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Mark was the son of a wealthy family in Jerusalem, he was a cousin of Barnabas, who traveled with Paul. Since earliest times it was understood Peter was the primary source of information for this gospel. With the authority of Peter as its foundation, the writing of Mark, was never questioned to be included as canonical. His writing emphasizes more about what Jesus did then what He said. .



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

² As it is written in the prophets, Indeed, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

⁴ John baptized in the wilderness, and preached the baptism of a **changed mind for the remission of sins / meta = change + noia = mind, without a changed mind there will be no changed heart.**

⁵ And there went out to him all the citizens of **Judaea, and those of Jerusalem, and were all baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins.**

⁶ And John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather belt about his loins; and he ate locusts and wild honey;

⁷ and preached, saying, After me, One is coming mightier than me, and I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose the latchet of His sandals.

⁸ I indeed have baptized you with water: but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

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

¹⁰ And immediately coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him:

¹¹ and a Voice came from heaven, saying, You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

¹² And immediately the Spirit impelled Him into the wilderness.

¹³ And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

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¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee / stepping into the spotlight, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand: **change your mind, and believe the gospel.**

¹⁶ Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon / this is Simon Peter, the hardworking, married man, who attracted Jesus's attention,

and Andrew his brother casting a net to the sea: for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, Come with Me, and I will make you fishers of men / of all mankind.

¹⁸ And immediately... they ditched their nets, and joined Him in the way He was going.

¹⁹ And when He had gone a little farther from there,

He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother / Do you think they were twins? John Wycliffe called them: cousins of Jesus. Apparently, he knew things in the 1300s that are now lost to church history,

who also were in the ship mending their nets.

²⁰ And immediately He called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went with him / so now, 4 ordinary, hardworking guys, and at least one married man... have joined Jesus.

And it sort of begs the question: why? Notice, they are not yet called: disciples -- in Greek, mathetes, those doing their math.

²¹ And they went to Capernaum;

and immediately on the sabbath day He entered the synagogue, and taught / so Jesus is a Teacher; a very good Teacher.



And students of the Lord quickly discover that wherever they travel through His Word... He has placed **METANOIA** moments... moments to rethink, to reconsider, to think differently until we think correctly, on every page of His inspiring Word. Like I said, Jesus is a good Teacher; and these **METANOIA** moments... are for His life-long learners... in every generation, to discover His ways, His thoughts, His truths. Jesus knows, **without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart.**

He entered the synagogue, and taught.

²² **And they were astonished at His teaching: for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes** / Jesus did not teach like those who studied at their prestigious seminaries and post-graduate institutions... where the highly educated... meet the highly arrogant... and highly self-righteous... and they all obtain their certifications and credentials... starting with their BS degrees.



²³ **And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit** / worship centers are not immune to demons. The facts are: most of the time when an unclean spirit is mentioned... it possesses someone at a worship gathering; and in the last 2,000 years things have not changed much.

One service I recall, there was a lady sitting directly in front of me, and as I was paying attention to the teacher, I noticed her jowls started convulsing; and then she stood up and started speaking. Needless to say, the teacher immediately dealt with the disturbance;

and he cried out,

²⁴ **Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Are You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Holy One of God.**

²⁵ **And Jesus rebuked him, saying, shut up, and come out of him.**

²⁶ **And when the unclean spirit convulsed him** / shaking him, causing spasms, **and cried with a loud voice** / even unclean demons like the drama, **he finally came out of him.**

²⁷ **And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this new teaching?** / which is exactly the purpose of **METANOIA** moments. They question and rethink, and reconsider what they hear and see; until they think correctly,

for with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.

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28 And immediately His fame spread abroad throughout all the region surrounding Galilee.

29 And immediately, when they left the synagogue / most bible teachers agree, this event took place in Capernaum, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But the mother of Simon's wife / so now, we are having another METANOIA moment... as we learn about an incident that involved... this married fisherman Peter... and his mother-in-law... Peter being the only disciple we clearly know was married -- the bible is so interesting, isn't it?

but the mother of the wife of Simon lay sick with a fever, and immediately they tell him of her.

31 And He / Jesus who is meeting Peter's mother-in-law... probably for the first time,

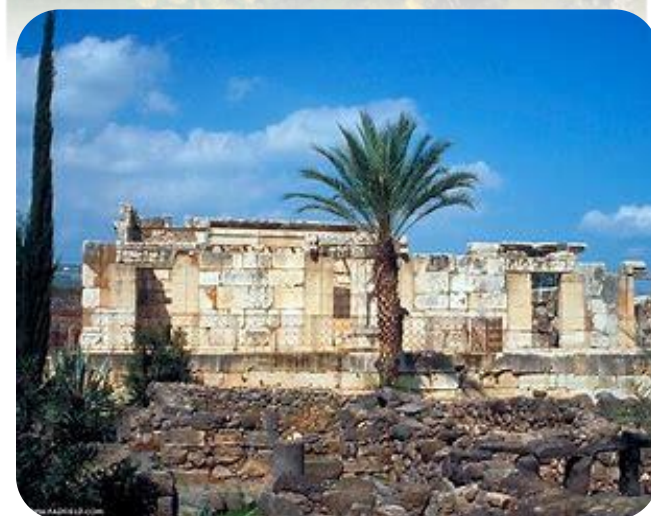
He came and took her by the hand / Jesus very courteously took the hand of the mother... of the wife... of Peter,

and lifted her up;

and immediately the fever left her / just by touching her, and most people don't even ask: where did the disease go? Yet Matthew quoting from Isaiah 53 makes the connection... and reminds us: **He himself took our infirmities, and carried away our sicknesses.** -- **Matthew 8.** Said differently, like a human vacuum cleaner, Jesus somehow picked up our sicknesses and diseases in His body. How? I don't know. He's different than us,

and she ministered to them / in Greek: diakoneo... in this verse we learn, **she** the mother... of the wife... of Peter... she, as a good **deacon**... probably, with a smile on her face, and with joy in her heart... she got up to clean the table, and probably cleaned the toilet too; doing all those good deacon jobs. In other words: she did what Jesus Christ the Son of Man, and all who are greatest in His kingdom willingly do.

she ministered to them / in this case, I bet she made lasagna for lunch!



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³² And at evening, at the sunset / remember, it was the Sabbath day and they knew the rule: Nobody was to travel more than 3/4th of a mile. But after sunset, **the new day began**... so with the first day of the new week, the crowds came from everywhere... with all their infirmed relatives and friends,



they brought to him all who were diseased, and those who were possessed with demons.

³³ And all the city was gathered together at the door / at the place where Peter... and his wife... and his mother-in-law... and probably a couple of kids lived, too. Can you imagine if all where you live one day gathered at your door? It really begs the question: why would all these people gather at the door?

If JESUS sounded like all those typical dull preachers ranting; or worse, like all those smarmy clerics and all those dismal motivational charlatans, who are all merely carnival hucksters... with all their uninspired messages around the world. If Jesus was like them, we would not know His name today.

³⁴ And He healed many who were sick of different diseases, and cast out many demons; and did not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him / everywhere Jesus went, He was a clean-up crew of one: taking to himself, carrying away infirmities and diseases; not a very exciting job, is it?

³⁵ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day / in Greek this word indicates the 4th watch of the night -- sometime around 3:00 AM; which we also learn, having previously prepared their sweet, aromatic spices... is the same time several women arrived at the empty tomb... long before the sun arose, **around 3:00AM**

He went out, and departed to a solitary place, and there prayed.



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