it and bear fruit—one, 30, and one, 60, and one, 100.”

UST:

Finally, other people are like the seeds that fell on fertile soil. When they hear the good news, they believe it. They are like the plants that produced a crop. Some plants produced 30 {grains of wheat each}, others produced 60 {grains each}, and others produced 100 {grains each}.”

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:

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

UST:

Then he told the people who were there, "People do not bring an oil lamp {into a house} in order to cover it with a basket or a bench. Instead, they put it on a lampstand {so that it shines brightly}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:22

ULT:

For it is not hidden except so that it might be revealed, nor has it become secret except so that it might come into visibility.

UST:

Here is what I mean: some things are secret, but that is only because God will {eventually} let everyone know about them.

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:

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

UST:

You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:24

ULT:

And he was saying to them, "Watch what you hear. With the measure by which you measure, it will be measured to you, and it will be added to you.

UST:

Then he told the people who were there, "Make sure that you are listening carefully {to what I tell you}. How carefully you listen is how much God will enable you to learn and understand.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:25

ULT:

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:

God will reveal even more to people who already know some things {about the good news}. However, God will cause people who know very little {about the good news} to know nothing about it at all.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:26

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus said, "Here is what God's kingdom is like: a farmer planted some seeds.

In what way is the kingdom of God like a man who casts his seed upon the ground? (4:26-27)

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:

and he sleeps and gets up, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.

UST:

During a period of many days, those seeds started to grow. The farmer did not really know how they grew.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:28

ULT:

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

UST:

The plants grew out of the ground on their own. First, the stalks grew. Then, the parts where the seeds would appear grew. Finally, the grain seeds grew in that part.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:29

ULT:

And whenever the fruit hands over, he immediately sends the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

UST:

As soon as the plants produced grain, it was time to harvest it. So, the farmer told people to cut down the plants and collect the grain.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:30

ULT:

And he was saying, "How will we compare the kingdom of God, or in what parable will we put it?"

UST:

Then Jesus said, "I would like us to consider together what God's kingdom is like. I will use a story to make sure that we all understand it."

In what way is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed? (4:30-32)

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:

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

UST:

Here is what it is like: someone plants a tiny mustard seed in the ground. This kind of seed is smaller than every other kind of seed in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:32

ULT:

and when it has been sown, it grows and becomes greater than all the vegetable plants, and it makes large branches, so that the birds of the sky are able to nest in its shadow.”

UST:

Once someone plants it, the seed {sprouts and} grows quickly. The plant becomes bigger than every other kind of plant that people grow. It has big branches. In fact, birds can land in the shade it creates and make nests there.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:33

ULT:

And with many such parables he was speaking the word to them, just as they were able to hear;

UST:

Jesus used many stories like these to teach the good news to the people who were there. He taught them as much as they could understand.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:34

ULT:

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

UST:

He taught them by using stories only. Later, when no one else was with them, he told his apprentices what all the stories meant.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:35

ULT:

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

UST:

When it was evening on the same day, Jesus told his apprentices, "Let us go {by boat} to the other side of the Sea of Galilee."

What happened as the disciples and Jesus crossed the lake? (4:35-37)

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

Mark 4:36

ULT:

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

UST:

Since Jesus was already in the boat, the apprentices sailed away with Jesus from the large group of people. Other people sailed with them in other boats.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:37

ULT:

And a great storm of wind happens, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filled.

UST:

Then there was a powerful windstorm! High waves were splashing into the boat and quickly filling it up with water.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:38

ULT:

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

UST:

Meanwhile, Jesus was in the back part of the boat. He was asleep, with his head on a pillow. The apprentices woke him up and told him, "Instructor! We are going to die. You should be paying attention!"

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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus got up. He scolded the wind. He told the water, "Become still!" The wind stopped blowing, and everything became calm.

What did Jesus then do?

Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

Mark 4:40

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus told his apprentices, "You should not be so afraid. You should be trusting God by now!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 4:41

ULT:

And they feared a great fear and were saying to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

UST:

The apprentices became very afraid. They kept asking each other, "Who could Jesus be? The wind and the water do what he says!"

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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus and his apprentices arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, in the region where the Gerasene people lived.

Who met Jesus when they came to the region of the Gerasenes? (5:1-2)

A man with an unclean spirit met Jesus.

Mark 5:2

ULT:

And he having gone out from the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit met him from the tombs,

UST:

As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a man whom a demon controlled came up to him. This man had come from the burial caves.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:3

ULT:

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

UST:

In fact, he lived in the burial caves. The people who lived nearby could not tie him up, not even with {metal} chains.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:4

ULT:

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

UST:

In the past, they had frequently tied him up with {metal} chains and bonds. However, he always snapped the {metal} chains and broke apart the bonds. He was so strong that nobody could overpower 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:

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

UST:

All day long, this man would yell and hurt himself with rocks while he wandered around among the burial caves and the hills.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:6

ULT:

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

UST:

{After Jesus arrived,} this man saw him from far away. He ran to where Jesus was and knelt before him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:7

ULT:

And crying out with a loud voice, he says, "What to me and to you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I make you swear by God, do not torment me."

UST:

Then Jesus said, "You demon, leave this man!" Then the demon shouted loudly. It said, "Jesus, Son of the greatest God, leave me alone! I want you to have God guarantee that you will not make me suffer." (vv7-8)

What title did the unclean spirit give Jesus?

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

Mark 5:8

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus said, "You demon, leave this man!" Then the demon shouted loudly. It said, "Jesus, Son of the greatest God, leave me alone! I want you to have God guarantee that you will not make me suffer." (vv7-8)

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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus asked the man, “What do people call you?” He replied, “People call me ‘Thousands.’ {They call me that} because there are many of us demons 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:

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

UST:

Then the demon repeatedly urged Jesus not to make the many demons leave that area.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:11

ULT:

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

UST:

While all that was happening, a large herd of pigs was grazing nearby on a hillside.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:12

ULT:

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

UST:

The demons urged Jesus, "{When you force us out of this man,} please allow us to go to those pigs. That way, we can control them."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:13

ULT:

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 were drowned in the sea.

UST:

Jesus allowed them to do that. So, the demons left the man and began to control the pigs. Then, the herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the Sea of Galilee! There were about 2,000 of them, and they drowned there in the sea.

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:

And the ones feeding them ran away and reported it in the city and in the countryside, and they went out to see what it is that had happened.

UST:

Then those who were taking care of the pigs ran away. They told all the people who lived around them {about what they had seen}. Those people went to see what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:15

ULT:

And they come to Jesus and see the one being demon-possessed, sitting, clothed and being sound-minded—the one that had had the legion—and they were afraid.

UST:

When they arrived where Jesus was, they saw the man whom the thousands of demons had controlled. He was sitting down, he had clothes on, and he was thinking normally. So, {they realized how powerful Jesus must be, and} they became afraid.

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:

And the ones having seen explained to them how it happened to the one being demon-possessed, and about the pigs.

UST:

The people who had seen what Jesus did explained everything to the people who had just arrived. They told them about what Jesus did for the man whom the demons had controlled. They also told them what happened to the pigs.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:17

ULT:

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

UST:

Then the people who were there started to urge Jesus to leave their area.

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

The people asked Jesus to leave their region.

Mark 5:18

ULT:

And he getting into the boat, the one having been demon-possessed was begging him so that he might be with him.

UST:

While Jesus was entering the boat {to leave}, the man whom the demons had controlled urged Jesus to allow him to go with Jesus as his apprentice.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:19

ULT:

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

UST:

However, Jesus did not allow the man {to go with him}. Instead, he told him, "Go home to your friends and family. Tell them about everything that the Lord {God} has done for you and how he has helped 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:

And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis as much as Jesus did for him, and all were marveling.

UST:

So, the man traveled around the region of the Ten Towns. He told people how much Jesus had done for him. {What the man said} impressed all the people {who heard it}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:21

ULT:

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

UST:

Meanwhile, Jesus {and his apprentices} sailed in a boat back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stayed next to the Sea of Galilee, and a large group of people assembled near him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:22

ULT:

And behold, one of the synagogue rulers, Jairus by name, comes, and having seen him, he falls at his feet.

UST:

Then, a certain man arrived. He was a leader of the Jewish meeting place there. His name was Jairus. When he saw Jesus, Jairus knelt before him.

What request did Jairus, the synagogue leader, make of Jesus? (5:22-23)

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

Mark 5:23

ULT:

And he begs him much, saying, "My little daughter is having {her} end; so that, coming, you might lay your hands on her in order that she might be saved, and she might live."

UST:

He urged Jesus repeatedly, "My young daughter is about to die. Please come {with me} and touch her. That way, you will rescue her, and she will stay alive."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:24

ULT:

And he went away with him. And a great crowd was following him and was pressing around him.

UST:

So Jesus {and his apprentices} left with Jairus {to go to his house}. A large group of people went with them, and they were almost crushing Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:25

ULT:

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

UST:

Now there was a woman {in the crowd} who had been suffering for 12 years from a disease that caused continual bleeding.

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:

and having suffered much from many physicians, and having spent everything {that was} from herself, and benefitting nothing, but instead having come to the worse,

UST:

{During those 12 years,} she had spent all the money that she had to pay for doctors. However, these doctors only hurt her more. So, she did not get any better. Instead, she actually became more sick.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:27

ULT:

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

UST:

When she learned what Jesus had done, she thought, "Just touching Jesus' clothing will cure me." So, in the large group of people, she approached Jesus from behind. She touched his robe. (vv27-28)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:28

ULT:

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

UST:

When she learned what Jesus had done, she thought, "Just touching Jesus' clothing will cure me." So, in the large group of people, she approached Jesus from behind. She touched his robe. (vv27-28)

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:

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

UST:

As soon as {she did that,} her bleeding stopped. She could feel inside herself that she was no longer sick.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:30

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as {she touched his robe}, Jesus recognized that someone had benefited from how powerful he was. So, in the middle of the large group of people, he spun around and asked, "Which of you touched my clothing?"

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:

And his disciples were saying to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

UST:

His apprentices replied, “Look at the large group of people that is almost crushing you! {Probably many people have touched you.} So, it does not make sense to ask who touched you.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:32

ULT:

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

UST:

However, Jesus kept trying to see the person who had touched his clothes.

What did Jesus do after the woman touched his cloak?

Jesus looked around to see who had touched him.

Mark 5:33

ULT:

And 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:

Then the woman came up to Jesus. She realized what had happened, and she shook because she was afraid. She knelt before Jesus and told him exactly what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:34

ULT:

But he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Depart in peace and be healed from your affliction."

UST:

Jesus replied, "Young woman, because you believed {that I could heal you}, you are now well. Now go on your way, and may God make you peaceful. You will not be sick in that way again."

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:

He still speaking, they come from the synagogue ruler, saying, "Your daughter died. Why trouble the teacher further?"

UST:

While Jesus was still talking {with that woman}, some messengers arrived from the house of Jairus, the leader of the Jewish meeting place. They told Jairus, "Your daughter is dead. You should not continue to ask the instructor to help."

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

Jairus' daughter was dead.

Mark 5:36

ULT:

But Jesus, having overheard the word being spoken, says to the synagogue ruler, “Do not fear. Only believe.”

UST:

Jesus listened to what the messengers said. Then, he told Jairus, “You should stop being afraid! You just need to trust {that I can help your daughter}.”

What did Jesus tell Jairus at this time?

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

Mark 5:37

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus took only Peter, James, and James' {younger} brother John with him. He did not allow anyone else to come with them.

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:

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

UST:

Then they arrived at the house of Jairus, the leader of the Jewish meeting place. Jesus noticed that the people there were making a lot of noise. They were crying very sorrowfully.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:39

ULT:

And entering, he says to them, "Why are you being disturbed and weeping? The child did not die but is sleeping."

UST:

Then Jesus went into the house. He told the people there, "You should not be making much noise and crying sorrowfully! The young woman is not dead! She is only sleeping."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:40

ULT:

And they were laughing at him. But he, having cast {them} all out, takes along the father of the child and the mother and the ones with him, and he enters where the child was.

UST:

The people made fun of him {for saying that}. However, Jesus made all of them leave {the house}. Then, he went to where the young woman was. He took with him the young woman's father and mother as well as Peter, James, and John.

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:

And having taken the hand of the child, he says to her, “Talitha, koum!” which is translated: “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

UST:

Jesus took hold of the young woman’s hand. He said to her, “Talitha koum!” That means, “Young woman, I tell you to get up!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 5:42

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as {Jesus said that}, the young woman {became alive again,} stood up, and walked around (in fact, she was 12 years old). That greatly impressed everyone who was there.

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

The people were greatly overcome and astonished.

Mark 5:43

ULT:

And he commanded them much that no one might know this, and he said that something should be given to her to eat.

UST:

Jesus ordered them firmly, "Do not tell anyone about what I have done here!" Also, he told them to serve the young woman some food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6

Mark 6:1

ULT:

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

UST:

After that, Jesus left {the city of Capernaum}. He traveled to {the city of Nazareth,} where he had grown up. His apprentices went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:2

ULT:

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

UST:

When it was the Jewish day of rest, he started to instruct the people there when they gathered in the Jewish meeting place. What they heard him say impressed the many people {who were there}. They said {to each other}, "We do not know how this man is able to do what he does. We do not know how he is so wise and does such powerful things."

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:

Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and a brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are his sisters not here with us?" And they were being caused to stumble on him.

UST:

He is just a woodworker! He is Mary's son, and he is an {older} brother to James, Joses, Judas, and Simon. His {younger} sisters live here in our town." So, these people rejected Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:4

ULT:

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

UST:

So, Jesus told them, "The only ones who do not respect people who speak for God are those from where they grew up, their clans, and their own families."

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:

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

UST:

Jesus could do very few powerful things in that place. He only touched a few people who were sick and cured them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:6

ULT:

And he was amazed because of their unbelief. And he was going around the villages in a circle teaching.

UST:

How little the people trusted him surprised Jesus. After that, Jesus traveled through the small towns in that area, and he instructed the people there.

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:

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:

One day, Jesus told his 12 representatives to come to him. {He told them that} he was going to have them travel around in groups of two. He authorized them {to force} demons {out of people}.

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

Jesus gave the Twelve authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:8

ULT:

and he commanded them that they should take nothing for the road except only a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in the belt—

UST:

He told them to wear sandals and to bring a walking stick. However, he instructed them not to pack anything else to bring with them, including food, a traveler's bag, money, or an extra shirt. (vv8-9)

What did the Twelve take with them on their journey? (6:8-9)

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

Mark 6:9

ULT:

but having put on sandals, and, “You may not wear two tunics.”

UST:

He told them to wear sandals and to bring a walking stick. However, he instructed them not to pack anything else to bring with them, including food, a traveler’s bag, money, or an extra shirt. (vv8-9)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:10

ULT:

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

UST:

He also told them, "When someone welcomes you into their home, continue to stay there until you leave that area."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:11

ULT:

And whatever place does 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:

Whenever people in a certain place do not welcome you or listen to you, you should leave {that place}. As you are going, shake the dust from that place off your feet to warn them {that God will punish them}.”

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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus' 12 representatives left {to travel around}. They preached that people should stop doing what was wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:13

ULT:

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

UST:

They forced demons out of many people. They put olive oil on many people who were sick. Then, they cured them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:14

ULT:

And King Herod heard, for his name became known, and they were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and because of this the powers work in him.”

UST:

By this time, Jesus had become famous. So, King Herod Antipas{, the ruler over the region of Galilee,} heard {people talking} about him. Some people declared, “God has made John the Baptizer alive again {as Jesus}, and that is why he does these powerful things.”

Who did the people suppose Jesus was? (6:14-15)

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

Mark 6:15

ULT:

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

UST:

Other people declared, "He is the prophet Elijah{, who has returned to us}." Other people declared, "He is a person who speaks for God, just like one of the people who spoke for God long ago."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:16

ULT:

But Herod, having heard this, was saying, “{The one} whom I beheaded, John, this one has been raised.”

UST:

King Herod Antipas listened {to those people}. Then he declared, “I had someone cut John the Baptizer’s head off! However, God must have made him alive again {as Jesus}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:17

ULT:

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

UST:

{Herod said that because John had already died.} Here is how that happened: Herod married Herodias, who had previously been the wife of Herod's brother Philip. John the Baptizer told Herod, "Our law forbids you to marry Herodias, your sister-in-law." So, Herod told his soldiers to go and arrest John. They tied him up and put him in jail. (vv17-18)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:18

ULT:

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

UST:

{Herod said that because John had already died.} Here is how that happened: Herod married Herodias, who had previously been the wife of Herod's brother Philip. John the Baptizer told Herod, "Our law forbids you to marry Herodias, your sister-in-law." So, Herod told his soldiers to go and arrest John. They tied him up and put him in jail. (vv17-18)

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:

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

UST:

Herodias was so upset with John that she wanted to have someone execute him. However, Herod realized that God had set John apart and that John did what was right. So, Herod was afraid {to do anything to John}. Also, he prevented Herodias from doing what she wanted {to John}. Whenever Herod listened to John, he was not sure how to respond, but he enjoyed listening to him. (vv19-20)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:20

ULT:

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 much perplexed, and he was listening to him gladly.

UST:

Herodias was so upset with John that she wanted to have someone execute him. However, Herod realized that God had set John apart and that John did what was right. So, Herod was afraid {to do anything to John}. Also, he prevented Herodias from doing what she wanted {to John}. Whenever Herod listened to John, he was not sure how to respond, but he enjoyed listening to him. (vv19-20)

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:

And an opportune day having come, when Herod made a dinner for his birthday for his great ones and for the chiliarchs and for the first of Galilee,

UST:

Then, one day, Herodias realized that she might be able {to have someone execute John}. It was Herod's birthday, and he had invited his important officials, some military commanders, and the most important people in the region of Galilee to feast with him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:22

ULT:

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

UST:

{While they were feasting}, Herod's stepdaughter, the daughter of Herodias, came in. She danced for Herod and his guests, and they greatly enjoyed {her dancing}. So, King Herod told her, "I will give you whatever you request!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:23

ULT:

And he swore to her, “If you ask me, I will give {it} to you, up to half of my kingdom.”

UST:

Further, he solemnly promised, “You can even ask for half of what I rule over. I will still give you whatever you request!”

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:

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

UST:

So, the young woman left {that place and went to her mother, Herodias}. She asked her mother, "What should I request?" Her mother replied, "Request {that someone cut off} John the Baptizer's head {and give it to you}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:25

ULT:

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:

As soon as {her mother said that,} the young woman hurried back to King Herod. She told him, "I want {you to cut off} John the Baptizer's head right now and bring it to me on a plate!"

For what did Herodias ask?

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

Mark 6:26

ULT:

And the king, having become deeply grieved because of his oaths and the ones reclining to eat with him, did not want to refuse her,

UST:

King Herod was sad {about what she asked for}. However, because he had solemnly promised in front of all his guests {to give her what she asked for}, he decided to do what she requested.

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:

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

UST:

So, King Herod told a soldier to go to {the jail} where John was{, cut off his head,} and bring his head back. The soldier left and cut off John's head while he was in jail.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:28

ULT:

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

UST:

Then, the soldier put John's head on a plate and gave it to the young woman. She {left and} gave it to her mother{, Herodias}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:29

ULT:

And his disciples, having heard, came and took away his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

UST:

When John's apprentices learned {what had happened}, they went to the jail. They took John's dead body and buried it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:30

ULT:

And the apostles are gathered together with Jesus and reported to him everything, as much as they did and as much as they taught.

UST:

As for Jesus' representatives, they returned to Jesus {from where they had traveled}. They told him about everything that they had done and everything that they had instructed people about.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:31

ULT:

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

UST:

Now people were arriving and leaving {where they were} all the time. In fact, they did not even have enough time to eat food. So, Jesus told his representatives, "Come to a place where no one lives and where no one else will be with us. Then, you can rest some!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:32

ULT:

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

UST:

So, they sailed in a boat to a place where no one lived and where no one else would be with them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:33

ULT:

And they saw them leaving, and many knew, and they ran there together on foot from all the cities, and they arrived before them.

UST:

Now people noticed them sailing away. Many of those people realized {that it was Jesus and his apprentices}. So, they left all their towns and ran to where {Jesus and his apprentices were sailing}. They got there before Jesus and his apprentices did!

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:

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

UST:

When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large group of people. He noticed that they were like sheep who did not have a shepherd {to lead them and to take care of them}. So, he pitied them and started to instruct them about 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:

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

UST:

When it was already late in the day, the apprentices approached Jesus. They said to him, "This is a place where no one lives, and it is already late in the day.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:36

ULT:

Send them away so that, having gone away into the surrounding countryside and villages, they might buy something for themselves {that} they might eat.”

UST:

So, please tell these people to walk to the places that are near us, where they can buy food to eat.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:37

ULT:

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

UST:

Jesus replied, "I want you to provide them with food to eat!" They responded, "Surely you do not want us to go and spend 200 coins to buy enough loaves of bread to provide these people with food!"

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:

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

UST:

Then Jesus asked his apprentices, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Find out!" Once they had found out {how many they had}, they told Jesus, "We have five loaves of bread and two 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:

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

UST:

*Then Jesus told all the people who were there to sit down in groups on the fresh grass
{that was growing on the ground}.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:40

ULT:

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

UST:

So, they sat down in groups. Some groups had 100 people, and some groups had 50 people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:41

ULT:

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

UST:

He picked up the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. That way, they could serve them to the people who were there. He similarly {had his apprentices} serve the two fish to everyone {who was 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:

And they all ate and were satisfied.

UST:

Everyone ate {the bread and the fish}, and they all had enough to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:43

ULT:

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

UST:

Then the apprentices gathered what was left of the bread and fish. They filled 12 large containers {with the leftovers}!

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:

And the ones having eaten the loaves were 5,000 men.

UST:

There were about 5,000 men who ate the bread and fish.

How many men had been fed?

There were 5,000 men that had been fed.

Mark 6:45

ULT:

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:

As soon as {everyone finished eating}, Jesus had his apprentices get into a boat and sail without him across {the Sea of Galilee} to the town of Bethsaida. He stayed behind to tell the large group of people to go home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:46

ULT:

And having said farewell to them, he went to the mountain to pray.

UST:

After he said goodbye to the people who were there, he walked to the top of a hill to pray {to God}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:47

ULT:

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

UST:

When it became dark, the apprentices were in the boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. Meanwhile, Jesus was on the hill by himself.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:48

ULT:

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 was wishing to pass by them.

UST:

Now the wind was blowing from where the apprentices wanted to go, so they were struggling to row {the boat across the Sea of Galilee}. Jesus noticed that. So, soon before morning, he joined them. He was walking on top of the Sea of Galilee! He planned to walk right past them.

How did Jesus come to the disciples on the lake?

Jesus came to the disciples walking on the lake.

Mark 6:49

ULT:

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

UST:

When the apprentices saw Jesus walking on top of the Sea of Galilee, it disturbed them. {They did not know that it was Jesus, so} they thought that he must be a dangerous spiritual being. So, they shouted loudly. However, as soon as {they shouted loudly}, Jesus told them, "Do not worry! I am {Jesus}. Stop being afraid!" (vv49-50)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:50

ULT:

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:

When the apprentices saw Jesus walking on top of the Sea of Galilee, it disturbed them. {They did not know that it was Jesus, so} they thought that he must be a dangerous spiritual being. So, they shouted loudly. However, as soon as {they shouted loudly}, Jesus told them, "Do not worry! I am {Jesus}. Stop being afraid!" (vv49-50)

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:

And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased, and they were very amazed within themselves.

UST:

Then Jesus joined the apprentices in the boat. At that moment, the wind stopped blowing. {When that happened,} it impressed them greatly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:52

ULT:

For they did not understand about the loaves, but their heart was having been hardened.

UST:

{They reacted that way} because they did not realize what it meant {when Jesus fed the large group of people with} the loaves of bread. In fact, they stubbornly refused to understand it.

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:

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

UST:

After Jesus and his apprentices finished sailing across the Sea of Galilee, they landed on the shore in the region of Gennesaret. They tied the boat there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:54

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as they got out of the boat, people realized that Jesus was there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 6:55

ULT:

they ran throughout that whole region, and they began to carry on their mats the ones having sickness where they were hearing that he is.

UST:

Those people hurried to all the places within that region. Whenever people {in those places} learned that Jesus was in a specific place, they started to bring there on sleeping pads many other people who were sick.

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:

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

UST:

Jesus visited many villages, towns, and farms. Wherever he visited, people put those who were sick in the open areas. These people who were sick asked Jesus to allow them just to touch the hem of his robe. Everyone who did so became healthy.

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:

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

UST:

After that, some Pharisees and some teachers of the Jewish law arrived from the city of Jerusalem. They assembled where Jesus was.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:2

ULT:

And having seen some of his disciples, that they eat loaves with defiled hands, that is, unwashed—

UST:

Then, they noticed that some of Jesus' apprentices did not cleanse their hands before eating food. So, their hands were unclean {when they ate the food}.

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:

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:

{The Pharisees and the teachers of the Jewish law noticed that} because most Jewish people, and especially the Pharisees, always cleanse their hands in a special way before they eat food. That is the teaching that they received from their ancestors.

Whose tradition was it that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating? (7:3-4)

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

Mark 7:4

ULT:

and from a marketplace, they do not eat unless they baptize, and there are many other things which they received to hold to: baptisms of cups and pitchers and copper vessels

UST:

Also, {when they come home} from the open areas in their towns, they always cleanse themselves before they eat food. They have many other similar teachings. {For example,} they cleanse many different kinds of dishes and containers.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:5

ULT:

also the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but they eat bread with defiled hands?”

UST:

So, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Jewish law told Jesus, “Your apprentices have unclean hands when they eat food. They are disobeying the teachings we received from our ancestors. They should not do that!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:6

ULT:

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 away from me.

UST:

Jesus replied, "Isaiah {the prophet} was right when God spoke through him about you. You say that you obey God, but you really do not! Here is what Isaiah wrote: 'You people treat me respectfully when you talk, but you do not really care about me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:7

ULT:

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

UST:

When you worship me, it is useless. {That is because} you use only what humans have commanded to instruct others.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:8

ULT:

Having left the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

UST:

You carefully obey human teachings, but you ignore the laws that God gave us.”

What did Jesus say to the Pharisees and scribes about their teaching on the issue of washing? (7:8-9)

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

Mark 7:9

ULT:

And he was saying to them, "Well do you reject the commandment of God so that you may keep your tradition!"

UST:

Further, Jesus told them, "You easily stop obeying the laws that God gave us in order to obey the teachings that you received. You should not be good at doing that!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:10

ULT:

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:

For example, Moses gave this law: 'Treat your parents respectfully.' {He} also {gave this law}: 'Execute anyone who insults his or her parents.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:11

ULT:

But you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, "Whatever you might have benefited from me {is} Corban"' (that is, a gift),

UST:

However, you tell people that they can say to their parents, 'I designated as Corban everything that I could have used to provide for you.' (That means that they gave it to God.)

How did the Pharisees and scribes void the commandment of God which says to honor your father and mother? (7:11-13)

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:

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

UST:

Then, you allow them to stop helping their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:13

ULT:

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

UST:

In that way, you use what you learned and teach to ignore what God commanded. There are many things that you do that are like that.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:14

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus again told the large group of people to come to him. He told them, “You all should listen to what I {am about to say} and learn {from it}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:15

ULT:

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:

Whatever people eat cannot make them unclean. Rather, it is what people do and say that makes them unclean.

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:

[If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.]”

UST:

[You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!]”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:17

ULT:

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

UST:

Later, Jesus went into a house {with his apprentices}, away from the large group of people. Then, the apprentices asked him to explain the example {he had given}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:18

ULT:

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

UST:

Jesus answered, “So, you too have not yet learned what I mean. You should know that whatever people eat cannot make them unclean.

What did Jesus say does not defile a person? (7:18-19)

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

Mark 7:19

ULT:

because it does not go into his heart, but into the stomach, and passes out into the latrine (cleansing all foods)?”

UST:

In fact, what people eat does not become part of what they think. Rather, it simply goes into their stomachs. Eventually, their bodies expel what they ate into toilets.” So, {Jesus was implying that} no food is unclean.

What kinds of foods did Jesus declare to be clean?

Jesus declared all foods to be clean.

Mark 7:20

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus told them, "It is what people do and say that makes them unclean."

What did Jesus say defiles a person? (7:20-23)

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

Mark 7:21

ULT:

For from within, from the heart of men, come out evil thoughts, sexual immorality, thefts, murders,

UST:

In fact, it is because of what people think and care about that they think wrong things. They have improper sex, steal things, and kill others.

What are three things that Jesus said can come out of a person to defile him? (7:21-22)

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:

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

UST:

They are sexually unfaithful to their spouses, want more than they need, and do what is evil. They trick others, fail to restrain themselves, and are jealous. They say bad things {about God or others}, think too highly of themselves, and are foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:23

ULT:

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

UST:

People do and say those wicked things, and that makes them unclean.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:24

ULT:

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:

After that, Jesus {and his apprentices} left the region of Gennesaret. They traveled to the areas near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Jesus tried to keep people from learning where he was staying. However, people soon found out where he was.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:25

ULT:

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:

In fact, as soon as {he arrived}, a certain woman learned about him. A demon was controlling this woman's young daughter. So, she walked to where Jesus was and knelt before him.

**Was the woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit a Jew or a Greek?
(7:25-26)**

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

Mark 7:26

ULT:

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

UST:

It is important to know that this woman was not Jewish. Instead, her ancestors were people from the regions of Syria and Phoenicia. {While she was kneeling before Jesus,} she begged him to force the demon out of her daughter.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:27

ULT:

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 little dogs."

UST:

Jesus told her, "Suppose that someone takes food for children and gives it to dogs instead. That is not appropriate! So, the children should eat before {the dogs do}. {That is why I am not helping you.}"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:28

ULT:

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

UST:

The woman replied, "My Lord, what you say is correct. However, dogs lying nearby do eat leftovers from the children's food. {What I am asking you to do is like those leftovers.}"

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:

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

UST:

Jesus replied, "Because of what you have said, {I will do what you asked}. You can go home. {I have forced} the demon to stop controlling your daughter."

What did Jesus do for the woman? (7:29-30)

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

Mark 7:30

ULT:

And having gone away to her house, she found the child having been put on the bed and the demon having gone out.

UST:

So, the woman went home. She saw that her daughter was resting. The demon had stopped controlling her.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:31

ULT:

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:

Then, Jesus {and his apprentices} left the areas near the city of Tyre. They walked through the areas near the city of Sidon and eventually arrived near the Sea of Galilee in the region of the Ten Towns.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:32

ULT:

And they bring to him {one} deaf and barely able to speak, and they beg him that he would lay his hand on him.

UST:

Then, people led to Jesus a man who could not hear and who could not speak well. They urged Jesus to {heal him by} touching him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:33

ULT:

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:

So, Jesus brought the man to a place where no one from the large group of people was with them. He stuck one of his fingers into each of the man's ears. Then, he spit and touched the man's tongue.

When the man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus, what did he do to heal him? (7:33-34)

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:

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

UST:

Next, Jesus groaned as he prayed to God. Then he told the man, "Ephphatha!" That means, "Open up!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:35

ULT:

And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he began speaking rightly.

UST:

After that, the man could hear. Also, Jesus had corrected what was wrong with his mouth, so he could speak properly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 7:36

ULT:

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

UST:

After that, Jesus ordered the people {who were nearby} not to tell anyone {about what he had done}. However, every time he ordered them {not to do so}, they told even more people {about what he had done}.

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:

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

UST:

When people learned what Jesus had done, it greatly impressed them. They declared, "Everything that he does is good! He enables people who could not hear to hear. He enables people who could not speak to speak."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8

Mark 8:1

ULT:

In those days, there again being a great crowd, and not having anything {that} they might eat, having summoned his disciples, he says to them,

UST:

Sometime later, there was again a large group of people {near Jesus}, and they did not have any food to eat. So, Jesus told his apprentices to come to him. He told them,

What concern did Jesus state about the great crowd that had been following him? (8:1-2)

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

Mark 8:2

ULT:

"I have compassion on the crowd because they are remaining with me already three days and do not have anything {that} they might eat.

UST:

"I pity the large group of people. They have already spent three days with me, and they do not have any food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:3

ULT:

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:

Further, suppose that I tell them to go home while they are hungry. Some of them live far away from here. They would pass out while they are walking home."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:4

ULT:

And his disciples answered him, "From where will anyone be able to satisfy these {people} with loaves here in a desolate place?"

UST:

His apprentices replied, "In this place where no one lives, no one has enough food for these people to have enough to eat!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:5

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have with you?" They replied, "We have with us seven loaves of bread."

How many loaves did the disciples have with them?

The disciples had seven loaves with them.

Mark 8:6

ULT:

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 set {them} before {them}, and they set {them} before the crowd.

UST:

Then Jesus told the large group of people to sit down on the ground. He picked up the seven loaves of bread. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. That way, they could serve them to the large group of people, which they did.

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:

And they had a few small fish, and having blessed them, he said to set these also before {them}.

UST:

The apprentices also had some little fish. So, Jesus thanked God for these fish and told the apprentices to serve them too {to the large group of people}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:8

ULT:

And they ate and were satisfied, and they took up the remaining of the broken pieces—seven baskets.

UST:

The people ate {the food}, and they had enough to eat. Then the apprentices gathered the food that was left. {They filled} seven large containers!

How much food remained after everyone had eaten?

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

Mark 8:9

ULT:

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

UST:

About 4,000 people were there. Then Jesus told them to go home.

How many people ate and were satisfied?

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

Mark 8:10

ULT:

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

UST:

As soon as {he told them that}, Jesus and his apprentices climbed into a boat. They sailed to the region of Dalmanutha.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:11

ULT:

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

UST:

Some Pharisees came to Jesus and started to debate with him. They wanted to investigate him, so they asked him to perform a miracle that showed that God had 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:

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

UST:

Jesus groaned to himself. Then he said, "You people who are alive right now should not ask me to perform a miracle {that proves that God sent me}. I will never do that kind of miracle for you people! What I have said is true."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:13

ULT:

And having left them, having gotten into {a boat} again, he went away to the other side.

UST:

Then Jesus went away from the Pharisees. He {and his apprentices} again entered a boat and sailed to the other side {of the Sea of Galilee}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:14

ULT:

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

UST:

Now the apprentices had not remembered to pack any food. In fact, the only food that they had in the boat was one loaf of bread.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:15

ULT:

And he was commanding them, saying, "See, watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod."

UST:

{While they were sailing,} Jesus ordered the apprentices, "Make sure that you guard against the yeast that the Pharisees use and the yeast that Herod uses."

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:

And they were reasoning with each other that they have no loaves.

UST:

Then the apprentices told each other that they had very little food.

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:

And having known this, Jesus says to them, “Why are you reasoning that you do not have loaves? Do you not yet perceive, nor understand? Has your heart become hardened?”

UST:

Jesus realized {what they were saying to each other}. He told them, “You should not be telling each other that you have very little food. You should already realize {what I can do}! However, you stubbornly refuse to understand it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:18

ULT:

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

UST:

You look at things, but you do not really see them. You hear things, but you do not really listen. You should remember {what I have done}!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:19

ULT:

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

UST:

When I tore five loaves of bread into pieces and used them to feed 5, 000 people, you gathered what was left of the food. How many large containers did you fill {with the leftovers}?" The apprentices replied, "{We filled} 12 {large containers}."

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:

“And when the seven for the 4, 000, the fillings of how many baskets of broken pieces did you take up?” And they say to him, “Seven.”

UST:

{Then Jesus asked,} “Again, when {I tore} seven {loaves of bread into pieces} and used them to feed 4, 000 people, you gathered the food that was left. How many large containers did you fill?” The apprentices replied, “{We filled} seven {large containers}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:21

ULT:

And he was saying to them, “How do you not yet understand?”

UST:

Then Jesus told his apprentices, “You should already realize {what I can do}!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:22

ULT:

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

UST:

After that, Jesus and his apprentices arrived at the town of Bethsaida. The people there took a blind man to Jesus. They urged Jesus to {heal the man} by touching him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:23

ULT:

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:

So, Jesus took one of the blind man's hands. He brought the blind man outside the town. Then Jesus spat saliva onto the man's eyes, and Jesus touched him. After that, he asked the man, "Can 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:

And having looked up, he was saying, "I see men, for I see {them} like trees walking."

UST:

So, the man looked around. He said, "{Yes,} I can see people! They look like trees, but I can tell that they are walking around."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:25

ULT:

Then he again laid his hands upon his eyes, and he looked intently and was restored, and he was seeing everything clearly.

UST:

After that, Jesus again touched the blind man's eyes. When the man looked around carefully, he could see everything properly. Jesus had cured him!

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:

And he sent him away to his home, saying, "You may not even enter into the town."

UST:

Jesus commanded the man, "Do not go into the town {of Bethsaida}!" Then he told the man to go home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:27

ULT:

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:

After that, Jesus and his apprentices left {the town of Bethsaida} and walked toward the small towns near the city of Caesarea Philippi. While they were walking, Jesus asked his apprentices, "Who do people say that I really am?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:28

ULT:

But they said to him, saying, "John the Baptist, and others, Elijah, but others, one of the prophets."

UST:

The apprentices replied, "People say that you are one of the prophets {who has come back to life}. {More specifically,} some people say that you are John the Baptizer. Other people say that you are the prophet Elijah."

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:

And he was questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” And answering, Peter says to him, “You are the Christ.”

UST:

Then Jesus asked them, “As for you, who do you say that I really am?” Peter replied, “You are the Messiah!”

Who did Peter say that Jesus was?

Peter said that Jesus was the Christ.

Mark 8:30

ULT:

And he strongly warned them that they might tell no one about him.

UST:

Then Jesus ordered the apprentices not to tell anyone who he really was.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:31

ULT:

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:

After that, Jesus started to instruct his apprentices about what had to happen to him, the Son of Man. People would hurt him very much. The Jewish leaders, the ruling priests, and the teachers of the Jewish law would refuse to listen to him. Then, people would kill him. Three days after he died, he would live 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:

And he was speaking the word with openness. And having taken him aside, Peter began to rebuke him.

UST:

Jesus told that to them clearly. Then Peter spoke to Jesus privately. He started to scold him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:33

ULT:

But Jesus, having turned and having looked at his disciples, rebuked Peter and says, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not considering the things of God, but the things of men."

UST:

Jesus turned around and looked at his {other} apprentices. Then he scolded Peter, "Do not try to stop me. You are behaving as Satan does! You are thinking about what humans care about instead of thinking about what God cares about."

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:

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:

Then Jesus told his apprentices and the large group of people to come to him. He told them, "People who want to come with me and be my apprentices must refuse to do what they want to do. They must be willing to suffer or die as if they were carrying their own crosses when they come with me as my apprentices."

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:

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:

{That is} because people who are willing to do anything to stay alive will not truly live. However, people who are willing to die because they are my apprentices and because they believe the good news will truly live.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:36

ULT:

For what does it benefit a man to gain the whole world and to forfeit his life?

UST:

Suppose that some people acquire everything they could possibly want. However, they can no longer truly live. That is not worth it!

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:

For what might a man give in exchange for his life?

UST:

In fact, people cannot acquire anything that is as valuable as truly living.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 8:38

ULT:

For whoever is 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 comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

UST:

The men and women who are alive right now sin often and do not remain faithful. As they live among those men and women, some people consider it shameful to say that they believe in me and what I say. Then I, the Son of Man, will consider it shameful to say that those people belong to me. That will happen when I return with the angels whom God has set apart. At that time, I will be as glorious as God my Father.”

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:

And he was saying to them, “Truly, I say to you that there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come with power.”

UST:

Then Jesus told his apprentices and the large group of people, “Some of you who are here with me will definitely see God powerfully establish his kingdom before you die. What I have said is true!”

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:

And after six days, Jesus takes along Peter and James and John and brings them up onto a high mountain by themselves, alone, and he was transfigured before them.

UST:

Six days later, Jesus climbed up a tall mountain. He had Peter, James, and John go with him. No one else was with them. Then, the three apprentices saw Jesus change how he appeared.

What happened to Jesus when Peter, James, and John went up a high mountain with him? (9:2-3)

Jesus was transfigured and his garments became radiantly brilliant.

Mark 9:3

ULT:

And his garments became radiantly, extremely white, such as no launderer on the earth is able thus to make them white.

UST:

His clothes became very bright 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:

And Elijah with Moses were seen by them, and they were talking with Jesus.

UST:

After that, Elijah and Moses{, who were prophets from long ago,} appeared to the three apprentices! These prophets were speaking to Jesus.

Who was talking with Jesus on the mountain?

Elijah and Moses were talking with Jesus.

Mark 9:5

ULT:

And answering, Peter says to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here, and let us make three tents, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

UST:

Peter responded by saying to Jesus, "Teacher, it is appropriate for all of us to be here. We should build three shelters. You, Moses, and Elijah can each use one."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:6

ULT:

(For he did not know what he should answer, for they were terrified.)

UST:

{Peter said that} because he and the other two apprentices were extremely afraid. So, he did not know how to respond {to what he saw}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:7

ULT:

*And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and there was a voice from the cloud,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”*

UST:

*Then a cloud covered all of them! God spoke from the cloud, “This man is my Son, the
one whom I love dearly. Do what he says.”*

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:

And suddenly, having looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them, but only Jesus.

UST:

When the three apprentices looked around, suddenly, the only person whom they still saw with them was Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:9

ULT:

And they coming down from the mountain, he ordered them so that they would relate to no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

UST:

While they were walking down the mountain, Jesus told them that they should not tell anyone about what they had just seen until he, the Son of Man, had become alive again.

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:

And they kept the word to themselves, discussing together what it is “to rise from the dead.”

UST:

So they did not tell others about what had happened. However, they talked with each other about what it meant when Jesus said that he would become alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:11

ULT:

And they were questioning him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?”

UST:

Then those three apprentices asked Jesus, “The teachers of the Jewish law tell us that the prophet Elijah has to be here before {the Messiah gets here}. Are they right about that?”

What did Jesus say about Elijah’s coming? (9:11-13)

Jesus said that Elijah does come first to restore all things, and that Elijah had already come.

Mark 9:12

ULT:

But he was saying to them, “Elijah, having come first, restores all things. And how has it been written about the Son of Man that he would suffer many things and be despised?”

UST:

Jesus replied, “{Yes, the prophet} Elijah must be here before {the Messiah gets here}. He will make everything as it should be. However, consider this: {the prophets} wrote in the Scriptures that people would reject me, the Son of Man, and hurt me very much.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:13

ULT:

But I say to you that also Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they were wanting, just as it is written about him.”

UST:

{That makes sense only because of} what I am about to tell you. {The prophet} Elijah has already been here. Further, people treated him badly, just as {the prophets} wrote in the Scriptures about him.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:14

ULT:

And having come to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and scribes arguing with them.

UST:

Then Jesus and those three apprentices arrived where the other apprentices were. They saw a large group of people around the other apprentices. Some teachers of the Jewish laws were debating with them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:15

ULT:

And immediately, the whole crowd, having seen him, were amazed, and running up to {him}, they were greeting him.

UST:

As soon as {Jesus arrived}, the large group of people noticed him, and it surprised them very much. So, they hurried to him and said hello to him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:16

ULT:

And he asked them, "What are you arguing with them about?"

UST:

Then Jesus asked his apprentices, "What are you debating with the teachers of the Jewish law?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:17

ULT:

And one from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, having a mute spirit.

UST:

A man in the large group of people replied, "Instructor, I came here to you with my son {so that you would heal him}. A demon controls him and keeps him from speaking.

What were the disciples unable to do for the father and his son? (9:17-18)

The disciples were unable to drive out the evil spirit from the father's son.

Mark 9:18

ULT:

And wherever it might seize him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth, and he becomes stiff, and I spoke to your disciples so that they would cast it out, and they were not able.”

UST:

Whenever the demon chooses, it makes my son fall down. Then, my son drools, grinds his teeth together, and becomes rigid. I asked your apprentices to force the demon out of him. However, they could not {do it}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:19

ULT:

But answering them, he says, "O unbelieving generation, until when will I be with you? Until when will I bear with you? Bring him to me."

UST:

Jesus replied to them, "You people who are alive right now do not believe! It is hard for me to live here with you. It is difficult for me to be patient with you." {Then he said to them,} "Bring the man's son to me!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:20

ULT:

And they brought him to him, and having seen him, the spirit immediately shook him with convulsions, and having fallen on the ground, he was rolling around, foaming at the mouth.

UST:

So, some people brought the man's son to Jesus. As soon as the demon noticed Jesus, it shook the man's son violently. He fell down and writhed around as he drooled.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:21

ULT:

*And he asked his father, "How much time is it while this has been happening to him?"
And he said, "From childhood.*

UST:

*Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" The boy's father replied,
"{He has been like this} since he was a child.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:22

ULT:

And it has often thrown him both into fire and into waters in order that it might destroy him, but if you are able to do anything, help us, having compassion on us."

UST:

The demon also frequently makes him fall into fires and bodies of water in order to kill him. So, if you can do so, please pity us and help us!"

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:

But Jesus said to him, “‘If you are able’? All things are possible for the one believing.”

UST:

Jesus replied, “You should not talk about whether I can {help you}. God can do anything for people who trust him!”

How did the father respond when Jesus said all things are possible for the one who believes? (9:23-24)

The father responded, “I believe! Help my unbelief!”

Mark 9:24

ULT:

And immediately the father of the child, having cried out, was saying, "I believe! Help my unbelief!"

UST:

As soon as {Jesus said that}, the boy's father shouted, "I do trust {God}. Please help me trust {him} more!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:25

ULT:

And Jesus, having seen that a crowd is running to {them}, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out from him, and never enter into him again."

UST:

Then Jesus noticed that a large group of people was quickly assembling. So, he commanded the demon {who was controlling the man's son} to stop {doing so}. He said, "You demon who are keeping this boy from speaking and hearing, I tell you to stop controlling him! You may not control him again."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:26

ULT:

And having cried out and having convulsed him much, it came out, and he became like a dead {person}, so that many said, "He has died."

UST:

The demon shouted and shook the boy violently. Then it stopped controlling him. After that, the boy lay so still that he looked like a corpse. In fact, many people said that he was dead.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:27

ULT:

But Jesus, having taken his hand, raised him up, and he got up.

UST:

However, Jesus took hold of the boy's hand and helped him get up. The boy stood up!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:28

ULT:

And he having gone into a house, his disciples were asking him privately, "Why were we not able to cast it out?"

UST:

Later, Jesus entered a house, and only his apprentices were with him. They asked him, "Why could we not force out that demon?"

Why were the disciples unable to cast out the mute and deaf spirit in the boy? (9:28-29)

The disciples were unable to cast out the spirit, because it could not be cast out except by prayer.

Mark 9:29

ULT:

And he said to them, "This kind is able to come out by nothing except by prayer and fasting."

UST:

Jesus replied, "You can only force this type of demon out by praying and by not eating in order to please God."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:30

ULT:

And having gone out from there, they were passing through Galilee, and he was not wanting that anyone would know,

UST:

After Jesus and his apprentices left that area, 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:

for he was teaching his disciples and saying to them, "The Son of Man is being handed over into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And having been killed, he will rise up after three days."

UST:

{Jesus did not want people to know where they were} because he was instructing his apprentices. He told them, "Somebody will help my enemies arrest me, the Son of Man. They will have people kill me. Then, three days after I die, I will live 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:

But they were not understanding the word, and they were afraid to ask him.

UST:

However, the apprentices 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:

And they came to Capernaum, and being in the house, he was asking them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

UST:

Then Jesus and his apprentices arrived at the town of Capernaum. When they were in the house {where they were staying}, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about while we were walking here?"

What were the disciples arguing about along the way? (9:33-34)

The disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest.

Mark 9:34

ULT:

But they were silent, for they had been arguing with one another on the way about who {was} greatest.

UST:

However, while the apprentices were walking, they had been arguing with each other about which one of them was the most important. So, they did not answer {Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:35

ULT:

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:

Then Jesus sat down. He called his 12 representatives 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:

And having taken a little child, he set him in the midst of them, and having taken him in his arms, he said to them,

UST:

Then Jesus had a young child stand among them. He hugged the child, and he told his apprentices,

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, who are they also receiving? (9:36-37)

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, they are also receiving Jesus and the one who sent Jesus.

Mark 9:37

ULT:

“Whoever receives one of these little children in my name receives me; and whoever receives me does not receive me but the one having sent me.”

UST:

“When people, because they are my apprentices, welcome any young child such as this one here, it is the same as welcoming me. Further, when people welcome me, they are also welcoming {God,} who sent me here.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:38

ULT:

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 with us."

UST:

John said to Jesus, "Instructor, we noticed someone who was forcing demons out of people. He claimed that he represented you as he did that. So, we told him to stop doing that, because he was not one of us apprentices."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:39

ULT:

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:

Jesus said, "People will not say bad things about me soon after doing something powerful while they claim to represent me. Because of that, do not tell that man to stop {forcing demons out of people}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:40

ULT:

For whoever is not against us is for us.

UST:

{I say that} because those who are not opposing us are supporting us.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:41

ULT:

For whoever gives you a cup of water in the name that you are Christ's, truly I say to you that he will certainly not lose his reward.

UST:

As for those who offer you water to drink because they know that you are apprentices of me, the Messiah, God will most certainly reward them. What I have said is true.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:42

ULT:

And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him instead if a millstone of a donkey is put around his neck and he has been thrown into the sea.

UST:

On the other hand, suppose that an insignificant person who trusts me sinned because of certain people. {God will punish those people so severely that} they would prefer to have someone tie a heavy stone around their necks and cast them into the ocean.

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:

And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than, having two hands, to go away into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire

UST:

Suppose that you sinned because you touched something. You should never do that again, even if you have to chop off your hands to make sure of it! {You should respond that drastically because} it is better for you to truly live without hands than to have both hands but end up in hell, which is like a fire that never goes out.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:44

ULT:

[where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched].

UST:

[In that place maggots feed on the people there forever, and the fires never go out.]

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:45

ULT:

And if your foot causes 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:

Suppose that you sinned because you went somewhere. You should never do that again, even if you have to chop off your feet to make sure of it! {You should respond that drastically because} it is better for you to truly live without feet than to have both feet but end up in hell.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:46

ULT:

[where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched].

UST:

[In that place maggots feed on the people there forever, and the fires never go out.]

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:47

ULT:

And if your eye causes 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:

Suppose that you sinned because you looked at something. You should never do that again, even if you have to remove your eyes to make sure of it! {You should respond that drastically because} it is better for you to participate in God's kingdom with only one eye than to have both eyes but end up in 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:

where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.

UST:

In that place maggots feed on the people there forever, and the fires never go 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:

For everyone will be salted with fire.

UST:

Indeed, God will treat everyone like an offering that people season and burn.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 9:50

ULT:

Salt is good, but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

UST:

Salt is very useful. However, if salt were to stop seasoning food well, you cannot make it season food well again. Be people who make this world better, just as salt makes food better. Also, live peacefully with each other.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10

Mark 10:1

ULT:

And having gotten up, he goes from that place to the regions of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and the crowds come together to him again. And he was teaching them again, as he had been accustomed {to do}.

UST:

After that, Jesus {and his apprentices} left the town of Capernaum. They traveled to the region of Judea and to the east side of the Jordan River. Yet again, large groups of people assembled where Jesus was. Jesus instructed them, as he usually did.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:2

ULT:

And having approached, the Pharisees were questioning him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce a wife, testing him.

UST:

Then some Pharisees came to Jesus and asked him, "Does our law allow a husband to divorce his wife?" {They asked that} in order to investigate him.

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:

But he, answering, said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

UST:

Jesus replied, "What did Moses include in our Law {about this issue}?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:4

ULT:

And they said, "Moses permitted him to write a certificate of divorce and to divorce her."

UST:

They answered, "Moses allowed each husband to give {his wife} a document that states that he is divorcing her. Then, he could divorce her."

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:

But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote this commandment to you.

UST:

Jesus told them, "Moses knew that you were unwilling to obey. That is why he included {in the Law} what you just said.

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:

But from the beginning of creation, 'He made them male and female.'

UST:

However, when God first created everything, {as you can read in the Scriptures}, he created people to be male and female.

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:

'Because of this, a man will leave his father and mother,

UST:

{You can also read in the Scriptures that} that is why men{, when they marry,} no longer live with their parents,

What did Jesus say the two people, the man and his wife, become when they are married? (10:7-8)

Jesus said that the two become one flesh.

Mark 10:8

ULT:

and the two will be one flesh. ' So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh.

UST:

and each husband and wife together become like one person. Consequently, each husband and wife are not like two different people any longer. Rather, they are like one person.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:9

ULT:

Therefore, what God joined together, let man not separate."

UST:

Since that is true, no one should divide people whom God has united."

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:

And in the house again, the disciples were asking him about this.

UST:

Later, when they were in a house again, the apprentices asked Jesus about what he had said.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:11

ULT:

And he says to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

UST:

Jesus told them, “When a man divorces his wife and marries another woman, he sins against his first wife by disobeying what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one’s spouse.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:12

ULT:

And if she, having divorced her husband, marries another, she commits adultery.”

UST:

Also, when a woman divorces her husband and marries another man, she disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one’s spouse.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:13

ULT:

And they were bringing little children to him so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

UST:

Sometime later, some people took young children to Jesus. They wanted him to bless the children by touching them. However, the apprentices told them to stop.

What was Jesus' reaction when the disciples rebuked those bringing little children to him? (10:13-14)

Jesus was angry with the disciples and told them to permit the little children to come to him.

Mark 10:14

ULT:

But having seen this, Jesus was indignant and said to them, "Permit the little children to come to me, and do not forbid them, for of the ones such as these is the kingdom of God.

UST:

When Jesus noticed {what they were doing}, he was very upset. He told his apprentices, "Allow the young children to come here. Do not stop them! {I say that because} they and people like them are part of God's kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:15

ULT:

Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will certainly not enter into it."

UST:

You must be like young children when you welcome God's kingdom. That is the only way to participate in God's kingdom. What I have said is true."

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:

And having taken them into his arms, he blessed {them}, placing his hands on them.

UST:

Then Jesus hugged the young children. He blessed them by touching them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:17

ULT:

And he going out on the way, one, having run up to {him} and having knelt before him, was asking him, “Good Teacher, what should I do in order that I might inherit eternal life?”

UST:

One day, Jesus was walking along {with his disciples}. A certain person ran to where he was and bowed down before him. He said, “Instructor, you are a good person! What is something that I can do so that I will live with God forever?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:18

ULT:

But Jesus said to him, “Why are you calling me good? No one {is} good except one—God.

UST:

Jesus replied, “You should not so quickly call me a good person! God is the only one who is good.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:19

ULT:

You know the commandments—do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not testify falsely, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.”

UST:

{But to answer your question,} you know what God commanded: Do not murder others. Do not be sexually unfaithful to your spouse. Do not steal things. Do not speak what is untrue. Do not cheat people. Treat your parents respectfully.”

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:

But he said to him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

UST:

The man replied, "Instructor, I have obeyed all those things that God commanded ever since I was young."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:21

ULT:

But Jesus, having looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack; go, sell as much as you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

UST:

Then, Jesus looked at the man and cared for him. He said to the man, “There is one thing that you have not yet done. Go {home} and sell what you own. Give {that money} to poor people. {If you do that,} God will reward you in heaven. Then, come with me as my apprentice.”

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:

But he, having become downcast at this word, went away being grieved, for he was having many possessions.

UST:

However, the man was rich {and did not want to lose what he owned}. So, he was upset by what Jesus said. He felt very sad and left.

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:

And having looked around, Jesus says to his disciples, “How difficultly do the ones having riches enter into the kingdom of God!”

UST:

Then Jesus looked at his apprentices. He told them, “It is very hard for rich people to participate in God’s kingdom!”

Who did Jesus say had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God? (10:23-25)

Jesus said that the rich had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:24

ULT:

And 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!"

UST:

What Jesus said surprised the apprentices. Jesus responded by saying again, "My dear apprentices, it is very hard to participate in God's kingdom."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:25

ULT:

It is easier for a camel to pass through an eye of a needle than for a rich {person} to enter into the kingdom of God.”

UST:

Large animals like camels cannot fit into very small spaces. However, it is even harder for rich people to participate in God’s kingdom.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:26

ULT:

And they were greatly astonished, saying to him, "And who is able to be saved?"

UST:

That greatly surprised the apprentices. They told Jesus, "It must be that God does not actually rescue anyone!"

How did Jesus say even a rich person could be saved? (10:26-27)

Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27

ULT:

Having looked at them, Jesus says, “With men {it is} impossible, but not with God. For all things {are} possible with God.”

UST:

Jesus looked directly at his apprentices. He said, “God can do anything! So, people cannot {rescue themselves}, but God can {rescue them}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:28

ULT:

Peter began to speak to him, "Behold, we left everything and have followed you."

UST:

Peter started to tell Jesus, "We left behind everything we had and went with you as your apprentices!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:29

ULT:

Jesus was saying, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left a house or brothers or sisters or a mother or a father or children or lands, for the sake of me and of the gospel,

UST:

Jesus replied, “What I am about to say is true. Some people leave behind houses, siblings, parents, children, or fields. They do that because they are my apprentices and because they believe the good news.

What did Jesus say anyone would receive who had left house, family, and lands for Jesus’ sake? (10:29-30)

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:

who will not receive 100 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, eternal life.

UST:

God will give those people many times {what they left behind} right now before he renews everything that he has made. {He will give them} houses, siblings, mothers, children, and fields. Also, people will hurt them. Further, God will enable them to live with him forever after he renews everything that he has made.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:31

ULT:

But many first will be last, and last, first.”

UST:

*{At that time,} many people who are important right now will become unimportant.
Many people who are unimportant right now will become important.”*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:32

ULT:

Now they were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them. And they were amazed, but the ones following behind were afraid. And having taken the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things being about to happen to him:

UST:

Sometime later, Jesus and his apprentices were walking toward the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was walking ahead of them, which impressed them. However, the rest of the people with them were afraid. Then Jesus again spoke to his 12 representatives privately. He started to tell them about what people were going to do 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:

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles.

UST:

He said, “We are walking toward the city of Jerusalem! There, somebody will help the ruling priests and the teachers of the Jewish law arrest me, the Son of Man. They will decide that I am guilty and that someone should kill me. They will bring me to the non-Jewish authorities.

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him in Jerusalem? (10:33-34)

Jesus told his disciples that he would be condemned to death and delivered over to the Gentiles.

Mark 10:34

ULT:

And they will mock him and spit on him and whip him and kill {him}, and after three days, he will rise.”

UST:

Those people will make fun of me, spit on me {to insult me}, beat me, and execute me. Then, three days after I die, I will live again.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:35

ULT:

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approach him, saying to him, “Teacher, we desire that whatever we ask you, you do for us.”

UST:

After that, Zebedee’s sons, James and John, came to Jesus. They said, “Instructor, we want you to do for us what we are about to request.”

What request did James and John make to Jesus? (10:35-37)

James and John requested to sit on Jesus’ right and left hand with him in glory.

Mark 10:36

ULT:

And he said to them, “What do you desire {that} I do for you?”

UST:

Jesus replied, “What do you want me to do for you?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:37

ULT:

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."

UST:

They answered, "Please promise us that, when you are very great, you will honor us by having one of us sit at your right side and the other one sit at your left side."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:38

ULT:

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?"

UST:

Jesus replied, "You do not realize what you have actually requested. Are you willing to suffer as I will soon suffer? Are you willing for people to hurt you as they will soon hurt me?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:39

ULT:

And 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:

They told Jesus, "Yes, we are willing {to do those things}." Then Jesus told them, "You will certainly suffer as I will soon suffer. People will certainly hurt you as they will soon hurt 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:

But to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared.”

UST:

However, I am not the one who chooses whom to honor by having them sit at my right side or at my left side. Rather, God has already chosen who {will sit in those places}.”

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:

And having heard this, the ten began to be very angry with James and John.

UST:

When the ten other apprentices learned {what James and John had requested}, they started to be very upset with them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:42

ULT:

And having summoned them, Jesus says to them, "You know that the ones considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them."

UST:

So, Jesus told his apprentices to come to him. He said to them, "You understand that the people whom the non-Jews allow to govern them dominate them. Further, important people among them control everyone else."

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:

But it is not this way among you. Instead, whoever desires to become great among you will be your servant,

UST:

You must not behave like that. Rather, when one of you wants to be important, that person must serve the others.

How did Jesus say those who wish to be great among the disciples must live? (10:43-44)

Jesus said those who wish to be great among the disciples must be servant of all.

Mark 10:44

ULT:

and whoever desires to be first among you will be a slave of all.

UST:

Likewise, when one of you wants to be most important, that person must work for all the others.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:45

ULT:

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.”

UST:

{You should behave like that} because I, the Son of Man, am here to serve other people. I am not here so that other people will serve me. Indeed, I am going to die in order to free many people {from their sins}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:46

ULT:

And they come into Jericho, and he and his disciples and a great crowd going out from Jericho, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road.

UST:

Then, Jesus and his apprentices arrived at the city of Jericho. When they were leaving the city of Jericho along with a very large group of people, a man who could not see and who often asked others for money was sitting down next to the path. His name was Bartimaeus, and his father's name was Timaeus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:47

ULT:

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!"

UST:

He learned that Jesus from the town of Nazareth was there. So he started to shout, "Jesus, you who are a descendant of King David, please help me!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:48

ULT:

And many were rebuking him, so that he would be silent, but he was crying out much more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

UST:

Many people were scolding him to keep him quiet. However, he shouted even more loudly, "You who are a descendant of King David, please help 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:

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."

UST:

Then, Jesus stopped walking. He told people, "Tell him to come over here!" Those people spoke to {Bartimaeus,} the man who could not see. They said, "Do not worry! Jesus wants you to come to him. So, stand up {and go to him}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:50

ULT:

And having thrown aside his coat, having sprung up, he came to Jesus.

UST:

So Bartimaeus took off his outer garment and jumped up. Then, he hurried to Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:51

ULT:

And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you desire {that} I might do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, that I might see again."

UST:

Jesus asked him, "How would you like me to help you?" {Bartimaeus,} the man who could not see, replied, "Teacher, I want to be able to see again!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 10:52

ULT:

And Jesus said to him, "Go. Your faith has saved you." And immediately he saw again, and he was following him on the road.

UST:

Jesus told him, "You can go on your way. Because you believed {that I could heal you}, you are now well." As soon as {Jesus said that}, Bartimaeus could see again. Then, he began to walk with Jesus.

What did Jesus say had healed Bartimaeus of his blindness?

Jesus said that Bartimaeus' faith had healed him.

Mark 11

Mark 11:1

ULT:

And when they come near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, to the Mount of Olives, he sends out two of his disciples

UST:

After that, Jesus and his apprentices continued to walk toward the city of Jerusalem, and they were getting closer. They were near the Mount of Olives, just outside the villages of Bethphage and Bethany. Jesus told two of his apprentices to go {ahead of them}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:2

ULT:

and says to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately, entering into it, you will find a colt tied up, on which no one of men has yet sat. Untie it and bring it {here}.

UST:

He instructed them, "Enter the village {of Bethphage}, which you see ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey that someone has tethered. It is an animal that no one has ever ridden. Remove the tether {from the young donkey} and lead it to me here.

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:

And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and immediately he sends it backhere.'"

UST:

People might ask you, 'What are you doing?' In that case, tell them, 'The Lord needs this young donkey. As soon as {he finishes using it}, he will return it here.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:4

ULT:

And they went away and found a colt having been tied up at a door outside on the street, and they untie it.

UST:

So the two apprentices left {for the village}. They saw the young donkey standing on the road. Someone had tethered it to the door of a house. They started to remove its tether.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:5

ULT:

And some of the ones standing there were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

UST:

Some people who were there asked the two apprentices, "Why are you removing the tether from the young donkey?"

What happened when the disciples untied the colt? (11:5-6)

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:

And they spoke to them just as Jesus told them, and they let them go.

UST:

The two apprentices told those people what Jesus had instructed them to say. Then, those people allowed the two apprentices {to take the young donkey}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:7

ULT:

And they brought the colt to Jesus and throw their cloaks upon it, and he sat on it.

UST:

They led the young donkey to Jesus. Then they spread their coats on the young donkey, and Jesus rode on it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:8

ULT:

And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others, branches, having cut {them} from the fields.

UST:

Then, {to honor Jesus,} many people laid their coats down on the path {in front of Jesus}. Other people cut down leafy plants that were growing in nearby farms {and laid them down on the path too}.

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:

Both the ones going before and the ones following were crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord."

UST:

People walked in front of Jesus and behind him. They were shouting, "Praise God! May God bless him who is here to represent the Lord!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:10

ULT:

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

UST:

The kingdom that our ancestor King David ruled is now here again! May God bless it! May everything in heaven praise God!”

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:

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.

UST:

Then Jesus went into the city of Jerusalem and he visited the temple area. He examined everything that was there. After that, because it was evening, he and his 12 representatives returned to the village of Bethany.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area?

Jesus looked around and then went out to Bethany.

Mark 11:12

ULT:

And the next day, they having come out from Bethany, he was hungry.

UST:

The following day, when Jesus and his apprentices were leaving the village of Bethany, Jesus became hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:13

ULT:

And having seen from far away a fig tree having leaves, he went, if perhaps he will find anything on it. And having come to it, he found nothing except leaves, for it was not the season of figs.

UST:

He saw a fig tree further down the path. It had leaves, so he walked to it to pick some figs from it {to eat}. However, when he arrived at the fig tree, it had {no figs but} only leaves. That was because it was not yet the normal time of year when fig trees would produce ripe figs.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:14

ULT:

*And answering, he said to it, "May no one any longer eat fruit from you to eternity."
And his disciples heard {it}.*

UST:

Jesus responded by saying to the fig tree, "No one will eat figs that they pick from you ever again." The apprentices listened {to him say that}.

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:

And they come into Jerusalem. And having entered into the temple, he began to cast out the ones selling and the ones buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of the ones selling the doves,

UST:

Then Jesus and his apprentices arrived at the city of Jerusalem. Jesus again visited the temple area. Some people were selling and buying things there. He started to force them to leave. Other people were exchanging {regular} money {for special temple money}, and other people were selling small birds {for people to sacrifice}. Jesus flipped over their tables and chairs.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area this time? (11:15-16)

Jesus cast out the sellers and purchasers and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

Mark 11:16

ULT:

and he was not permitting that anyone would carry a container through the temple.

UST:

Also, he did not allow people to take items through the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:17

ULT:

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:

Then Jesus instructed those people, “You know that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures, ‘People should say that my temple is a place where all groups of people pray.’ However, you have turned it into ‘a hideout for thieves’!”

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:

And the chief priests and the scribes heard this, and they were seeking how they might destroy him, for they were fearing him, for all the crowd was being amazed at his teaching.

UST:

What Jesus taught impressed the large group of people. Because of that, when the ruling priests and the teachers of the Jewish law learned {what Jesus had said and done}, they became afraid of him. So, they planned how they might have someone execute Jesus.

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:

And when evening came, they were going out outside the city.

UST:

That evening, Jesus and his apprentices left the city {of Jerusalem and again spent the night in the village of Bethany}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:20

ULT:

And passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree having withered from the roots.

UST:

The next morning, Jesus and his apprentices walked past {the same fig tree that they had passed the previous morning}. The apprentices noticed that it had completely died.

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:

And having been reminded, Peter says to him, "Rabbi, behold! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

UST:

Then Peter remembered {what Jesus had said to the fig tree}. He told Jesus, "Teacher, look! The fig tree that you cursed has died!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:22

ULT:

And answering, Jesus says to them, "Have faith in God.

UST:

Jesus replied by telling his apprentices, "You should trust God!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:23

ULT:

Truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and be thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, it will be for him.

UST:

Suppose that that you trusted that {God} would do what you said, and you were not unsure {that God would do it}. Then, you could tell the hill we are near to leave {this place} and fall into the ocean, and it would happen. What I have said is true.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:24

ULT:

Because of this, I say to you, everything, as much as you pray and request, believe that you have received {it}, and it will be to you.

UST:

Because that is true, here is what I want to tell you. Trust that God will give you whatever you ask him for, and he will give it to 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:

And when you stand praying, if you have something against anyone, forgive so that your Father in the heavens may also forgive you your trespasses.

UST:

Further, suppose that when you are praying, you remember that someone has offended you. You should forgive them. That way, God your Father, who rules from heaven, will also forgive you when you sin against him.

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:

[But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in the heavens forgive your trespasses.]”

UST:

[However, God your Father, who rules from heaven, will not forgive you when you sin against him as long as you do not forgive {other people}.]”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:27

ULT:

And they come to Jerusalem again, and he walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders come to him.

UST:

After that, Jesus and his apprentices again arrived at the city of Jerusalem. While Jesus was walking around in the temple area, some of the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders approached him.

In the temple, what did the chief priests, scribes, and elders want to know from Jesus? (11:27-28)

They wanted to know by what authority he did the things he was doing.

Mark 11:28

ULT:

And they were saying to him, “By what authority do you do these things, or who gave you this authority, so that you might do these things?”

UST:

They asked him, “In what way did someone authorize you to do what you have done? Who was it that authorized you to do those things?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:29

ULT:

But Jesus said to them, "I also will ask you one word, and you answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things."

UST:

Jesus replied, "I, too, will ask you a question. When you answer it, I will answer your question about the way in which someone authorized me to do what I have done."

**What question did Jesus ask the chief priests, scribes, and elders?
(11:29-30)**

Jesus asked them if John's baptism was from heaven or from men.

Mark 11:30

ULT:

Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer me.”

UST:

Did God authorize John the Baptizer from heaven to baptize people, or did people authorize {him to do that}? Answer that question!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 11:31

ULT:

And they were reasoning with each other, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘For what {reason} then did you not believe him?’

UST:

Then the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders told each other, “Suppose that we answer that {God authorized John} from heaven. Then, he will tell us that we should have listened to John.

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 did not believe John.

Mark 11:32

ULT:

But should we say, 'From men'?" (They were afraid of the crowd, for they all held that John really was a prophet.)

UST:

On the other hand, we cannot answer that people {authorized John}." {They said that because they knew that} the large group of people believed that John had truly spoken for God, which made them afraid of how the large group of people would react.

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:

And answering Jesus, they say, "We do not know." And Jesus says to them, "Nor do I tell you by what authority I do these things."

UST:

So they answered Jesus, "We do not know {who authorized John}." Jesus responded, "Because you did not answer my question, I will not tell you the way in which someone authorized me to do what I have done."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12

Mark 12:1

ULT:

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 rented it out to farmers and went abroad.

UST:

Then Jesus started to tell a story to the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders. 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}. He rented the vineyard to some people who would take care of it, and he left to travel to a different 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

ULT:

And at the time he sent a servant to the farmers so that he might receive from the farmers from the fruits of the vineyard.

UST:

When it was time {to harvest the grapes}, the man told one of his servants to go to the people who were taking care of the vineyard. He wanted them to give him his share of the grapes that the vineyard had produced.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:3

ULT:

And having seized him, they beat {him}, and sent {him} away empty.

UST:

*However, the people who were taking care of the vineyard grabbed the man's servant.
They beat him up and told him to go away without giving him any of the grapes.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:4

ULT:

And again he sent to them another servant, and that one they wounded in the head and treated shamefully.

UST:

After that, the man told another servant to go to the people who were taking care of the vineyard. However, they beat this servant on the head and insulted him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:5

ULT:

And he sent another, and that one they killed, and many others—beating some and killing others.

UST:

After that, the man told another servant to go {to the people who were taking care of the vineyard}. However, they killed this servant. After that, the man sent many other servants. However, they beat up some of them and killed the others.

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:

Having one more, a beloved son, he sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

UST:

Finally, the man still had only one other person with him, his son, whom he loved very much. So, the man told his son to go to them last of all. He thought that they would treat his son well {and give him his share of the grapes}.

Who did the owner send last to the vine dressers?

The owner sent his beloved son last.

Mark 12:7

ULT:

But those farmers said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

UST:

However, {when} the people who were taking care of the vineyard {saw the man's son arriving, they} told each other, 'This man is the one who will inherit the vineyard. We should kill him, and then we can take the vineyard for ourselves.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:8

ULT:

And having seized {him}, they killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

UST:

So, they grabbed the man's son and murdered him. Then, they dragged his corpse 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:

What then will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers and will give the vineyard to others.

UST:

I will tell you how the man who owned the vineyard will act. He will arrive {at the vineyard}, and he will kill the people who were taking care of the 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:

And have you not read this scripture? 'A stone that the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner.'

UST:

{What I have said fits with} this scripture that you have read: 'The people who were constructing a building refused to use a certain stone. However, that stone is now the most important one 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:

This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes.’’

UST:

The Lord {God} did that, and we think it is amazing.’’

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:12

ULT:

And they were seeking to seize him, and they feared the crowd, for they knew that he spoke the parable against them. And having left him, they went away.

UST:

Then the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders realized that Jesus was accusing them when he told that story. Because of that, they wanted to arrest him. However, they were afraid of how the large group of people would react. So, they left where he was {without arresting him}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:13

ULT:

And they send some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him in order to trap him with a word.

UST:

Then, the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders told some of the Pharisees and some people who supported King Herod to go to Jesus. {They instructed them} to try to cause him to make a mistake in what he said.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:14

ULT:

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 on the basis of truth. Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not? Should we give, or should we not give?"

UST:

When they arrived where Jesus was, they said to him, "Instructor, we realize that you say what is true. You do not pay attention to how important or powerful people are. So, you do not care about what other people think. Further, you truthfully instruct people about what God wants them to do. {So, we want to ask you this}: Does our law allow us to pay taxes to the Roman government, or {does it} not {allow that}? 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:

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}.”

UST:

However, Jesus realized that they were only pretending to respect him. He replied, “You are trying to make me say something wrong. Hand me a Roman coin so I can examine it.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:16

ULT:

*And they brought {it}, and he says to them, “Whose image and inscription {is} this?”
And they said to him, “Caesar’s.”*

UST:

So, someone handed him {a Roman coin}. Then Jesus asked, “Whose picture and name are on this coin?” They replied, “{It is} the leader of the Roman government’s {picture and name}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:17

ULT:

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.

UST:

Then Jesus told them, “{So then,} give to the Roman government what belongs to it and give to God what belongs to him.” What Jesus said impressed the Pharisees and the people who supported King Herod.

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:

And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, come to him and were questioning him, saying,

UST:

After that, some Sadducees approached Jesus. They are a Jewish group that does not believe that God will make people who have died alive again. They asked Jesus,

In what did the Sadducees not believe?

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection.

Mark 12:19

ULT:

“Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if someone’s brother dies and leaves behind a wife but does not leave a child, his brother should take the wife and raise up seed for his brother.

UST:

“Instructor, Moses wrote for us {in the Scriptures} about what should happen when a man with a wife, but no children, dies. When that happens, the dead man’s brother should marry the {dead man’s} wife. When they have a child, they should consider it to be the child of the dead man.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:20

ULT:

There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and dying, did not leave seed,

UST:

{So, consider this situation}: there were seven brothers. One brother married a woman, but then he died before he had children.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:21

ULT:

and the second took her and died, not having left seed, and the third likewise.

UST:

Then, the second brother {obeyed this law and} married the woman. However, he too died before he had children. The same thing happened to the third brother.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:22

ULT:

And the seven did not leave seed. Last of all, the woman also died.

UST:

In this way, each of the seven brothers {married the woman but} died before they had children. Finally, 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:

In the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be a wife? For the seven had her {as} wife.”

UST:

So, of those brothers, whose wife will she be when God makes people alive again? {We ask} because she got married to all seven brothers {at different times}.”

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:

Jesus said to them, "Are you not being led astray because of this, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God?"

UST:

Jesus replied, "You do not realize what the Scriptures mean or how powerful God is. Because of that, you believe what is wrong!"

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:

For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in the heavens.

UST:

Here is what I mean: when God makes people alive again, they will not get married. Instead, they will be like angels who dwell in heaven {and do not get married}.

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:

But concerning the dead, that they 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'?

UST:

Now I will speak about whether God makes people who have died alive again. You have read in the section of the Scriptures that Moses wrote the story about {how God appeared to Moses in a} bush. In that story, God told Moses, 'I am the God whom Abraham worships, the God whom Isaac worships, and the God whom Jacob worships.'

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection? (12:26-27)

Jesus quoted from the book of Moses, where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all whom must then be still alive.

Mark 12:27

ULT:

He is not a God of the dead, but of the living. You are being much deceived.”

UST:

It is living people who worship God, not dead people. {So, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who all have died, must become alive again!} So, you have believed many things that are wrong.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:28

ULT:

And one of the scribes, having come up, having heard them discussing this together, having seen that he answered them well, questioned him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

UST:

Then a man who taught the Jewish law approached Jesus. He heard Jesus and the Sadducees debating. He noticed that Jesus had given the Sadducees a good answer. So, he asked Jesus, "Which of the laws {that God gave us} is the most important?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:29

ULT:

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.

UST:

Jesus replied, "Here is the most important law: 'Listen, you people of Israel! The Lord God whom we worship is the only Lord.

What commandment did Jesus say is most important? (12:29-30)

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:

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.'

UST:

You must love the Lord, the God whom we worship, with everything that you desire, everything that you do, everything that you think, and everything that you accomplish.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:31

ULT:

The second {is} this, 'You will love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

UST:

Here is the next most important law: 'You must care for people you know as much as you care for yourselves.' No other laws are more important than these two laws!"

What commandment did Jesus say is second?

Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself is the second commandment.

Mark 12:32

ULT:

And the scribe said to him, "Well, Teacher! On the basis of truth you have said that he is one, and there is no other besides him."

UST:

The teacher of the Jewish law replied, "That is a good answer, instructor. You are right when you say that God is the only God and that no other gods exist."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:33

ULT:

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 the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

UST:

Further, we should love God with everything that we desire, everything that we think, and everything that we accomplish. Also, we should care for people we know as much as we care for ourselves. Doing those things is more important than burning or presenting any offering to God.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:34

ULT:

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.

UST:

Jesus realized that the teacher of the Jewish law had responded in a wise way. So, Jesus told him, "You are close to participating in God's kingdom." After that, nobody was bold enough to ask him any more questions.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:35

ULT:

And answering, Jesus, teaching in the temple, said, "How do the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?"

UST:

Then, while Jesus was instructing people in the temple area, he asked a question of his own. He said, "Does it make sense when the teachers of the Jewish law claim that the Messiah must be a descendant of King David?"

What question did Jesus ask about the Christ? (12:35-37)

Jesus asked how David could call the Christ Lord when the Christ is the son of David.

Mark 12:36

ULT:

David himself, in the Holy Spirit, said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet."'

UST:

{I ask that because} the Holy Spirit caused King David to write that the Lord God said to David's Lord, 'Rule with me while I defeat all of your enemies!'

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:37

ULT:

David himself calls him 'Lord,' and how is he his son?" And a large crowd was listening to him gladly.

UST:

So, King David called the Messiah 'Lord.' {However, people do not describe their descendants as their lords.} Therefore, how is it possible for the Messiah to be a descendant of King David?" A very large group of people enjoyed listening to Jesus {say these things}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:38

ULT:

And in his teaching, he was saying, “Watch out for the scribes, desiring to walk in long robes and greetings in the marketplaces

UST:

While Jesus was instructing those people, he told them, “Make sure that you do not act like the teachers of the Jewish law. They like to put on long robes and walk around {so they look important}. They also like people to greet them {respectfully} in the open areas of towns.

What did Jesus tell the people to beware of concerning the scribes? (12:38-40)

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:

and first seats in the synagogues and first places at the banquets,

UST:

They like to sit in the places for important people when they go to the Jewish meeting places or attend feasts.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:40

ULT:

the ones devouring the houses of the widows, and as a pretext, offering long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

UST:

They steal the property of women whose husbands have died. To make other people think that they are righteous, they pray for a long time. God will punish them very severely.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:41

ULT:

And having sat down opposite the treasury, he was watching how the crowd puts money into the treasury. And many rich were putting in much.

UST:

Later, Jesus sat down {in the temple area} in front of the offering boxes that were there. He observed the large group of people drop coins into the boxes. Many wealthy people gave large amounts of money.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:42

ULT:

And having come, one poor widow put in two leptas, which is a quadrans.

UST:

Then a woman whose husband had died and who did not have much money arrived. She dropped {into one of the offering boxes} two small copper coins. Those two coins together were worth only the least valuable Roman coin.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:43

ULT:

And having summoned his disciples, he said to them, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow put in more than all the ones putting into the treasury.

UST:

Then Jesus told his apprentices to come to him. He told them, "Most of these people have a lot of money, but they gave only a small part of it. However, this woman, who does not have very much money, has given all the money that she had to pay for the things she needs. So, she has given to God more than what everyone else gave! What I have said is true." (vv43-44)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 12:44

ULT:

For all put in from the things abounding to them, but she, from her poverty, put in everything, as much as she had, her whole life."

UST:

Then Jesus told his apprentices to come to him. He told them, "Most of these people have a lot of money, but they gave only a small part of it. However, this woman, who does not have very much money, has given all the money that she had to pay for the things she needs. So, she has given to God more than what everyone else gave! What I have said is true." (vv43-44)

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:

And he going out from the temple, one of his disciples says to him, “Teacher, look! What manner of stones and what manner of buildings!”

UST:

After that, Jesus {and his apprentices} left the temple area. {As they were walking,} one of his apprentices said to him, “Instructor, pay attention to how marvelous these huge blocks of stone in the walls are and how beautiful these structures are!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:2

ULT:

And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? A stone upon a stone will certainly not be left here, which will certainly not be torn down."

UST:

Jesus replied, "Look at these impressive structures! Enemies will completely destroy them. They will not leave anything standing."

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:

And he sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were asking him by themselves,

UST:

Later, Jesus {and his apprentices} sat down on top of the Mount of Olives in front of the temple. When no one else was with them, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Jesus,

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:4

ULT:

“Tell us, when will these things be? And what {is} the sign when all these things are about to be completed?”

UST:

“Please explain to us when what you have described will happen. Also, {please explain to us} how we can tell when everything that you have described is about to happen.”

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:

Now Jesus began to say to them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray.

UST:

Jesus started to reply, "Make sure that no one deceives you!"

About what did Jesus say the disciples must be careful? (13:5-6)

Jesus said the disciples must be careful that no one lead them astray.

Mark 13:6

ULT:

Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.

UST:

Many people will meet you and say that God has authorized them as he has authorized me. They will say that they are {the Messiah}. {By doing that,} they will deceive many people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:7

ULT:

But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; it is necessary {for this} to happen, but the end {is} not yet.

UST:

Whenever people tell you about wars that are happening and about wars that could happen, do not be afraid. Things like that have to happen. However, what I have said about the temple will not yet happen.

What did Jesus say would be the beginnings of birth pains? (13:7-8)

Jesus said the beginning of birth pains would be wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines.

Mark 13:8

ULT:

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These things {are} the beginning of birth pains.

UST:

Further, groups of people will attack each other. Earthquakes will happen in many places. Many people will not have enough food to eat. Those events are like the first pains a pregnant woman feels when she is going to have a child. They are bad, but many more bad things will still happen after them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:9

ULT:

But you, watch yourselves! They will hand you over to councils, and in synagogues you will be beaten, and you will be made to stand before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them.

UST:

Make sure that you are ready {for what people will do to you}. They will arrest you and accuse you in front of groups of important people. They will beat you in the Jewish meeting places. Because you are my apprentices, people will accuse you before local rulers and kings. That way, you will tell those rulers {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:

And first, it is necessary for the gospel to be proclaimed to all the nations.

UST:

Indeed, my apprentices must preach the good news to all groups of people before {what I have said about the temple will happen}.

What did Jesus say must happen first?

Jesus said the gospel must be preached to all the nations first.

Mark 13:11

ULT:

And when they lead you away, handing {you} over, do not worry about what you will say. But whatever is given to you in that hour, speak that; for you are not the ones speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

UST:

Whenever people arrest you and then accuse you, do not worry about how you will respond. In fact, you will not speak for yourselves. Instead, the Holy Spirit {will speak through you}. So, you should say whatever God reveals to you at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:12

ULT:

And brother will hand over brother to death, and a father, his child, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death.

UST:

{During this time,} men will have someone arrest their own brothers, and they will ask the judge to execute them. Fathers {will do the same thing} to their own children. Children will rebel against their parents and cause them to die.

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:

And you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one having endured to the end, this one will be saved.

UST:

Because you are my apprentices, many people will be hostile to you. However, if you persevere {in being my apprentices} while people harm you, God will rescue you.

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said that whoever endures to the end would be saved.

Mark 13:14

ULT:

But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he should not be” (let the one reading understand), “then let the ones in Judea flee to the mountains,

UST:

At some point, you will realize that the detestable thing that destroys is where it does not belong.” (Anyone who is reading this should know what Jesus meant.) “When you realize that, those of you who are in the region of Judea should escape to the hilly areas nearby.

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:

but let the one on the housetop not go down nor go in to take anything from his house,

UST:

Those of you who are outside your homes should not go back into your homes to get anything.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:16

ULT:

and let the one in the field not turn back to the things behind to get his cloak.

UST:

Those of you who are working in fields should not go back home to get your coats.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:17

ULT:

But woe to the ones having in the womb and to the ones nursing in those days!

UST:

When what I have described happens, how terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:18

ULT:

But pray that it might not happen in winter.

UST:

People will suffer very severely when what I have described happens. People have not suffered that severely since God created everything up to now, and no one will ever suffer that severely again. So, ask God to keep these things from occurring during the winter season{, when it is difficult to travel}. (vv18-19)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:19

ULT:

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 will certainly not happen.

UST:

People will suffer very severely when what I have described happens. People have not suffered that severely since God created everything up to now, and no one will ever suffer that severely again. So, ask God to keep these things from occurring during the winter season{, when it is difficult to travel}. (vv18-19)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:20

ULT:

And if the Lord did not shorten the days, no flesh would be saved. But because of the elect whom he chose, he shortened the days.

UST:

Suppose that the Lord {God} were to allow what I have described to continue. In that case, nobody would survive. However, because of the people whom he has chosen {to belong to him}, God will not allow what I have described to continue.

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:

And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here {is} the Christ! Behold, there!' do not believe {it}.

UST:

While those things are happening, there will be people who lie when they claim to be the Messiah or to speak for God. They will do amazing miracles. They will try to deceive the people whom God has chosen {to belong to him}, and they will almost succeed in doing so. Therefore, when people tell you that the Messiah is here or there, do not trust {what they say}. (vv21-22)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:22

ULT:

For false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.

UST:

While those things are happening, there will be people who lie when they claim to be the Messiah or to speak for God. They will do amazing miracles. They will try to deceive the people whom God has chosen {to belong to him}, and they will almost succeed in doing so. Therefore, when people tell you that the Messiah is here or there, do not trust {what they say}. (vv21-22)

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:

But you, watch out! Behold, I have told you everything beforehand.

UST:

Make sure that you are ready {for what will happen}. I have warned you about this before it happens!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:24

ULT:

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

UST:

While what I have described is happening, once people suffer in the ways I have described, God will cause the sun to become dark. The moon will not shine.

What will happen to the lights and powers in the heavens after the tribulation of those days? (13:24-25)

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:

and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

UST:

Stars will drop down from the sky. God will disrupt the angels in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:26

ULT:

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with much power and glory.

UST:

After that, people will see me, the Son of Man, arriving by means of clouds. I will be very powerful and great.

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:

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 heaven.

UST:

After that, I will tell the angels to collect the people whom I have chosen. They will collect them from every place that exists.

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:

Now learn the parable from the fig tree: When its branch already becomes tender and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer is near.

UST:

Listen to this story about how fig trees grow. Whenever they begin to produce new branches and leaves, you can tell that it is almost the summer season.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:29

ULT:

Thus also you, when you see these things happening, know that it is near, at the doors.

UST:

Similarly, whenever you realize that what I have described is happening, you can tell that I will act very soon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:30

ULT:

Truly I say to you that this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen.

UST:

Most of the people who are alive right now will still be alive when what I have described happens. What I have said is true.

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:

The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

UST:

Everything that God has created will eventually change or disappear. However, what I have said will never change or disappear.

What did Jesus say would never pass away?

Jesus said that his words would never pass away.

Mark 13:32

ULT:

But concerning that day or the hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, except the Father.

UST:

However, as for when {I will return to this world}, no human being knows that. The angels who dwell in heaven do not know that. Even I, the Son, do not know that. Only God my Father knows that.

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:

Watch! Stay awake and pray, for you do not know when the time is.

UST:

So, you do not know at what moment I will return to this world. Because of that, you need to make sure that you are ready. You need to focus and pray.

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:

As a man on a journey, having left his house, and having given authority to his servants, to each his work, also he commanded the doorkeeper that he should stay alert;

UST:

{Here is a story} that illustrates {what I mean}. A man decided to travel to a different country. Before he left home, he authorized each of his servants to do something specific {to manage the household}. Then, he told the man who guarded the house to be ready {for him to return}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:35

ULT:

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 morning—

UST:

So then, I am like the man who owned that house. You cannot know at what moment I will return {to this world}. It might be at sunset or at midnight. It might be very early in the morning or after sunrise. Because of that, you need to be ready {at all times}.

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:

lest, having come suddenly, he might find you sleeping.

UST:

Otherwise, when I return {to this world} when you do not expect me, I might discover that you are not ready {for me}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 13:37

ULT:

But what I say to you I say to all: Stay alert!"

UST:

I am telling you that you need to be ready {at all times}. In fact, I am telling that to all people!"

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:

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 deceit, they might kill him.

UST:

At that time, it was only two days until the Passover festival, which was the first day of the Celebration of Unleavened Bread. The ruling priests and the teachers of the Jewish law were planning a clever way to arrest Jesus and have people execute him.

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:

For they were saying, “Not during the festival, so that there will not be a riot of the people.”

UST:

{They were planning something clever} because they agreed that they would not act during the festival period. Otherwise, the people who were there in Jerusalem might 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:

And he being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, he reclining to eat, a woman came, having an alabaster jar of very precious perfumed oil of pure nard. Having broken the jar, she poured it on his head.

UST:

Now Jesus was in the village of Bethany. He was in the home of Simon, who used to have a skin disease. While Jesus was feasting {there}, a woman arrived. She brought with her a stone jar that contained nard, a very valuable, fragrant ointment. She shattered the jar and poured the ointment 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:

But there were some being very angry within themselves, "For what has this waste of the perfumed oil happened?"

UST:

Some of the people there were very upset. {They said} to each other, "She wasted the fragrant ointment!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:5

ULT:

For this perfumed oil was able to be sold for more than 300 denarii and given to the poor.” And they were scolding her.

UST:

She could have sold this fragrant ointment for at least 300 coins! Then, she could have given {that money} to poor people.” So, they rebuked 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:

But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you causing trouble for her? She did a good work in me."

UST:

However, Jesus told {those people}, "Stop rebuking this woman. Do not bother her! What she did for me was right."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:7

ULT:

For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you desire, you are able to do good to them, but you do not always have me.

UST:

There will always be poor people with you, so you can help them whenever you want to. However, I will not always be with you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:8

ULT:

What she had, she did. She anticipated to anoint my body for burial.

UST:

This woman used what she possessed to do {something for me}. When she poured this ointment on me, she was preparing me ahead of time for when someone buries me.

What did Jesus say the woman had done for him?

Jesus said the woman had anointed his body for burial.

Mark 14:9

ULT:

And truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, also what she did will be spoken in remembrance of her.”

UST:

In every place where my apprentices proclaim the good news, they will also tell what this woman just did. That way, people will remember her. What I have said is true.”

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:

And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went away to the chief priests so that he might hand him over to them.

UST:

Then Judas Iscariot visited the ruling priests to talk about helping them arrest Jesus. He was one of the 12 men whom Jesus had chosen to represent him.

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:

And they, having heard {it}, rejoiced and promised to give him silver. And he was seeking how he might opportunely hand him over.

UST:

When the ruling priests heard from Judas, they were very happy. They agreed to pay money to Judas {to help them arrest Jesus}. So, Judas tried to find a good time to help {the ruling priests} arrest Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:12

ULT:

And on the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when they were sacrificing the Passover, his disciples say to him, “Where do you want {that} we, having gone away, might prepare so that you may eat the Passover?”

UST:

Then it was the first day of the Celebration of Unleavened Bread, the time when people slaughter lambs for the Passover festival. Jesus’ apprentices asked him, “Where should we go to set up the meal for the Passover celebration?”

How did the disciples find the place where they would all eat the Passover? (14:12-15)

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:

And he sends two of his disciples and says to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him.

UST:

So, Jesus told two of his apprentices {to prepare everything}. He instructed them, "Enter the city of Jerusalem. There you will encounter a certain man. He will be holding a jar with water in it. Go wherever he does.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:14

ULT:

And wherever he enters, say to the master of that house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'

UST:

When he goes into a house, tell the man who owns the house, 'Our instructor wants to eat the meal for the Passover celebration with us, his apprentices. He asks you to show us the room that is ready for him.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:15

ULT:

And he will show you a large upper room, furnished {and} ready, and prepare {it} for us there.”

UST:

He will take you to a large room that is upstairs. It will already have everything that we need for preparing and eating a meal. Then, set up the meal for us in that room.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:16

ULT:

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:

So the two apprentices went away and entered the city of Jerusalem. Everything that Jesus had spoken about happened. Then they set up the meal for the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:17

ULT:

And evening having come, he comes with the Twelve.

UST:

When it was evening, Jesus arrived at that house with his 12 representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:18

ULT:

And they reclining to eat, and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you, one eating with me, will hand me over."

UST:

Then, they began to feast. As they ate, Jesus told them, "One of you is going to help {my enemies} arrest me. This person is eating with me right now! What I have said is true."

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:

They began to be grieved and to say to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

UST:

The apprentices started to become sad. One after another they told Jesus, "I will not do that!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:20

ULT:

And he said to them, “{It is} one of the Twelve, the one dipping with me into the bowl.

UST:

Jesus responded, “One of you 12 men whom I have chosen to represent me {will do that}. It is one of you who is sharing food from this dish 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:

For the Son of Man departs just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is handed over! It would have been good for him if that man had not been born."

UST:

{I say that} because I, the Son of Man, will die. That is what you can read in the Scriptures about me. Nevertheless, how terrible it will be for the man who helps {my enemies} arrest me, the Son of Man. In fact, that man would be better off if he had never existed."

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:

And they eating, having taken bread, having blessed, he broke {it} and gave {it} to them and said, "Take. This is my body."

UST:

Then, as they ate, Jesus picked up a loaf of bread. He thanked God {for the loaf of bread}. He tore it into pieces and handed the pieces to the apprentices {to eat}. He said, "This {bread} is my body. Receive 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:

And having taken a cup, having given thanks, he gave {it} to them, and they all drank from it.

UST:

Then Jesus picked up a cup {of wine}. He thanked God {for the wine}. Then, he handed {the cup of wine} to the apprentices. All of them drank wine from it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:24

ULT:

And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many.

UST:

Then Jesus told them, “This wine is my blood, which inaugurates the agreement {God is making with you}. My blood will flow from my body {when my enemies kill me}. That will help 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:

Truly I say to you that I will certainly not any longer drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

UST:

I will no longer drink any more wine until the time when I drink it again when we participate together in God's kingdom. What I have said is true."

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:

And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

UST:

After they sang a song praising God, Jesus and his apprentices walked to the Mount of Olives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:27

ULT:

And Jesus says to them, “You all will be caused to stumble, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’

UST:

Then Jesus told them, “{God had Zechariah} write in the Scriptures, ‘I will kill the one who is like a shepherd. Then, the people who are like sheep will flee.’ So, all of you will reject me!

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:

But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee."

UST:

However, once God has made me alive again, I will go ahead of you to the region of Galilee {and meet you there}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:29

ULT:

But Peter was saying to him, "Even if all will be caused to stumble, yet not I."

UST:

Then Peter told Jesus, "Suppose that everyone else rejects you. Despite that, I will never {do that}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:30

ULT:

And Jesus says to him, “Truly I say to you that today—this night—before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

UST:

Jesus replied, “During this day, tonight, before a male chicken crows two times, you will say three times that you are not my apprentice! What I have said is true.”

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:

But he was saying emphatically, "Even if it were necessary for me to die with you, I will certainly not deny you." And they all also were speaking in the same manner.

UST:

Peter replied strongly, "I will always say that I am your apprentice, even if I die with you because of that!" The rest {of the apprentices} said similar things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:32

ULT:

And they come to a place, the name of which {is} Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

UST:

After that, Jesus and his apprentices walked to a place that people call Gethsemane. He told the apprentices, "Stay here while I pray {to God}."

What did Jesus tell his three disciples to do while he prayed? (14:32-34)

Jesus told them to remain there and watch.

Mark 14:33

ULT:

And he takes along Peter and James and John with him and began to be distressed and greatly troubled.

UST:

Jesus had Peter, James, and John go with him. Then, Jesus started to become very anxious and upset.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:34

ULT:

And he says to them, "My soul is very grieved, to death. Remain here and be alert."

UST:

He told those three apprentices, "I am so sad that I feel like I am dying. Stay here and stay awake!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:35

ULT:

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:

After saying that, Jesus walked a little further. Then, he kneeled down to pray. He asked God to prevent him from experiencing what was about to happen, if there was any way to do so.

For what did Jesus pray?

Jesus prayed that this hour might pass from him.

Mark 14:36

ULT:

And he was saying, "Abba, Father, all things {are} possible for you. Remove this cup from me. But not what I will, but what you."

UST:

He prayed, "Abba (which means Father), you are able to do anything. Please prevent me from suffering terribly. However, please do what you want to do, not what I want you to do."

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:

And he comes and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not able to be alert for one hour?"

UST:

Then he returned {to the three apprentices}. He discovered that they were asleep. He {woke them up and} told Peter, "Simon, it disappoints me that you were asleep. You could not stay awake for even a short time!"

What did Jesus find when he returned to the three disciples?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:38

ULT:

Be alert and pray so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed {is} willing, but the flesh {is} weak."

UST:

You {men} want to do what I say, but you are not strong enough. Stay awake and pray! That way, nothing can convince you to sin."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:39

ULT:

And again, having gone away, he prayed, having said the same word.

UST:

Then Jesus walked a short distance away a second time. He prayed again what he had prayed previously.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:40

ULT:

And having come again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and they did not know what they might answer him.

UST:

Then he returned a second time {to the three apprentices}. He discovered that they, because they were so sleepy, had fallen asleep again. They did not know how to respond to him {when he woke them up}.

What did Jesus find the second time he returned from praying?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:41

ULT:

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 handed over into the hands of the sinners.

UST:

{After Jesus walked away and prayed again}, he returned a third time {to the three apprentices}. He {woke them up and} told them, "It disappoints me that you continue to sleep! You have slept enough. The time {when I will suffer} is beginning! Someone is about to help sinful people arrest 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:

Get up, let us go. Behold, the one handing me over has come near.”

UST:

Stand up! We are going to leave {this place}. The person who is helping {my enemies} arrest me has arrived!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:43

ULT:

And immediately, he 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:

While Jesus was still talking {to the three apprentices}, Judas came. He was one of the 12 men whom Jesus had chosen to represent him. {He brought} with him a large group of people carrying swords and clubs. The ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders had sent them {to arrest Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:44

ULT:

Now the one handing him over had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss is he. Seize him and lead {him} away securely."

UST:

Previously, Judas, who was helping {Jesus' enemies} arrest him, told the group of people how they would know which man was Jesus. He instructed them, "The man you should arrest is the one whom I will greet affectionately. Guard him while you take him away."

**What sign did Judas give to show the guards which person was Jesus?
(14:44-45)**

Judas kissed Jesus to show which person was Jesus.

Mark 14:45

ULT:

And having come, immediately having approached him, he says, "Rabbi," and he kissed him.

UST:

As soon as he arrived, Judas went to Jesus and said, "Teacher!" and he greeted Jesus affectionately.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:46

ULT:

And they laid their hands on {him} and seized him.

UST:

Then the large group of people arrested Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:47

ULT:

But a certain one of the ones standing by, having drawn his sword, struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

UST:

One of the men who were there pulled his sword {out of its sheath}. He attacked a man who served the ruling priest, but he {only} cut off that man's ear.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:48

ULT:

And answering, Jesus said to them, "As against a robber have you come out with swords and clubs to seize me?"

UST:

Jesus responded by saying to the group of people, "You did not need to treat me like a dangerous bandit by arming yourselves with swords and clubs to arrest me."

What did Jesus say was being done in his arrest to fulfill scripture? (14:48-49)

Jesus said that scripture was being fulfilled because they came to arrest him like a robber, with swords and clubs.

Mark 14:49

ULT:

Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”

UST:

Each day I was instructing people in the temple area, and you were there. You did not arrest me then! However, {as these things have happened}, what you can read in the Scriptures has come true.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:50

ULT:

And having left him, they all fled.

UST:

Then all {the apprentices} deserted Jesus and ran away.

What did those with Jesus do when Jesus was arrested?

Those with Jesus left him and fled.

Mark 14:51

ULT:

And a certain young man was following him, wearing a linen garment over his naked body. And they seize him,

UST:

Now there was a young man there. He was wearing only one thin garment. He had been walking around with Jesus. The people who arrested Jesus tried to arrest him too.

What did a young man who was following Jesus do when Jesus was arrested? (14:51-52)

The young man left his linen garment there and ran away naked.

Mark 14:52

ULT:

but he, having left behind the linen garment, fled naked.

UST:

However, {he escaped by} slipping out of his garment, and he ran away naked.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:53

ULT:

And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gather together.

UST:

The people who had arrested Jesus took him to {the house where} the ruling priest {lived}. All the ruling priests, the other Jewish leaders, and the teachers of the Jewish law assembled there.

Where was Peter as Jesus was taken to the high priest? (14:53-54)

Peter sat among the guards, near a fire to keep warm.

Mark 14:54

ULT:

And Peter followed him from a distance, as far as inside into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire.

UST:

Peter followed Jesus, but he stayed a safe distance away. {He went} into the area just outside {the house where} the ruling priest {lived}. He sat there with the servants near a fire to keep from getting cold.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:55

ULT:

Now the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, and they were not finding {any}.

UST:

The ruling priests and all {the rest of} the Jewish council tried to find something for which they could accuse Jesus. That way, they could have {the Roman authorities} execute him. However, they did not find {anything for which they could accuse him}.

What was wrong with the testimony against Jesus given to the Council? (14:55-56)

The testimony against Jesus was false and did not agree.

Mark 14:56

ULT:

For many were testifying falsely against him, and their testimonies were not the same.

UST:

In fact, many people said what was untrue about Jesus. However, these people did not agree about what Jesus had done.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:57

ULT:

And certain ones, having stood up, were testifying falsely against him, saying,

UST:

Then, some other people got up to say what was untrue about Jesus. They declared,

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:58

ULT:

“We heard him saying, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’”

UST:

“We heard him tell people that he would tear down this temple, which humans have built. Then he said that within three days he would construct another temple that God, not humans, would build.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:59

ULT:

And not even in this manner was their testimony the same.

UST:

However, even these people did not agree about exactly what Jesus had said.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:60

ULT:

And having stood up in the midst, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, "Do you not answer anything? What are these testifying against you?"

UST:

Then the ruling priest got up in front of everyone. He asked Jesus, "Are you going to reply? How do you respond to what these people have said about you?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:61

ULT:

But he was silent and did not answer anything. Again the high priest was questioning him and says to him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

UST:

Despite that, Jesus kept quiet. Then the ruling priest asked him another question. He asked, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of {the God} whom we praise?”

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:

And 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."

UST:

Jesus replied, "That is who I am. You will see me, the Son of Man, ruling powerfully with God. {You will see me} arriving by means of clouds."

What was Jesus' answer to the high priest's question?

Jesus answered by saying, "I am."

Mark 14:63

ULT:

But the high priest, having torn his tunics, says, "Why do we still have need of witnesses?"

UST:

When he heard that, the ruling priest was so upset that he ripped his clothes. He said, "We certainly do not need anyone else to say anything about him."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:64

ULT:

You have heard the blasphemy. What is evident to you?" And they all condemned him to be deserving of death.

UST:

You have heard him insult God! What do you think we should do?" The whole Jewish council agreed that he was guilty and that someone should execute him because of what he had said.

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:

And certain ones began to spit on him and to blindfold his face and to beat him and to say to him, "Prophecy!" And the officers received him with slaps.

UST:

Then some of them started to spit on Jesus {to insult him}. They covered his eyes and then struck him {with their fists}. They demanded, "Speak for God!" When the servants led Jesus away, they slapped him.

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:

And Peter being below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest comes.

UST:

Meanwhile, Peter was down in the area just outside the {ruling priest's} house. A female servant, one of the servants who served the ruling priest, was there.

What was Peter's answer to the servant girl who said that Peter was with Jesus? (14:66-68)

Peter answered that he did not know or understand about what the girl was talking.

Mark 14:67

ULT:

And having seen Peter warming himself, having looked closely at him, she says, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

UST:

She noticed Peter, who was near a fire to keep from getting cold. She stared at him and declared, "{I can tell that} you were an apprentice of Jesus, that man from the town of Nazareth."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:68

ULT:

But he denied {it}, saying, "Neither have I known, nor do I understand what you are saying." And he went out, outside into the forecourt.

UST:

However, he told her that he was not Jesus' apprentice. He said, "I do not at all understand what you are talking about!" Then Peter left {the area just outside the house and walked} to the place where people entered that area.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:69

ULT:

And the servant girl, having seen him {there}, began to say again to the ones standing around, "This one is from them!"

UST:

The female servant noticed him again, and she started to tell the people who were there, "This man belongs to {Jesus'} group."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:70

ULT:

But he was denying {it} again. And after a little {while} the ones standing around again were saying to Peter, “Truly you are from them, for also you are a Galilean.”

UST:

However, Peter again said that he was not Jesus’ apprentice. A little later, some people who were there told Peter, “You are from Galilee, {where Jesus is from}. So, you really must belong to {Jesus’} group.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 14:71

ULT:

And he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man whom you are talking about."

UST:

Then Peter started to ask God to punish him if he was lying. He solemnly promised, "I have never met the man about whom you are speaking!"

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:

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.

UST:

As soon as he said that, a male chicken crowed for a second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had told him. He had said, "Before a male chicken crows two times, you will say three times that you are not my apprentice." Then Peter became very upset. He cried.

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:

And immediately in the morning, having made counsel, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the entire Sanhedrin, having bound Jesus, led {him} away and handed {him} over to Pilate.

UST:

As soon as it was morning, the entire Jewish council, including the ruling priests, the other Jewish leaders, and the teachers of the Jewish law, planned {what to do with Jesus}. They had their guards tie Jesus up and take him from there to Pilate{, the Roman local ruler}. They wanted Pilate to condemn him.

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:

And Pilate questioned him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" But he, answering him, says, "You say {it}."

UST:

Pilate asked Jesus, "Do you claim to be king over the Jewish people?" Jesus replied, "What you are calling me is right."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:3

ULT:

And the chief priests were accusing him of many things.

UST:

Then the ruling priests claimed that Jesus had done many bad things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:4

ULT:

Now Pilate again was questioning him, saying, "Do you not answer anything? See how many things they are accusing you!"

UST:

After that, Pilate again spoke to Jesus. He said, "Listen to all the bad things they claim that you have done! Are you going to reply?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:5

ULT:

But Jesus no longer answered anything, so as to amaze Pilate.

UST:

However, Jesus did not respond anymore. How Jesus was acting greatly impressed Pilate.

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:

Now at the festival, he was releasing to them one prisoner whom they were requesting.

UST:

It is important to know that during the festival period, Pilate usually set free one person who was in jail. {He set free} whomever the people who were in the city of Jerusalem chose.

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:

Now there was the one called Barabbas, having been bound with the rebels, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

UST:

It is also important to know that a man whose name was Barabbas was in jail with some other men who had rebelled against the Roman government. While they were rebelling, they had murdered some people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:8

ULT:

And having come up, the crowd began to request just as he was doing for them.

UST:

The large group of people {who were there} approached Pilate. They started to ask him {to set someone free}, as he usually did for them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:9

ULT:

And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want {that} I would release to you the King of the Jews?"

UST:

Pilate replied, "Would you like for me to set free for you the man who claims to be king over you Jewish people?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:10

ULT:

For he knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of envy.

UST:

{Pilate asked that question} because he realized that the ruling priests had arrested Jesus and brought him to Pilate because they were jealous {of Jesus}.

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:

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead.

UST:

However, the ruling priests convinced the large group of people {to ask} Pilate to free Barabbas rather than {Jesus}.

Who did the crowd cry out to be released?

The crowd cried out for Barabbas to be released.

Mark 15:12

ULT:

And Pilate, answering again, was saying to them, "What therefore should I do {with the one} you call the King of the Jews?"

UST:

Then Pilate again replied, "So what do you want me to do with the person whom you claim is king over you Jewish people?"

**What did the crowd say should be done with the King of the Jews?
(15:12-13)**

The crowd said that the King of the Jews should be crucified.

Mark 15:13

ULT:

But they cried out again, “Crucify him!”

UST:

The large group of people shouted, “{Have your soldiers} kill him by nailing him to a cross!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:14

ULT:

But Pilate was saying to them, "For what evil did he do?" But they cried out even more, "Crucify him."

UST:

Pilate replied, "But he has not done anything wrong!" However, they shouted even louder, "{Have your soldiers} kill him by nailing him to a cross!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:15

ULT:

Now Pilate, wanting to do {what} was pleasing to the crowd, released Barabbas to them and handed Jesus over, having flogged {him}, so that he might be crucified.

UST:

Pilate decided to do what the large group of people wanted. So, he set Barabbas free. Then, he had his soldiers whip Jesus and take him away to kill him by nailing him to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:16

ULT:

Now the soldiers led him inside the courtyard (that is, the Praetorium) and call together the whole cohort

UST:

After that, Pilate's soldiers took Jesus into the area just outside {Pilate's palace}. That place was their headquarters. They summoned the rest of the soldiers who were there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:17

ULT:

and put on him a purple robe and place on him, having woven {it} together, a crown of thorns,

UST:

They clothed Jesus with a purple robe{, the kind that kings wear}. Also, they took some branches with thorns and laced them together to make a crown. They put it on Jesus' head.

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:

and they began to greet him: "Rejoice, King of the Jews!"

UST:

Then the soldiers started {to mock him by} saying hello to him. They said, "Greetings, you who claim to be king over the Jewish people!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:19

ULT:

And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him, and bending the knee, they were bowing down to him.

UST:

They kept hitting Jesus' head with a staff. They kept spitting on Jesus {to insult him}. They bowed down in front of him {to pretend} to honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:20

ULT:

And when they had mocked him, they took the purple robe off him and put his robes on him and lead him out so that they might crucify him.

UST:

After the soldiers made fun of Jesus, they pulled the purple robe off of him. They put his own clothes back on him. Then, some of the soldiers took him {from there to the place where} they were going to kill him by nailing him to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:21

ULT:

And they press into service a certain passerby, Simon, a Cyrenean (the father of Alexander and Rufus), coming from the country, so that he might carry his cross.

UST:

Meanwhile, a man was walking nearby. He had left the farm areas {and was entering the city of Jerusalem}. He was from the city of Cyrene, and his name was Simon. His sons were Alexander and Rufus. The soldiers forced this man 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:

And they bring him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, "Place of a Skull."

UST:

The soldiers took Jesus to a place {that people called} Golgotha. That name means "Skull Place."

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:

And they were giving to him wine having been mixed with myrrh, but he did not receive {it}.

UST:

The soldiers offered Jesus wine into which they had mixed a resin that people called "myrrh." However, Jesus refused to drink it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:24

ULT:

And having crucified him, also they divide his garments, casting a lot for them, who would take what.

UST:

After nailing Jesus to the cross, the soldiers split up his clothes by gambling for them. They did that to determine which piece of clothing each soldier would get.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' garments.

Mark 15:25

ULT:

Now it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

UST:

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they nailed Jesus to the cross.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:26

ULT:

And this was the inscription of his charge, having been written: "The King of the Jews."

UST:

*The soldiers wrote on a sign why {they were executing Jesus}. Here is what they wrote:
"The king over the Jewish people."*

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:

And they crucify two robbers with him, one at his right and one at his left.

UST:

The soldiers also nailed two bandits to crosses near Jesus. They put one bandit on one side of Jesus and the other bandit on the other side of Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:28

ULT:

[And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “And he was counted with lawless ones.”]

UST:

*[{When those things happened}, what someone wrote in the Scriptures came true:
“People considered him to be one of the people who do what is wrong.”]*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:29

ULT:

And the ones passing by were blaspheming him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! The one destroying the temple and rebuilding {it} in three days,

UST:

The people who walked past Jesus insulted him by shaking their heads {at him}. They said {to him}, "Ha! You said that you could tear down God's temple and construct it again within three days.

What did those who passed by challenge Jesus to do? (15:29-30)

Those who passed by challenged Jesus to save himself and get down from the cross.

Mark 15:30

ULT:

save yourself, having come down from the cross!"

UST:

So, rescue yourself by getting down from that cross!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:31

ULT:

Likewise also the chief priests, mocking {him} to each other with the scribes, were saying, "He saved others; he is not able to save himself."

UST:

Similarly, the ruling priests and the teachers of the Jewish law made fun of Jesus among themselves. They declared, "He has rescued other people. However, he cannot rescue himself!"

What did the chief priests say Jesus should do so they would believe? (15:31-32)

The chief priests said that Jesus should come down from the cross so they would believe.

Mark 15:32

ULT:

Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we might see and might believe,” and the ones having been crucified with him were reviling him.

UST:

{He claims to be} the Messiah and the king over the people of Israel. So, he should get down now from that cross! That way, when we watch {him do that}, we will accept what he says.” The two men whom the soldiers had nailed to crosses near Jesus 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:

And the sixth hour having come, darkness happened over the whole land until the ninth hour.

UST:

When it was noon, it became dark in that whole area. {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:

And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, my God, why did you forsake me?”

UST:

At three o’clock in the afternoon, Jesus shouted, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” That means, “My God, my God, why did you abandon 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:

And some of the ones having stood by, having heard {it}, were saying, "Behold, he calls Elijah."

UST:

Some people who were there heard {what Jesus said and misunderstood it}. They declared, "Listen! He is speaking to the prophet Elijah!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:36

ULT:

And someone, having run and having filled a sponge with vinegar, having put {it} around a reed, was giving {it} to him to drink, saying, "Leave {him}! Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down!"

UST:

Then one man quickly went to soak a sponge in sour wine. He attached the sponge to the top of a staff. Then, he held it up to Jesus so that Jesus could suck {the sour wine} from it. Then the man said, "Do not do anything else for him! We should wait to find out whether Elijah appears to help him get down."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:37

ULT:

And Jesus, having let out a loud voice, expired.

UST:

After that, Jesus shouted loudly. Then he stopped breathing and he died.

What did Jesus do before he died?

Jesus cried out with a loud voice before he died.

Mark 15:38

ULT:

And the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom.

UST:

And then the drape hanging {in front of the Most Holy Place} in the temple ripped in half; it tore from the top to the bottom.

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:

Now the centurion, having stood by opposite him, having seen that he expired in this way,said, "Truly this man was a Son of God."

UST:

There was a Roman officer standing there in front of Jesus. He observed how Jesus stopped breathing and died. He exclaimed, "This man really was God's Son!"

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:

Now there were also women watching from a distance, among whom {were} also Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the little and of Joses and Salome,

UST:

{While all that was happening,} some women were there. They observed {what was happening} from farther away. These women included Salome, Mary from the town of Magdala, and Mary who was the mother of young James and Joses.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:41

ULT:

who, when he was in Galilee, were following him and serving him, and many other {women} who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

UST:

When Jesus was in the region of Galilee, these women had gone with him as his apprentices and had taken care of him. Additionally, many other women were there {observing what was happening}. They had walked to the city of Jerusalem with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:42

ULT:

And evening already having come, because it was the Day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

UST:

Now there was a man from the city of Arimathea whose name was Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish council, and people respected him. He too was eagerly expecting God's kingdom. When he arrived {in the city of Jerusalem}, it was Preparation Day, the day before the Jewish day of rest, and the evening had already begun. Because {it was Preparation Day}, this man went boldly to Pilate. He asked Pilate to allow him to take Jesus' body {to bury it}. (vv42-43)

On what day did Jesus die?

Jesus died on the day before the Sabbath.

Mark 15:43

ULT:

Joseph, the one from Arimathea, a respected member of the council who also himself was waiting for the kingdom of God, having come, having dared, entered in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

UST:

Now there was a man from the city of Arimathea whose name was Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish council, and people respected him. He too was eagerly expecting God's kingdom. When he arrived {in the city of Jerusalem}, it was Preparation Day, the day before the Jewish day of rest, and the evening had already begun. Because {it was Preparation Day}, this man went boldly to Pilate. He asked Pilate to allow him to take Jesus' body {to bury it}. (vv42-43)

What did Joseph of Arimathea do after Jesus died? (15:43-46)

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:

But Pilate marveled if he had already died, and having called the centurion, he questioned him, whether he had already died.

UST:

When Pilate heard that Jesus might already be dead, it surprised him. So, he summoned the Roman officer {who was in charge of executing Jesus}. Pilate asked the officer, "Is Jesus already dead?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:45

ULT:

And having learned from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph.

UST:

When the officer told Pilate {that Jesus was certainly dead}, Pilate {had his soldiers} give Jesus' body to Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:46

ULT:

And having bought a linen cloth, having taken him down, he wrapped {him} in the linen cloth and put him in a tomb, which was having been cut from rock. And he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

UST:

So, Joseph purchased a fresh sheet of cloth. Then, he removed Jesus' body {from the cross}. He {prepared to bury it by} winding the fresh sheet of cloth around it. Then, Joseph put Jesus' body into a grave that Joseph's workers had made by digging into a rock cliff. After that, Joseph rolled a flat stone to block the entrance to the grave.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 15:47

ULT:

Now Mary Magdalene and Mary the {mother} of Joses were watching where he had been put.

UST:

{While that was happening,} Mary from the town of Magdala and Mary who was the mother of Joses observed where Joseph had placed Jesus' body.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16

Mark 16:1

ULT:

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:

When the Jewish day of rest was over, Salome, Mary from the town of Magdala, and Mary, who was the mother of James, purchased fragrant ointments. They planned to visit {Jesus' grave} and pour the ointments on his body {to finish burying him properly}.

When did the women go to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body? (16:1-2)

The women went to the tomb on the first day of the week when the sun came up.

Mark 16:2

ULT:

And very early on the first of the week, they arrive at the tomb, the sun having come up.

UST:

At dawn on Sunday morning, the three women visited Jesus' tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16:3

ULT:

And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?”

UST:

{As they were walking,} they asked each other, “Who will help us by rolling the flat stone to open the entrance to the grave?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16:4

ULT:

And having looked up, they see that the stone has been rolled away, for it was extremely large.

UST:

{When they arrived,} they looked {at the grave} and noticed that someone had already rolled the flat stone {to open the entrance to the grave}. And that flat stone was huge!

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:

And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

UST:

Then, the three women walked into the grave, where they saw a young man. He was wearing a white robe and was sitting down to their right. What they saw startled them!

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:

But he says to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, the one having been crucified. He was raised up! He is not here. Behold, {this is} the place where they put him.

UST:

The young man told them, "Do not let what you see startle you! {I know that} you are looking for the body of Jesus from the town of Nazareth. He was the one whom soldiers killed by nailing him to a cross. God has made him alive again! He is no longer in this grave. Look at where people 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:

But go, say to his disciples and to Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he said to you.'"

UST:

Now depart to his apprentices and tell them, especially Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of them to the region of Galilee. {Tell them that} Jesus will meet them there, which is what Jesus already told them."

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:

And having gone out, they fled from the tomb, for trembling and amazement was gripping them. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

UST:

The three women were shaking because what had happened amazed them. So they left the grave and ran away. Because they felt afraid, they did not speak to anyone {about what had happened}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16:9

ULT:

[Now having arisen early in the morning on the first of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.]

UST:

[When Jesus lived again early on Sunday morning, Mary from the town of Magdala was the first person to see him. Jesus had forced seven demons out of her.]

To whom did Jesus first appear after his resurrection?

Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene.

Mark 16:10

ULT:

That {one}, going, reported {it} to the ones having been with him, mourning and weeping.

UST:

She approached Jesus' apprentices, who were grieving very much. She told them {what she had seen}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16:11

ULT:

And those {ones}, having heard that he lives and was seen by her, did not believe.

UST:

So, the apprentices learned that Jesus was alive and that Mary had seen him. However, they did not accept what she said.

How did Jesus' disciples respond when Mary told them she had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:12

ULT:

Now after these things, he appeared in a different form to two of them walking, going into the country.

UST:

Sometime later, two of Jesus' apprentices were traveling to farm areas. They saw Jesus, although he looked different.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16:13

ULT:

And those {ones}, having gone away, reported {it} to the rest, but they did not believe those {ones}.

UST:

Then, the two apprentices went back {to Jerusalem}. They told the other apprentices what had happened, but the others did not accept what the two apprentices said.

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:

Now later, he appeared to the Eleven, they reclining to eat, and he rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe the ones having seen him, having been raised from the dead.

UST:

Sometime later, Jesus revealed himself to his 11 representatives while they were eating. Because they had not accepted it when people told them that they had seen Jesus after God made him alive again, Jesus scolded them. He told them that they should not have stubbornly refused to accept what those people said.

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:

And he said to them, "Having gone into all the world, preach the gospel to all the creation.

UST:

Then he told them, "Visit every place and proclaim the good news to every person!"

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:

The one having believed and having been baptized will be saved, but the one not having believed will be condemned.

UST:

*God will rescue all people who trust in me and who have someone baptize them.
However, God will punish all people who do not trust in me.*

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:

Now these signs will accompany the ones having believed: In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

UST:

I will enable those who trust in me to perform miracles. Specifically, they will represent me by forcing demons out {of people}. They will talk in languages that they have not learned.

What signs did Jesus say would go with those who believed? (16:17-18)

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:

they will pick up snakes, and if they drink anything deadly, it will certainly not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."

UST:

*They will be able to hold snakes and drink poison without becoming sick or dying.
When they touch sick people, it will cure them."*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Mark 16:19

ULT:

After he spoke to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

UST:

After the Lord Jesus said that to his apprentices, God brought him up into heaven. There, Jesus sat down to rule with God {the Father}.

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:

Now those {ones}, having gone out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with {them} and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.]

UST:

As for the apprentices, they left {Jerusalem} and proclaimed {the good news} in every place. The Lord {Jesus} helped them and enabled them to perform miracles. That way, people could see that the good news was true. May it be so!]

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.