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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 And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, That there are some who stand here, who will not taste death, until they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

The Mount of Transfiguration,

² And six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, and James, and John, and led them up a high mountain alone by themselves: and He was transfigured in their presence.

³ And His clothes shined, exceeding white as snow; like no launderer on earth can whiten them.

⁴ And Elijah appeared to them with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.



⁵ And Peter answered / thinking he could size up this situation and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: let us make three booths; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

⁶ For he did not know what to say; for they were extremely fearful.

⁷ And then a cloud overshadowed them: and a Voice came from the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son: Listen to Him / in other words, Peter shut up.

⁸ And suddenly looking around, they saw nobody except only Jesus with them.

⁹ And as they came down from the mountain, He ordered them that they tell no one what they saw, until the Son of Man had **risen from the dead.**

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¹⁰ And they took that saying to themselves, asking what **rising from the dead** might mean.

¹¹ And they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say Elijah must come first?

¹² And He answered / sizing up the situation and said, truly Elijah does come first and restores all things; and yet how is it written of the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things, and be treated as a nothing.

¹³ But I tell you, Elijah indeed has come, and they did to him whatever pleased them, just as it was written about him.

¹⁴ And when He came to His disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and the scribes like inquisitors interrogating them.

¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed, and ran to greet Him.

¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, What question do you have with them? / Jesus could play their own game,

The child possessed with a demonic spirit,

¹⁷ And one of the multitude interrupted, / sizing up the situation and said, Teacher, I brought my son to You, he has a spirit that makes him not speak;

¹⁸ and wherever it takes him, it seizes him and throws him down: and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and stiffens: and I spoke to Your disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

¹⁹ He answered them, and said, O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? **how long must I put up with you?** Bring him to Me.

²⁰ And they brought him to Him: and when it saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him; and he fell on the ground, and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.



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²¹ And He asked the father, How long has this been going on? And he said, since childhood.

²² And it has often thrown him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have pity on us, and help us.

²³ Jesus said to him, If you believe, **all things are possible to him who believes.**

²⁴ Immediately the father of the boy cried out, and said, **Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.**

²⁵ When Jesus saw a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying to it, You dumb and deaf spirit, I order you, come out of him, and enter him never again.

²⁶ And the spirit shrieking, and severely convulsing him, came out of him: and the boy was like a corpse; so that many said, He is dead.

²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him; and he stood up.

²⁸ And after He entered a house, His disciples asked Him privately, Why could we not drive him out?

²⁹ And He said to them, This kind will not come out, but only by prayer and fasting.

³⁰ And they left there, and went through Galilee; and He wanted nobody to know it.

³¹ For He was teaching His disciples, and said to them, **The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and after He is killed, He will rise the third day.**

³² But they did not understand what He said, and were afraid to ask Him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum: and when they were in the house He asked them, What were you debating about among yourselves on the way?

³⁴ But they were silent: for on the way they argued among themselves, **who was the greatest.**

Jesus loves the little children,



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³⁵ And sitting down, He called the Twelve, and said to them, **If anyone desires to be first, the same must be last of all, and servant of all.**

³⁶ Then He took a child, and set him among them: and when He took him in His arms, He said to them,

³⁷ Whoever receives one little child such as this one, in My Name, receives Me: and whoever receives Me, receives not only Me, but HIM who sent Me.

³⁸ And John answered, / sizing up the situation, saying, Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in Your Name, yet he does not join us: so we tried to stop him, since he does not join us.

³⁹ But Jesus said, Do not stop him: for there is no one who will do a miracle in My Name, who will casually speak evil of Me.

⁴⁰ **For whoever is not against us is for us.**

But back to the children,

⁴¹ For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in My Name / representing Me, because you belong to **Christ – the Messiah**, Truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.

⁴² And whoever causes to stumble one of these little ones who believes in Me, **it would be better for him that a millstone was hanged about his neck, and he was thrown into the sea.**

⁴³ And if your hand causes you to stumble, **cut it off**: it is better for You to enter eternal life maimed, than to have two hands and go to hell -- in the fire that is not quenched:

⁴⁴ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, **cut it off**: it is better for You to enter lame into life eternal, than have two feet to go to hell -- in the fire that is not quenched:

⁴⁶ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.



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⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, **pluck it out**: it is better for You to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes to be thrown into hell fire:

⁴⁸ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire, as every sacrifice will be salted with salt.

⁵⁰ Salt is good: but if the salt loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again?

Have salt in yourselves / be infused with this preserving power, **and be at peace with one another.**

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