

Growth Stages:	1. Reborn	2. Infancy: Young Child	3. Child. Older Child	4. Adolescent Young Adult	5. Adult Mature Adult	6. Parent Young Parent	7. Elder Parent of Parents
A. Good News Revealing	Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Life-giver, Lord.	Jesus Christ as the Son of Man, Heir entitled to Restorer, Lord of the Sabbath	Jesus Christ brings the Kingdom,	Jesus Christ brings the Kingdom	Jesus Christ as Suffering Servant,	Jesus Christ as the Son of David,	Jesus Christ as the King of Israel, Redeemer, Shepherd
B. Christ	Baptizes: Gives new life by the Spirit.	Calls to draw Near:	Appoints in Household:	Sends to bring Kingdom	Commissions Servant Leaders:	Reveals Self as King of Kingdom	Sacrifices to Redeem/ give Life
C. Response	Believes: Repents and Trusts Jesus.	Follows to Know:	Partner to plant Faith in Kingdom.	Represent Jesus in Teams.	Identify with Suffering for Kingdom	Prepare way for the Lord's Coming.	Redeem World by the Gospel
D. Walking by Faith in Kingdom.	Experience New Life	Know Lord and His Lord's Presence	Know Unity of Fellowship	See Spiritual Needs	See Kingdom Glory to give up Earth	See Glory of King/ Davidic Promise	Know Resurrection Reality.
E. Prayer Life with God.	Repentant Prayer: Confess, Give Up Sins	Devotional Prayer: Present Self in Presence Restoring Prayer: Bring broken to Jesus	Oppositional Prayer: Resist and Bind up Strong Man.	Renewing Prayer: Rest and Account for Works.	Releasing Prayer: Free from Spiritual Resistance	Effective Prayer: By Faith ask for Impossible	Sacrificial Prayer: Offer Soul and Will to God.
F. Ministry Focus:		Restoration: Heal and Free powerless (level 1)	Faith: plant and and build Faith. (level 2)	Heart: (level 2: unbelief	Kingdom of God: (level 3)	Davidic Kingdom: Israel: Religious (Level 3)	Gospel preached in World:

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Know Reveal Prayer:	The Son of God	The Son of Man who restores.	Head of Kingdom Family	Lord of the Kingdom	Suffering Servant-Redeemer	Son of David and Heir of Kingdom	The King of His Kingdom
Grow: Walk by Faith. Kingdom Life.	Reborn	Follow	Share	Build Faith	Sacrificial Service	Proclaim	Shepherd
Go: Testify	Baptism	Restoring the Enslaved and Sick	Planting Seeds	Unbelieving	Hard Religious Hearts	Israel	Proclaim Gospel

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1. Reborn Disciple: Faith in Jesus Mashiach, the Son of God

A1(1). **The Son of God**: brings Good News of New Life: (Colossians 1:13-20)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the **Son of God**.
(Mark 1:1).

A1(2). **Lord**: Prepares us for Abundant Life (John 1:1-14;10:10)

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my **messenger** before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: '**Prepare the way of the Lord**, make his paths straight,'" (Mark 1:2-3)

B1/Bb1(3). **Baptism of repentance**: Reborn into New Life (1 John 1:5-10)

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a **baptism** of **repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins**. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, **confessing their sins**. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. (Mark 1:4-6).

Ba1(4). **Faith/ Baptized with the Holy Spirit**: Reborn by the Holy Spirit into God's **Family and Kingdom**.

(John 1:4-13)

⁷ And he, saying, "After me comes he who is **mightier** than I, the strap of whose sandals I am **not worthy** to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will **baptize** you with **the Holy Spirit**." (Mark 1:7-8)

Ca1(4a). **God's Son** is **anointed to redeem** us into the **Family of God** (Daniel 9:24-26)

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and **was baptized** by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and **the Spirit descending** on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are **my beloved Son**; with you I am well pleased."

Ca1(4b). **Tested** in **the World**. (Matthew 4:1-11)

¹² The **Spirit immediately drove him** out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the **wilderness** forty days, being **tempted** by **Satan**. And he was with the **wild animals**, and the angels were **ministering to him**.

Cb1(4c). **Proclaiming Kingdom**: Entering and Experiencing the **Kingdom of God**. (2 Samuel 7:11-16; Jeremiah 30:9).

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, **Jesus** came into Galilee, **proclaiming** the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God** is at **hand**; **repent** and **believe** in the gospel."

2. Young Child Disciple: Follow and Bond with Jesus Mashiach, the Son of Man.

(Background: After Reborn, now Stage of Walking with Lord.

1. **Bonding:** following Lord bonds—strongest relationship.

2. **Discovering World:** Learn of spiritual reality: watching Lord, how interacts, listen to words.

3. **Modeling:** See the Authority of Lord; how to free and heal needy to prepare for Kigndom.

5. **Following:** Responding to the Call of Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”** ¹⁸ And **immediately they left** their nets and **followed** him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And **immediately** he **called** them, and they **left** their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

(Background:

1. The Son of Man Restores:

2. Cleanses/ Frees:

3. Spiritual Life-Change:

6. **Authority:** Life-changing power of Jesus Christ and His Words.

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the **Sabbath** he entered the synagogue and was teaching. **(1. Changing Life: Teaching)** ²² And they were **astonished** at his **teaching**, for he taught them as one who had **authority**, and not as the scribes. **(2. Cleansing Spirit: Holy Word)** ²³ And immediately there was in their **synagogue** a man with an **unclean spirit**. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus **of** Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the **Holy One of God.**” ²⁵ But Jesus **rebuked** him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all **amazed**, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, **(3. Commanding Authority: Lord’s Teaching)** “What is this? A new **teaching** with **authority**! He commands even the **unclean spirits**, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

6a. Restoring Prayer/Presence: Bringing captives to Jesus for freedom

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. (1. **Tell Jesus Need:**)³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they **told him** about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and **lifted her up**, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. (2. **Take into Presence of Jesus:**)

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were **sick** or **oppressed** by **demons**. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. (3. **Takes away Bondages so can serve him**) ³⁴ And he **healed** many who were **sick** with various **diseases**, and **cast out many demons**. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

7. Devoted Prayer: Daily devoting yourself to the Lord for service.

(1. **Commune with God:**)³⁵ And **rising** very **early in the morning**, while it was **still dark**, he departed and went out to a **desolate place**, and (2. **Consecrate Live: sacrifice your will**) there **he prayed**. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "**Everyone** is **looking** for you." (3. **Clear Calling: what is his purpose?**) ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the **next towns**, that I may preach there also, for that is **why** I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, **preaching** in their synagogues and **casting** out **demons**.

8. Moved with Pity: Humbly seeking the Lord's Will to be cleansed. (Isaiah 53:1-5)

⁴⁰ And a **leper** came to him, **imploring** him, and **kneeling** said to him, "If you **will**, you **can** make me clean." ⁴¹ **Moved with pity**, he stretched out his hand and **touched** him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy **left him**, and he was made **clean**. ⁴³ And Jesus^[1] sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said 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 **proof** to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began **to talk freely** about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

9. **Faith:** Actively drawing near to Jesus for Forgiveness and Healing. (Hebrews 11:4-6)

Mark 2:1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. (**1. Active Faith: seen by Lord**) ³And they came, bringing to him a **paralytic carried by four men**. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵And when Jesus **saw their faith**, he said to the paralytic, (**2. Accepted by Faith into Family**) “**Son, your sins are forgiven.**” ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? (**3. Authority to Restore: Rest**) ¹⁰But that you may know that **the Son of Man** has **authority** on earth to **forgive sins**”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

10. **Physician:** Jesus calls those sick with sin to be healed. (Jeremiah 23:5-6; Romans 3:21-26).

¹³He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “**Follow me.**” And he rose and **followed** him. ¹⁵And as he reclined at table in his house, (**1. Welcomes Needy: sinners and outcasts**) many **tax collectors** and **sinners** were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who **followed** him. ¹⁶And the scribes of^[a] the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat^[b] with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, (**2. Wellness is Goal of Physician: not judgment**). “Those who are **well** have no need of a **physician**, but those who are **sick**. (**3. Walking with Lord in wholeness: Calling**) I came not to **call the righteous, but sinners.**”

11. **Bridegroom:** drawing disciples into Kingdom’s Celebration. (Psalm 45:6-17)

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your **disciples do not fast**?” (**1. Celebrating Mashiach as Heir of Kingdom**) ¹⁹And Jesus said to them, “Can

the wedding **guests** fast while **the bridegroom** is **with them**? (**2. Center of Kingdom Joy: Jesus Mashiach**). As long as they **have the bridegroom** with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when **the bridegroom** is **taken** away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one puts **new wine** into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But **new wine** is for **fresh wineskins**.
(3. Containing New Life: Sacrifice old life).

12. the Son of Man: God's **Heir of humanity** restores God's original goodness .
 (Isaiah 9:1-7;)

²³One **Sabbath** he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. (**1. Enslaving Rules: Fallen World**) ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is **not lawful on the Sabbath**?"

²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: (**2. Entering House of God: Spiritual Reality**) ²⁶how he entered **the house of God**, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate **the bread of the Presence**, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The **Sabbath** was **made for man**, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So **the Son of Man** is **lord even of the Sabbath**." (**3. Enjoying Original Grace and Rest: restores plan**)

- **Restoration:** Thus, the Son of Man is appointed to restore God's Holy House and Rest by crushing the Serpent's power: (Genesis 3:1-15; Colossians 2:8-15).

13. Grieved at Hardness of heart: Jesus as the Son of Man is opposed but known as the Son of God.

Mark 3:1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would **heal him on the Sabbath**, so that they might **accuse** him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to **do good** or to do harm, to **save life** or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, **grieved at their hardness of heart**, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was **restored**. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

- **Healing:** Jesus Christ brings God's Holy Rest and House by establishing the Kingdom of God and its restoration. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had **healed many**, so that all who had **diseases** pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the **unclean spirits** saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are **the Son of God.**" ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

3. Child Disciple: Appointed in Family Kingdom by Jesus Mashiach, the Lord of his Household.

(1. Family Called Together: Lord's Heart's Desire)

(2. Fellowship Appointed Together: live together)

(3. Fruitful Purpose: Starts with fellowship with Him in the Family):

14. Head of House Appoints: Jesus appoints as **Members of a Household Group**. 3.13-

13 And he went up on the mountain and **called to him** those whom **he desired**, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he **appointed twelve** (whom he also named apostles) so that they might **be with him** and he might **send them out to preach** ¹⁵ and have **authority to cast out demons**. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Appointed the ones he "desired" to Share as a Household:

- In His presence (14)
- In His preaching Mission (14)
- In His power to cast out demons (15).

14a.(15) Living in Household of Faith: undivided; stronger; testifying of Christ.

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? **(1. Unified Kingdom: Opposed to Satan's Kingdom)** ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **(2. Underlying House: supports Kingdom Unity)** ²⁵ And if a **house is divided** against itself, that house will not be able to stand. **(3. Unstoppable Assault: Rescue captives of Satan's kingdom)** ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

15 (17b). Prayer: Binding up the Strong Man.

(1. Bind Satan's Power: Stop His work) (2. Beseige Enemy Territory: Kingdom's Presence) 27 But no one can **enter a strong man's house** and plunder his goods, unless he first **binds the strong man**. (3. Break Free Captives: Bring to Kingdom of Light). Then indeed he may **plunder his house**. 28 "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, 29 but whoever **blasphemes against the Holy Spirit** never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — 30 for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Family Relations: Brother/Sister/Mother: do Father's Will.

31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers^[c] are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered them, "Who are my **mother and my brothers?**" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

16. Sowing Word with 4 responses for Faith, Kingdom Growth!

Mark 4:1 Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. 2 And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: (**A. Faithfully Share Word of Kingdom**.) 3 "Listen! Behold, a **sower went out to sow**. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. (**1. Unreceptive Response: needs soil**) 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil (**2. Blockage to Response: needs roots**), and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. (**3. Diverted Response: needs competition removed**) 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. (**4. Good Response: Needs harvesting**) 8 And other **seeds fell into good soil** and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." 9 And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

(1) 16 **Faith Needs in Response to Word**: Accepted: Bears Fruit..

¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the **kingdom of God**, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.'" ¹³ And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables ¹⁴ The sower **sows the word**. ¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, **Satan** immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on **rocky** ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ And they **have no root** in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among **thorns**. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the **cares of the world** and the deceitfulness of **riches** and the **desires** for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰ But those that were sown on the **good soil** are the ones who hear the word and **accept it and bear fruit**, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

A. Word Sown: New Life of the Kingdom 4.10-14

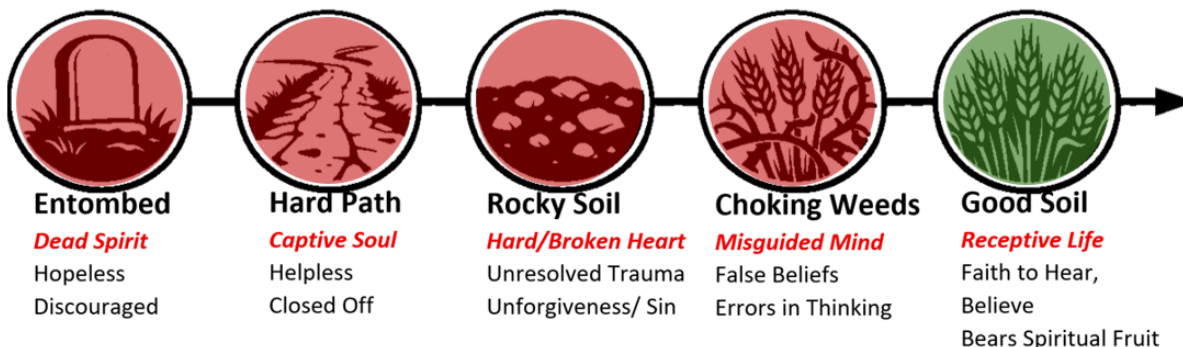
1. Captive Souls: Need Healing to be freed from Oppression 4:15.

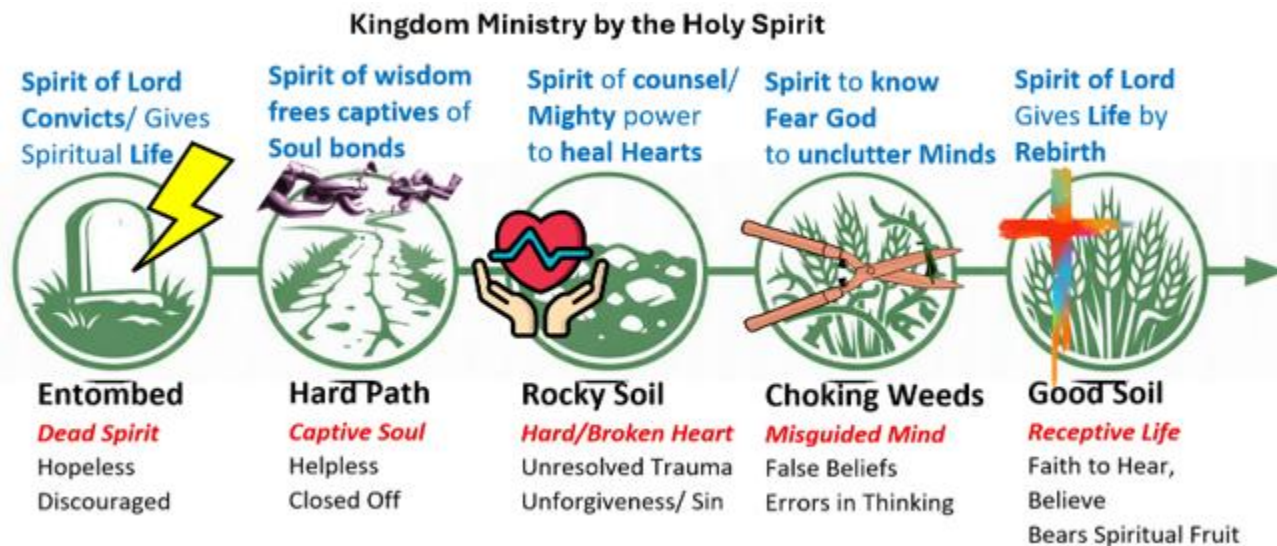
2. Hard or Broken Hearts: Need healing to receive Word deeply 4:16-17

Kingdom Ministry by the Holy Spirit

3. Cluttered-Misguided

4. Receptive Life: N





17b. Prayerfully Hear Word:

(1. Ask the Lord to reveal to you what “hidden” and “secret” Message of the Kingdom he wants to reveal through your witness.) ²¹ And he said to them, “Is a **lamp** brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is **hidden** except to be made manifest; nor is anything **secret** except to come to light. (2. Read His Word to hear what he is instructing you) ²³ If anyone has **ears to hear**, let him hear.” (3. Receive Freely what the Word says to you) ²⁴ And he said to them, “**Pay attention** to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

(2) 18. Kingdom of God grows naturally as Harvest of Field.

²⁶ And he said, “The **kingdom of God** is as if a man should **scatter seed** on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the **seed sprouts and grows**; he **knows not how**. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the **harvest has come**.”

³⁰ And he said, “With what can we compare **the kingdom of God**, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground is the **smallest** of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it **grows up** and becomes **larger**

than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make **nests** in its shade.”

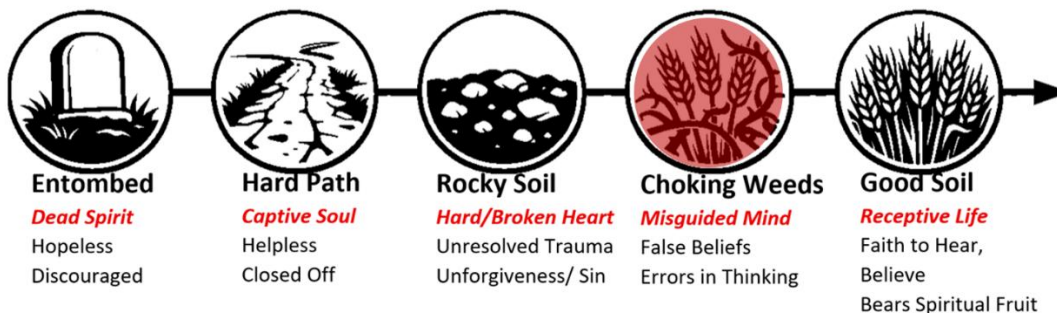
³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he **explained** everything.

1. Faith in Lord's Work: Plant/ Watch for Growth/ harvest. 4:26-29.
2. Faithful in small things: Small to Large. 4:30-32
- (3. Fullness Explained: Ask Lord to explain Kingdom to you.) 4:33-34

(3-Weeds): choking false view) 19. **Fear is Lack of Faith:** Not Knowing Jesus Christ

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “**Teacher**, do you not care that **we are perishing?**” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “**Why** are you so **afraid?** Have you still **no faith?**” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great **fear** and said to one another, “**Who then is this**, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

1. False View of Jesus: leads to Fear. 4:35-38.
2. Fear- Choked Faith Rebuked. 4:39-40.
3. Further Doubt: Fuzzy view of Jesus 4:41



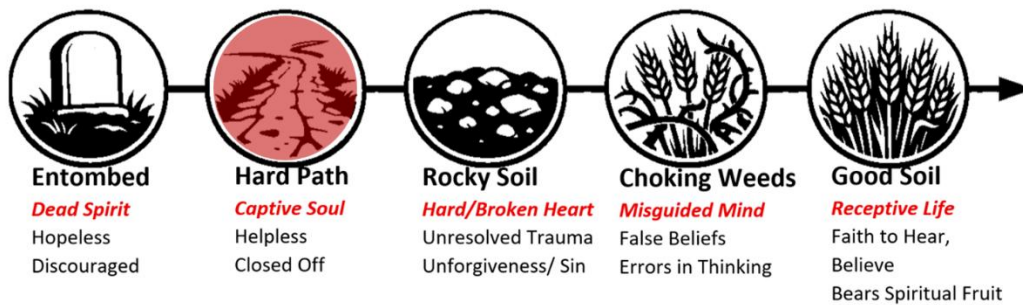
(4: Freed-Hard Path-spiritual bondage) 20. Free Unclean Spirit.

Mark 5:1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a

man with an **unclean spirit**.³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain,⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to **subdue** him.⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, **Son of the Most High God**? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."⁸ For he was saying to him, "**Come out** of the man, you unclean spirit!"⁹ And Jesus asked him, "What is your **name**?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside,¹² and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them."¹³ So he gave them **permission**. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed^[d] man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his **right mind**, and they were **afraid**.¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus^[d] to **depart** from their region.¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the **Lord** has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

1. Dominated: Unclean Spirit controls life. 5:1-7
2. Freeing from Bondage: Man: Jesus permits unclean spirit to leave. 5:8-13
3. Testifying of Lord's Mercy: 5:14-20



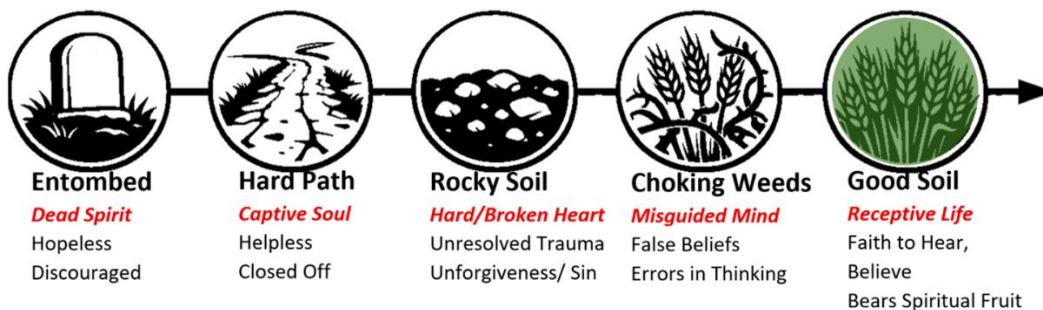
(5: Good soil- listen to Jesus) 21. **Family Faith/ overcomes Fear**: Encouraging Faith as Family Members

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of **the rulers of the synagogue**, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and **implored** him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And **he went with him**. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I **touch** even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "**Daughter, your faith** has made you **well**; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the **Teacher** any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing^[e] what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "**Do not fear**, only **believe**." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus^[f] saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to

them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they **laughed** at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, **arise**.” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately **overcome with amazement**. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

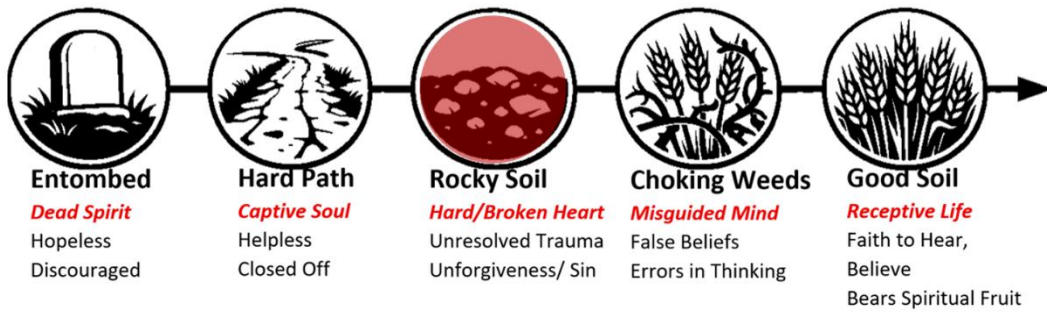
1. Receptive Lives: hopeful view of Jesus. 5:21-29
2. Rewarded with Mercy: Jesus responds to them. 5:30-36
3. Reversal: mockery to amazement. 5:37-43.



22. (6:Hard-unbelief.) **Unbelief- Fleshly View:** viewing Jesus in fleshly way.

Mark 6:1 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his **disciples followed** him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “**Where did this man** get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the **carpenter**, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they **took offense** at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, “A **prophet** is not **without honor**, except in his **hometown** and among his relatives and in his own **household**.” ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their **unbelief**. And he went about among the villages teaching.

1. Hardened Views: Limited View leads to Offense. 6:1-3
2. Hinders Faith: Dishonor Jesus/ unreceptive to Word. 6:4-5.
3. Hard Hearts: ruined by Unbelief. 6:6.



4. Teen Disciple: Sent to Represent Jesus Mashiach, the Good Shepherd.

23. **Over-shepherd- Authorizes to Represent/ Proclaim Jesus:** Disciples represent Jesus in His authority.

7 And he called the twelve and began to **send them out two by two**, and gave them **authority over the unclean spirits**.⁸ He **charged them** to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.^[b] ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, **stay** there until you depart from there.”¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a **testimony** against them.”¹² So they went out and **proclaimed** that people should **repent**.¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.^{14a} **King Herod heard** of it, for Jesus’^[c] **name had become known...**

1. Partnering Relationship: Mashiach sends as Team.6:7

2. Power to Represent Mashiach: over unclean). 6:8-11

3. Provision from God: Freed to Meet and Testify Freely. 6:12-13.

~~Some^[c] said, “John the Baptist^[c] has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.”¹⁵ But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not,²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.~~

~~²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.”²³ And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.”²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”²⁵ And she~~

~~came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's ⁴⁰ head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.~~

24. **Responsible Teacher/ Shepherds:** Reporting and Resting in Jesus to care for Sheep.

30 The apostles **returned** to Jesus and **told him** all that they had **done** and **taught**. 31 And he said to them, "**Come away** by yourselves to a desolate place and **rest** a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a **desolate** place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them 34 When he went ashore he saw a **great crowd**, and he **had compassion on them**, because they were like **sheep** without a **shepherd**. And he began to **teach** them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered them, "**You give them something to eat.**" And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii^[g] worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

25. **Responsible Prayer:** Resting and Reviewing with Father past Ministry.

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he **dismissed** the crowd. 46 And after he had taken **leave** of them, he went up on **the mountain to pray**. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was **alone on the land**. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night^[h] he

came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were **terrified**. But immediately he spoke to them and said, (**“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”** ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly **astounded**, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were **hardened**.

26. **Touch- Focused Faith** reaches out for the Lord’s Touch.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might **touch** even the fringe of his garment. And as many as **touched** it were **made well**.

27. **Distant Hearts:** People-Pleasing voids Word of God for Human Doctrine

Mark 7:1 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, ^[a] holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. ^[b] And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches. ^[c] ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, **“Why do your disciples not walk** according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands? ⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, **“‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’** ⁸ You leave the **commandment** of God and hold to the **tradition** of men.” ⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the **commandment** of God in order to establish your **tradition**! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) ^[d] — ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making **void the word of God** by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

28. **Defiled Heart:** Self-Righteous Appearance corrupts person.

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand ¹⁵ There is nothing **outside** a person that by going into him can **defile** him, but the things **that come out** of a person are what **defile** him." ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile **him**, ¹⁹ since it **enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?**"^[1] (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what **defiles** him. ²¹ For from within, **out of the heart** of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they **defile a person.**"

29. **Humbled Heart:** Ears opened and mute speak.

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ^[2] And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the **children** be fed first, for it is not right to take the **children's bread** and throw it to the **dogs.**" ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; **yet even the dogs** under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was **deaf** and had a **speech impediment**, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he **sighed** and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be **opened.**" ³⁵ And his **ears** were **opened**, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus^[h] charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the

more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the **deaf hear** and the **mute speak**."

30. Compassionate Heart: Gives to meet needs

Mark 8:1 In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, ² "I have **compassion** on the **crowd**, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ⁴ And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁵ And he asked them, "How many loaves do you **have**?" They said, "Seven." ⁶ And he **directed** the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and **gave** them to his disciples to **set before the people**; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. ¹⁰ And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

31. Hardened Hearts: Self-Ruling Unbelief: Blinds Perception and Grows to misdirect understanding.

¹¹ The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to **test him**. ¹² And **he sighed deeply in his spirit** and said, "Why does this generation seek a **sign**? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." ¹³ And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side. ¹⁴ Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵ And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the **leaven of the Pharisees** and the leaven of Herod." ¹⁶ And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. ¹⁷ And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do **you not yet perceive or understand**? Are your **hearts hardened**?" ¹⁸ Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." ²⁰ "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." ²¹ And he said to them, "**Do you not yet understand**?"

²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then Jesus^[c] laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

5. Mature Adult Disciples: Surrendering Lives for Jesus Mashiach as Life-giving Servants..

32. Suffering Servant: Mashiach Suffers to Serve His People.

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples "Who do **people say that I am?**" ²⁸ And they told him, "**John** the Baptist; and others say, **Elijah**; and others, one of the **prophets.**" ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You **are the Christ.**" ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them **that the Son of Man must suffer** many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly.

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1. Unknown/misunderstood in World: no honor or recognition.)8:27-28
2. Under Authority: Honored by God as Anointed Redeemer 8:29-30
3. Unlikely Suffering/ Resurrection: The Son of Man to suffer/ only to rise) 8:31-32



32a. Servants Share in Suffering: Lose life for sake of Mashiach.

³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and **began to rebuke him.** ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, **Satan!** For you are not setting your mind on **the things of God**, but on the **things of man.**"

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his **cross** and **follow** me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life^[1] will lose it, but whoever **loses his life for my sake** and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his **soul**? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his **soul**? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will **the Son of Man also be ashamed** when he comes in **the glory of his Father** with the holy angels."

1. Self-Protection: fleshly mind set on world/Satan not God. 8:32-33
2. Serving Jesus in Kingdom: deny/crucify self to Follow. 8:34
3. Saving Soul: lose life for Jesus/ Lose all the world. 8:35-37
4. Side with Son of Man: belong to him in glory. 8:38-



33. Revealing Kingdom's Hidden Glory: Focus Faith on Jesus alone.

Mark 9:1 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they **see** the **kingdom of God** after it has **come** with **power**."

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was **transfigured** before them, ³ and his clothes became **radiant, intensely white**, as no one^[a] on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "**Rabbi**,^[b] it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were **terrified**. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my **beloved Son**; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them **but Jesus only**.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until **the Son of Man had risen** from the **dead**. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" ¹² And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of **the Son of Man** that he should **suffer** many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

- 1.f Revealed: Comes with Power) 9:1
2. King Radiant: Reality is Blinding in flesh) 9:2-5
3. Kingdom Terrifying to Flesh: See only Jesus, beloved Son) 9:6-8.
4. Kingdom Timing: when humbled Son of Man resurrected). 9:9-13



34. Prayer for Spiritual Cleansing: Kingdom Conflict

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all **the crowd**, when they saw him, were greatly **amazed** and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "**Teacher**, I brought my son to you, for he has a **spirit** that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your **disciples** to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "**O faithless generation**, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But **if you can** do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! **All things** are **possible** for one who **believes**." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out^[1] and said, "**I believe; help my unbelief!**" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could **we not cast it out?**" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be **driven out** by anything but **prayer**."^[2]

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1. Demonic Enslavement: complete control over helpless) 8:14-17
2. Doubting Generation: don't recognize Jesus nor followers) 8:18-20
3. Deny Unbelief: Repent of limiting Jesus) 8:21-24
4. Drive out Spiritual Bondage: Only by Prayer.) 8:25-29



**Teacher
to Student**
(Self-Righteous)



**Master
to Master**
(Self-Ruling)



**Lord
to Servant**
(Subject Sinner)

35. Kingdom Service: Great Position is Last to Serves All

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “**The Son of Man** is going to be **delivered** into the hands of men, and they will **kill him**. And when he is killed, after three days he **will rise**.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was **the greatest**. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be **first**, he **must be last** of all and **servant of all**.” ³⁶ And he **took a child** and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such **child in my name receives me**, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”



36. Kingdom Unity: Focus on Lord not differences for advantage.

38 John said to him, “**Teacher**, we saw someone casting out demons **in your name**, and we tried to stop him, because he was **not following us**.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work **in my name** will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is **not against us is for us**. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you **belong to Christ** will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² “Whoever causes one of **these little ones** who believe in me to **sin**,^[h] it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to **enter life crippled** than with two hands to go to **hell**, to the unquenchable fire.” ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be **salted with fire**.^[i] ⁵⁰ **Salt is good**, but if the salt has lost its **saltiness**, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

1. Kingdom Unity: Name of Mashiach Unites, no other name. 8:38-40
2. Kingdom Children: Pure witness needs to be protected. 8:41-48
3. Kingdom Sacrifice Tested: fire tests offering. 8:49-50

Human Judgments:

Status: Great-Good-Bad/ Equal Brotherhood:

Division: Us-Them/ Shared Mission

Little Child: only distinction/ Sole Relationship.



37. Kingdom Faithfulness: Marital Unity.

Mark 10:1 And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² And **Pharisees** came up and in order **to test him** asked, “Is it lawful for a man to **divorce** his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your **hardness of heart** he wrote you this **commandment**. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,^[a] ⁸ and the **two shall become one flesh**.’ So they are no longer two **but one flesh**. ⁹ What therefore God has **joined** together, let not man separate.”

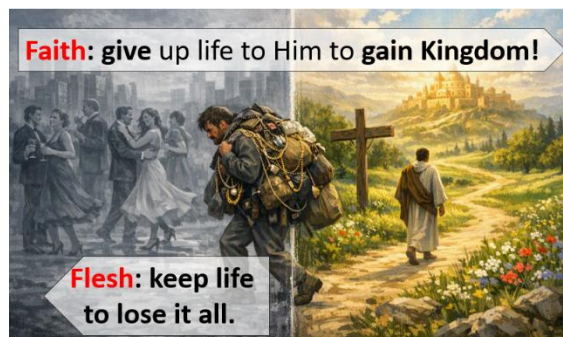
¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

38. Children Enter Kingdom: Humbled Children

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the **children come to me**; do not hinder them, for to such **belongs the kingdom of God**. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not **receive the kingdom of God** like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “**Good Teacher**, what must **I do to inherit eternal life?**” 18 And Jesus said to him, “**Why** do you call me good? No one is good except **God alone**. 19 You know the **commandments**: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” 20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all **these I have kept** from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “**You lack one thing**: go, **sell all** that you have and **give** to the poor, and you will **have treasure in heaven**; and come, **follow me**.” 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to **enter the kingdom of God!**” 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how **difficult** it is to **enter the kingdom** of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a **rich** person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, [c] “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. **For all things are possible with God.**” 28 Peter began to say to him, “See, **we have left everything** and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not **receive a hundredfold now in this time**, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in **the age to come eternal life**. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

1. Entering Kingdom: Humble Heirs. 10:13-16.
2. Entrenched Self-Sufficiency: minimizes Lord/ entitled alienation. 10:17-21.
3. Earthly Loyalty: Unwilling to give up possessions to Gain Lord. 10:22-27
4. Entrust All Life to Jesus: Gain eternal Inheritance. 10:28-31



Teacher
to Student
(Self-Righteous)



Master
to Master
(Self-Ruling)



Lord
to Servant
(Subject Sinner)

40. Life-giving Service: Son of Man Saves: Gives Life a Ransom- true glory

32 And they were on the road, **going up to Jerusalem**, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they **were amazed**, and those who **followed** were **afraid**. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and **the Son of Man** will be **delivered** over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will **condemn him to death** and **deliver** him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and **kill him**. And after three days he will **rise**³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "**Teacher**, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your **glory**." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The **cup that I drink you will drink**, and with the **baptism** with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been **prepared**." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ." ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the **Gentiles lord it over them**, and their great ones exercise **authority** over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be **great** among you must be your **servant**,^[d] ⁴⁴ and whoever would be **first** among you must be **slave**^[e] of all. ⁴⁵ For even **the Son of Man** came not to be served but to **serve**, and to give his **life as a ransom** for many."

Ransom: Life-losing-Life-giving service (Moravians)

1. Witnessing Kingdom Justice: the Heir is humbly killed to be gloriously raised. 10:32-34
2. Kingdom Glory: Sacrificial Servant Leaders. 10:35-44;
3. Kingdom Growth: Son of Man's sacrificial service is life-giving ransom 10:45

6. Parental Disciples: Household Shepherd: Raising up Families.

6A(41). **Mission of Mashiach:** The **Son of David:** Merciful King. Mark 10:46-52

1. Merciful Mashiach, the Son of David: mercy for hopeless (Mark 10:46)
2. Moving Desperation: persistently seeking the Son of David)(10:47-50)
3. Miraculous Reward for Faith: Sight to follow)(10:51-52)

46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a **blind beggar**, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, **Son of David**, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "**Son of David**, have **mercy** on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him "**Rabbi, let me recover my sight.**" ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; **your faith** has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and **followed him** on the way.

6C(42). **King and Kingdom:** Children Blessing the Coming Lord and His Kingdom. 11:1-11

1. Preparing King's Entry: Provision for Procession. (11:1-6)
2. Pleading for Salvation and Blessing: Mashiach comes in Lord's name)(11:7-9)
3. Promised Kingdom of Davidic Mashiach: Awaiting blessed day!)(11:10-11)

Mark 11:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus **sent two** of his disciples ² and said to them, "**Go** into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The **Lord** has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they **brought the colt** to Jesus and **threw their cloaks** on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others **spread leafy branches** that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "**Hosanna! Blessed** is he who **comes in the name of the Lord!**" ¹⁰ Blessed is the **coming kingdom** of our **father David!** Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹ And he **entered Jerusalem** and went into **the temple**. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

6B(43). **Fruitful House of Prayer:** Israel Fruitless Fig Tree abandons its mission as a House of Prayer for all nations. 11:12-19

1. Season of Fruitlessness: Israel resists the source of its Fruit, Mashiach. (Mark 11:12-14).
2. Source of Fruitlessness: House turned into worldly commerce. (11:15-16)
3. Symbol of Future: Temple signifies future House of Prayer for Nations: (11:17-19)

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, **he was hungry**. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a **fig tree** in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was **not the season for figs**. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever **eat fruit** from you again." And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered **the temple** and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all the nations**'? But you have made it a **den of robbers**." ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was **astonished** at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

6CP(44). **Kingdom-moving Prayer:** Israel to be Moved from place of Unbelief. 11:20-25

1. Rebuking Israel's Fruitlessness: by faith, know obstruction to God's plan (11:20-22).
2. Removing Mountainous Unbelief: thrown into judgment if Faith matches God's mind (11:23)
3. Receive Answer by Aligning Faith with God's Purpose: Know God by Faith. (11:24-25).

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the **fig tree withered** away to its **roots**. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have **faith in God**. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this **mountain**, 'Be taken up and thrown **into the sea**,' and **does not doubt** in his heart, but **believes** that what he says will come to pass, it will be **done** for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask in prayer**, believe that you have received^[1] it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

6A(45). God-Anointed Mashiach: Authority as Mashiach Questioned: People-based Faith.

11:27-33

1. Self-Justification: Priests claim a religious authority to name Mashiach. 11:27-28
2. Source of Authority: Jesus challenges their source of authority 11:29-30
3. Source of Unbelief: Fear People not God. 11:31-33.

²⁷ And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, ²⁸ and they said to him, “**By what authority** are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” ²⁹ Jesus said to them, “I will ask you **one question**; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ Was the **baptism of John** from **heaven** or from **man**? Answer me.” ³¹ And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ³² But shall we say, ‘From man’?”—they were **afraid** of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. ³³ So they answered Jesus, “**We do not know.**” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

6A(45a). Rightful Heir and Firstborn Son: opposing Mashiach. 12:1-10

1. Rightful Ruler: God is Rightful Lord over His vineyard, Israel. 12:1-2.
2. Refusing to Honor: Tenants, like Israel, usurped for Self-purpose Vineyard. 12:3-5
3. Rejecting the Heir: As a result, Seek to steal inheritance from Mashiach to keep control. 12:6-10.

Mark 12:1 And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a **vineyard** and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to **tenants** and went into another country. ² When the season came, he sent a servant^[a] to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will **respect my son.**’ ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the **heir**. Come, let **us kill him**, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and **destroy** the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the **builders rejected**
has become the **cornerstone**;^[c]

¹¹ this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

¹² And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

46. **Spiritual Kingdom/ Earthly Kingdom:** Serving God.

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances,^[c] but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to **pay taxes to Caesar**, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” ¹⁵ But, knowing their **hypocrisy**, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius^[d] and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, “**Whose likeness** and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar's.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “**Render to Caesar** the things that are Caesar's, **and to God** the things that are God's.” And they marveled at him.

6A(47). **Raised Up Redeeming Seed: Willful Blindness.** 12:18-27 (cf 2 Samuel 7:12; Jer. 23:5-6).

- 1) Willful Blindness: Choose to ignore God's promise to “raise up Seed” for David by *duty-yibbum* and *redemptive right—geullah*. 12:18-23.
- 2) Wrong Thinking/Question/Conclusion: don't know scripture nor the power of God. 12:24
- 3) Wandering from Truth: Fleshly understanding is based on limited earthly experience—can't account for *freedom of resurrection* nor *God's nature of life-giver*. 12:25-27.

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must **take the widow** and **raise up offspring** for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, **whose wife** will she be? For the seven **had her as wife**.” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are **wrong**, because you **know neither the Scriptures** nor the **power of God**? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **like angels in heaven**. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush,

how God spoke to him, saying, '**I am the God of Abraham**, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, **but of the living**. You are quite wrong."

6B(48). **Foundational Command: Love.** : Fear God. 12:28-34

1. Prioritizing the Commandments: 12:28
2. Unity of Lord God inspires Family Love: 12:29-31
3. Love orders sacrifice in Kingdom of God. 12:32-34

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "**Which commandment** is the most **important** of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, '**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**' ³⁰ And you shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that **he is one**, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much **more than** all whole burnt **offerings** and **sacrifices**." ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are **not far from the kingdom of God**." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

6A(49). **Dual Sonship of Mashiach:** Son of David, Son of God. 12:35-37

1. Limited Understanding: fleshly teaching sees only human Mashiach. 12:35
2. Lordship of Mashiach: David admits Mashiach is not just Son but his Lord. 12:36
3. Lordship from God: David's only Lord is God. 12:37

³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the **Christ** is the **son of David**?" ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'**The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.**'" ³⁷ **David** himself calls him **Lord**. So how is he his **son**?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

50. Sacrificing Life: Offering to please God.

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the **scribes**, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have **the best seats** in the synagogues

and the **places of honor** at feasts, ⁴⁰ who **devour** widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the **greater condemnation.**"

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a **poor widow** came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all **contributed out of their abundance**, but she out of her **poverty** has put in **everything she had**, all she had to **live on.**"

6C(51-52). Israel's Future Birth Pains:: Kingdom Established in Israel. 13:1-8

- 1) Passing World: Disciples must know Kingdom's coming. 13:1-4
- 2) Preparatory Pains: Ready Israel for faith in Mashiach and his coming: 13:5-7
- 3) Pains lead to Israel's Rebirth: All Israel will turn to Jesus Mashiach for life. 13:8

Mark 13:1 And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and **what wonderful buildings!**" ² And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There **will not be left** here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

³ And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, **when will these things be**, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?"

52. Birth Pains: False Messiahs after Church ends.

⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in **my name**, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ And when you hear of wars and **rumors** of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be **earthquakes** in various places; there will be **famines**. These are but the beginning of the **birth pains**."

6.10.C(53). Israel Proclaims Gospel (3.5 years). 13:9-13: All Nations

- 1) Remnant witnesses to Israel: persecuted. 13:9
- 2) Repentance and Rebirth: Israel turns to Mashiach and proclaims gospel by the Spirit to all nations. 13:10-11
- 3) Reborn Israel: proclaims Gospel to the very end. 13:12-13.

⁹ “But **be on your guard**. For they will **deliver** you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰ And the **gospel** must first be **proclaimed** to **all nations**. ¹¹ And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, **do not be anxious beforehand** what you are to say, but **say whatever is given you** in that hour, for it is **not you who speak**, but the **Holy Spirit**. ¹² And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³ And you will be **hated** by all for my name's sake. But the one who **endures to the end** will be saved.

6C(54-55). Tribulation and Return (3.5 years): Time of Antichrist. 13:14-27

1. Abomination Defiles Temple: Start of 3.5 years of Antichrist. 13:14-20.
2. False Christ and False Prophet. Deception. 13:21-23.
3. The Son of Man comes with Clouds. 13:24-27.

¹⁴ “But when you see the **abomination of desolation** standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are **in Judea flee** to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, ¹⁶ and let the one who is in the field **not turn back to take his cloak**. ¹⁷ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! **18 Pray that it may not happen in winter**. ¹⁹ For in those days there will be such **tribulation** as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. ²⁰ And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. ²¹ And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ **do not believe it**. ²² For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform **signs and wonders**, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. ²³ But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

55. The Son of Man comes with Clouds.

²⁴ “But in those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will **see the Son of Man coming in clouds** with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

6C(56). Fig Tree Ripens before Birth Pains: Jews turn to Jesus Mashiach

1. Ripening Fig Tree: the last generation. 13:28-31.
2. Surrounding Circumstances Unknown: 13:32
3. Servants and Doorkeepers must stay awake! 13:33-37

²⁸ “From **the fig tree** learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its **leaves**, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, **this generation** will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But concerning that **day or that hour**, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on **guard, keep awake.** ³⁴ For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants ³⁵ in charge, each with his work, and commands the **doorkeeper** to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, ³⁶ or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: **Stay awake.**”

7. Elder Disciples: Generational Shepherds .

57. Anointed for Sacrifice: Fulfilling Passover

- 1) Fulfilling Passover: Jesus Mashiach faces death as God's chosen Sacrifice. 14:1-2
- 2) Firstborn Son Anointed as Lamb: precious lamb to redeem Family. 14:3-7 (Zech. 12:10)
- 3) Fragrant Offering of Body: prepares self for sacrifice. 14:8-9

Mark 14:1 It was now two days before **the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread**. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and **kill him**, ²for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask **of** ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and **poured it over his head**. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii^[b] and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has **anointed my body** beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the **gospel** is proclaimed in **the whole world**, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

58. Betrayed by Friend:

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to **betray him** to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him....

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you **will betray me**, one who is **eating** with me." ¹⁹They began to be **sorrowful** and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

59 Bringing Life to Household by his Sacrifice: Body and Blood given up.

- 1) Life-giving Bread: the body of Jesus given for life of family. 14:22
- 2) Lasting Covenant in Cup: the blood of Jesus seals covenant of peace. 14:23-24
- 3) Life Together in Kingdom of God: awaiting together. 14:25

¹² And on the first day of **Unleavened Bread**, when they **sacrificed the Passover lamb**, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and **prepare** for you to eat the **Passover**?" ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and where he goes, go there. Where he stays, stay there, and where he eats, you will eat there. Where he sleeps, you will sleep there. Where he goes, go there, and where he eats, you will eat there. Where he sleeps, you will sleep there." ¹⁴ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁵ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ²² And as they were eating, he took **bread**, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; **this is my body**." ²³ And he took a **cup**, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is **my blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many." ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the **kingdom of God**."

60. **Shepherd Struck**: sheep flee.

- 1) Sheep to be scattered: Jesus prepares disciples for failure. 14:26
- 2) Shepherd Struck: endures discipline for the flock. 14:27-28.
- 3) Self-confident flesh powerless: Peter blind to his own shortcoming. 14:29-33

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will **all fall away**, for it is written, 'I will **strike the shepherd**, and the **sheep** will be **scattered**.'" ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, **you will deny me** three times." ³¹ But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

61. **Sacrificial Prayer: Pouring out Soul**: Doing the Father's Will

- 1) Praying in his Distress: sacrificing all to the Father. 14:32-33.
- 2) Pouring out his Soul: facing death and total loss. 14:34
- 3) Surrenders to Father's Will: accepts cup. 14:35-36

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I **pray**." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly **distressed** and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My **soul is very sorrowful, even to death**. Remain here and watch." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. **Remove this cup** from me. Yet **not what I will**, but what **you will**." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. **The Son of Man is betrayed** into the **hands of sinners**." ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

62. **Crowd Rejects Mashiach:** Taken by Force

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a **crowd with swords and clubs**, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the **betrayer** had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant^[e] of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with **swords** and **clubs** to **capture me**? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the **Scriptures be fulfilled**." ⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled. ⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

63. **Sacrificial Witness:** Jesus **testifies** that He is the Christ, **the Son of the Blessed**.

- 1) Testifying before Religious Power of Israel: Hidden King. 14:53-54\
- 2) Taking Reproach of false witnesses. 14:55-59.
- 3) Truth demanded by High Priest: Blind to Kingdom Reality. 14:60
- 4) Testifies that he is "the Son of God" and "the Son of Man." 14:61-65.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council^[f] **were seeking testimony against** Jesus to put him **to death**, but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against him, but

their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore **false witness against him**, saying, ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their **testimony did not agree.** ⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the **high priest** asked him, “Are you **the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?**” ⁶² And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see **the Son of Man** seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” ⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have **heard his blasphemy.** What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving **death.** ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows.

64. **Peter denies Jesus:** regrets it.

⁵³ And they led Jesus to **the high priest.** And all the **chief priests and the elders** and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴ And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸ But he **denied it**, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway ⁶⁹ and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, **you will deny me three times.**” And he broke down and **wept.**

65. **King of the Jews Crucified:** Hidden Kingdom Reality

- 1) Testifies as King of the Jews: Reason for crucifixion. 15:1-3.
- 2) Takes questioning Silently: no pleading for life. 15:4-15
- 3) Testimony given by mocking soldiers: 15:16-20

Mark 15:1 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And **they bound Jesus** and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him, “Are you **the King of the Jews?**” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵ But Jesus made **no further answer**, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ And they cried out again, “**Crucify him.**” ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged^[a] Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶ And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters),^[b] and they called together the whole battalion.^[c] ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and **kneeling down in homage to him.** ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

66..**Crucified on Cross to Save Others:** Gives up all things.

- 1) Reality of Kingdom Revealed: King of Jews saves others by not saving self; 15:21—32.
- 2) Ransom for Sin: Mashiach gives up his life with the Father. 15:33-37.
- 3) Result of Sacrificial Death: veil separating God and man torn. 15:38-41.

²¹ And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, **to carry his cross.** ²² And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And **they crucified him** and **divided his garments** among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third

hour^[d] when they crucified him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against him read, “**The King of the Jews.**” ²⁷ And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁸ ²⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “**He saved others; he cannot save himself.**” ³² Let the **Christ, the King of Israel**, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

67. **On Cross takes on Dark Sin and Death:** The Son of God died to the Father.

³³ And when the sixth hour^[i] had come, there was **darkness over the whole land** until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**” ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the **curtain of the temple was torn in two**, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he^[h] breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was **the Son of God!**” ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

68. **Buried in Tomb:** With Rich in Death.

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself **looking for the kingdom of God**, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. ^[j] And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph^[k] bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he **rolled a stone** against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

69. **Women hear of His Resurrection:** Tell Discples

- 1) Resurrected Mashiach announced: 16:1-8.
- 2) Reveals Himself and Rebukes Unbelief/ Hardened Hearts: 16:9-14
- 3) Reclaims World as sends disciples to preach gospel to all Creation. 16:15-29

Mark 16:1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to **the tomb**. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a **young man** sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He has risen**; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, **tell his disciples and Peter** that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

70. **Risen Mashiach sends Disciples to Proclaim Gospel:** to the whole world.

⁹ Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he **appeared first to Mary Magdalene**, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would **not believe it**. ¹² After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. ¹³ And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. ¹⁴ Afterward he **appeared to the eleven themselves** as they were reclining at table, and he **rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "**Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation**. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

¹⁹ So then **the Lord Jesus**, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.