

04. Mark 10:13 – 16:8



Children and the kingdom of God : Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Wealth and the kingdom of God : Mark 10:17-22

As he was setting out on the way (1:2-3; 6:8; 12:14; see Acts 9:2 etc)

a man ran up and knelt before him, and was asking him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit **eternal life**?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments:

You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal;

You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud.

Honour your father and mother.

He was saying to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

Jesus, looking attentively at him, **loved** (first time) him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10:46-52

They come to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they call the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”

Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well (‘saved you’).”

Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Jesus began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard.

But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed.

(see Jeremiah 20:7-18; 2Chronicles 24:20-21)

He had still one other, a beloved son (Genesis 22:2; Mark 1:11; 9:7). Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘Surely, they will respect my son.’

But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’

So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mark 12:9-12

What then will the owner of the vineyard do?

He will come and destroy the tenants
and give the vineyard to others.

Have you not read this scripture:

(Psalm 118:22-23; also Acts 4:11; 1Peter 2:6-8)

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the angle-stone; (see Ephesians 2:19-22; 1Peter 2:4-10)
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?’”

When they realized that he had told this parable against them,
they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd.
So they left him and went away.

Mark 12:41-45

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury,
and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury.

Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, (lepta = quadrans)
the equivalent of two cent pieces.

Then he called his disciples and said to them,

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more
than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

For all of them have contributed out of their abundance;
but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had,
all she had to live on.”

Mark 14:22

While they were eating,
taking a loaf of bread, and blessing
he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”



Mark 14:23-25

Then taking a cup, and giving thanks (εὐχαριστέω)
he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

He said to them,

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

(see Exodus 24:3-11)

(New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine
until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

‘Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?’(10:38)

Mark 14:32-36

They went to a place called Gethsemane;
and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”
He took with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be distressed and agitated.

And said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death;
remain here, and keep awake.”

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground
and prayed that, if it were possible,
the hour might pass from him.

He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible;
remove this cup from me;
yet, not what I want, but what you want.”



Mark 15:21

They compel a passer-by, who was coming in from the country,
to carry his cross; (8:34)

it was **Simon of Cyrene**, (5th largest city in north Africa; see Acts 2:10; 6:9; 13:1).
the father of **Alexander and Rufus**. (Romans 16:13)



Mark 15:25-27

It was mid-morning when they crucified him.

The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.”

Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum (John 19:19)



And with him they crucify two bandits,
one on his right and one on his left.

Mark 15:29-32

Those who passed by were deriding him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, (14:57-59) save yourself, (8:34-35) and come down from the cross!”

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

Those who were crucified with him also were taunting him.

Mark 15:34-37

At three o'clock

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

(Other examples of Aramaic: 5:41; 7:34; 14:36)

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1)

When some of the bystanders heard it, they were saying,
"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, (Psalm 69:17-21)
put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,
"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

‘This man is calling on Elijah’(27:47)

Psalm 22:10

Since my mother bore me you have been my God.

אֱלֹהֵי אֶתְהָה

אֱלֹהֵי הָהָה

Elijah, Come!

Mark 15:38

(compare Baptism 1:10)

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two,
from top to bottom. (Hebrews 10:19-20).



Mark 15:39

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw how he died,
he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Mark 1:1



EPILOGUE

THE TOMB AND THE PROMISE

Mark 15:40 - 16:8



Mark 16:1-5

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome (15:40) bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

Looking up, they see that the stone, which was very large, has already been rolled back.

Entering the tomb, they saw a young man, (see 14:51-52) dressed in a white robe (see 9:3), sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. (see 9:15; 14:33)

Mark 16:6-8

But he says to them, “Do not be alarmed;
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Look, there is the place they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you
to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” (14:28)

Going out, they fled from the tomb,
for terror and amazement had seized them;
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



Prayer of Abandonment