

03. Mark 6:7 - 9:37



Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gather around Jesus,
and told him all that they had done and taught.

He says to them, “Come away (‘with him’ see 3:14) to a deserted place
all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going,
and they had no leisure even to eat.

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

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there
on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them,
because they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:35-38

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.”

But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.”

They say to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?”

And he says to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.”

When they had found out, they say, “Five, and two fish.”

Mark 6:39-44 (manna, Exodus 16)

Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties (see Exodus 18:21).

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,

he looked up to heaven, and blessed

and broke the loaves,

and gave them to his disciples

to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled (Psalm 78:29); and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. (see 1Kings 17, Elijah; 2Kings 4:43, Elisha)

Mark 14:22

Taking a loaf of bread,

and blessing,

he broke it,

gave it to them, and said,

“Take; this is my body.”

Mark 6:45-50

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

After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. (see 1:35 and 14:32-39)

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he comes towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea (Psalm 77:19; Job 9:8; 38:16)

He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified.

Mark 6:50-53

But immediately he spoke to them and said,
“Take heart, it is I (Exodus 3:14 egô eimi) do not be afraid.”

Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased.
And they were utterly astounded, for they did not
understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.
When they had crossed over, they came to land at
Gennesaret and moored the boat.

Isaiah 43:1-2

‘Thus says YHWH,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.’

Isaiah 51:10

‘Was it not you who dried up the sea,

the waters of the great deep;

who made the depths of the sea a way

for the redeemed to cross over?’

Exodus 15:19

‘The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.’

Psalm 77:16,19

When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.

Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.

Job 9:8

You stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the Sea

Mark 7:5-9

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

He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written (Isaiah 29:13 LXX),
‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition. You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!”

The Syrophoenician woman : Mark 7:24-30

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She was asking him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the little dogs (κυνάριον).” But she says to him, “Sir, even the little dogs under the table eat the little children’s (παιδίων) little crumbs (ψιχίον).”

Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go. The demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Healing of a deaf man : Mark 7:31-37 Only in Mark

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

They bring to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they beg him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and says to him,

“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one. (contrast Mark 5:19 - Gerasene demoniac)

but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Isaiah 32:3-4

Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed,
and the ears of those who have hearing will listen.

The minds of the rash will have good judgment,
and the tongues of stammerers will speak readily and distinctly.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

Ezekiel 24:27

On that day your mouth shall be opened ... and you shall speak
and no longer be silent. So you shall be a sign to them;
and they shall know that I am YHWH.

A re-telling of the Multiplying of the Loaves : Mark 8:1-19

When there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, “I have compassion (σπλαγχνίζομαι) for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way – and some of them have come from a great distance.” His disciples replied, “How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?” He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “**Seven.**” Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

Mark 8:14-18

The disciples had forgotten to bring any loaves;
and they had only one loaf with them in the boat.
And he was cautioning them, saying, “Watch out —
beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.”

They were saying to one another, “It is because we have no loaves.”

And becoming aware of it, Jesus says to them,

“Why are you talking about having no bread?

Do you still not perceive or understand?

Are your hearts hardened?

Do you have eyes, and fail to see? (4:12 = Isaiah 6:9-10)

Do you have ears, and fail to hear? (7:31-37)

And do you not remember?

Mark 8:14-21

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Blind man of Bethsaida : Mark 8:22-26

Only in Mark

(compare 7:31-37)

Bethsaida



They come to Bethsaida.

Some people bring a blind man to him and beg him to **touch** him.

He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put **saliva** on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he was asking him, “Can you see anything?”

And the man looked up and was saying, “I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.” Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even go into the village.”

Mark 8:27-30

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Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi;
and on the way he was asking his disciples,

“Who do people say that I am?”

Leaders want to destroy him (3:6)

Family want to restrain him (3:21)

Hometown scandalised at him (6:3)

Disciples fail to understand him (8:21)

And they answered him, “John the Baptist; (see Herod 6:14-15)
and others, Elijah;
and still others, one of the prophets.”

He was asking them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter says to him, “You are the **Messiah.**” (see Mark 1:1)

(see 1:25; 1:44; 3:12; 7:36)

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Mark 8:31-32

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the **Son of Man** **must** undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and **after three days** rise again. He was speaking the word quite openly.

Hosea 6:1-2

Come, let us return to YHWH;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Mark 8:34-37

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,
“If you want to follow after me,
deny yourself, and take up your cross (first mention) and follow me.

If you want to save your life you will lose it.

If you lose your life because of me,
and because of the gospel,
you will save it.

For what will it profit you to gain the whole world
and forfeit your life?

Indeed, what can you give in return for your life?

Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus takes with him Peter and James and John, (5:37; 14:33)

and leads them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white, (16:5)

such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses,
who were talking with Jesus.



Exodus 24:16

The glory of YHWH settled on Mount Sinai,
and the cloud covered it for **six days**;
on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

Exodus 34:30

The Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining,
and they were afraid to come near him.

Then Peter says to Jesus, “**Rabbi (first time), it is good for us to be here;
let us make three dwellings, (‘tents’, ‘tabernacles’)
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.**”
He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud
(Exodus 24:15-16) overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a
voice, “**This is my Son, the Beloved (Mark 1:11); listen to him!**”(Deut 18:15)
Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them
any more, but **only Jesus.**



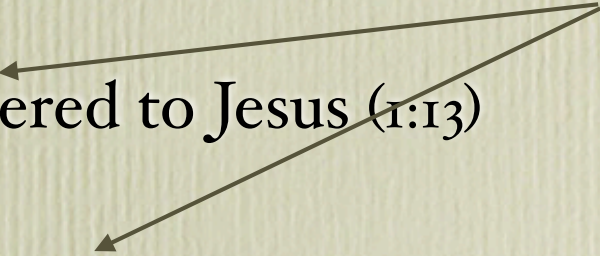
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Mark 9:33-35 compare 8:34-37

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was at home (see 2:1) he was asking them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. (contrast 8:34)

He sat down, called the twelve (6:7), and says to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and **servant** of all.”

- diakonos
- The angels ministered to Jesus (1:13)
 - Simon’s mother ministered to Jesus (1:31)
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Welcoming a child : Mark 9:36-37

Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them;
and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me
but the one who sent me.”



The Servant Song