

Nothing is impossible with God
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Mark 10:23-27
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There is nothing that our God cannot do.

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Study of the leadership team

The intent of the study is for us to realize that nothing is impossible with God. Certainly, there are doubts in the midst; and there are complaints amongst the people -- but truly when we go before God, face to face, all of us will fall in awe of who He is.

Know that there is nothing impossible with God

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Because we are in need of healing from the busyness of our lives -- for our relationship from God

How God heals and restores us

Physical and emotional healing
(1:29-31; 1:32-34; 3:3-5; 3:9-12; 5:2,13-15; 6:5; 6:55-56; 7:32-35; 8:22-25; 9:17-27)
Raising of the dead; healing even when we feel it is too late
(5:22-23, 35-42)
Power over environment/circumstances; Peace in times of chaos
(1:10; 4:39-41; 6:48-52; 11:13-14, 20-25)

What leads to healing

Obedience leads to healing
(1:38-39)
Bold faith in goodness of God leads to healing
(1:40-42; 10:46-52)
Simple faith leads to healing
(5:24-34)
Healing because of love of friends
(2:4-11)

Abilities that God can give us

Authority given to us to heal and cast out demons; also to bless others
(3:14-15; 6:7, 12-13; 1-:13-16)
Gives us wisdom to speak and act wisely, that many would be amazed
(6:2)
God can more than provide for our lacks; he can multiply even the little we have
(6:34,40-44; 8:4-9)

Foretelling of the future
(8:31-33; 10:33-34; 13:1-2; 14:27-30)
God can transform us to do mighty deeds
(9:2-4)

God's special care for His children

God prepares the way for us
(16:3-4)

Guidance and protection
(1:12-13)

God's love is for everyone -- His healing is available even to those that may feel worthless
(7:25-30)

Death has no power over us, over our God. He is mightier than even death and life.
(16:5-7)

Forgiveness of sins - He saves us and welcomes us to His presence; direct relationship with God
(2:4-11; 10:23-27; 15:37-38)

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17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." 21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

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(17-22) This story is about someone who kept the laws – who tried hard to do what is right and good – things he learned from his childhood. He did well to keep to them – just like many of you do. Many of you keep the Sabbath, some even other worship services. Many of you work hard at your work places, or your schools. You work hard at the places you have been assigned. Many of you give offering, many of you are obedient to your parents, many of you do your best toward others. . . but that's not enough. Those good works do not save you...

What more then is needed? For you to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength" (네 마음을 다하고 정성을 다하고 뜻을 다하여 주 너의 하나님을 사랑하라) – the first commandment (Matthew 22:37). The problem is, we become so overwhelmed by the things of the world that these things, these laws, become a higher priority than to our love for God. **We let works become our God, our savior – this leads to our destruction.**

And it is impossible for us to think otherwise, that is why He says, "재산이 많은 사람은 하나님의 나라에 들어가기 정말 어렵다", "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 재산 = 세상에 바쁨, the world's affairs

And we are driven to do more and more, and expected to do more; then we add to our own pursuits, our own desires – we have much in our minds – **then, who can be saved? 그렇다면 누가 구원을 받을 수 있겠는가?** (v. 26)

It is impossible for man, but all things are possible for God
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(Coram Deo)

So, go seek restoration in the Lord – ask Him for healing. What is keeping you from a deep relationship with God? What takes away your mind from God? What keeps you so preoccupied to prevent you from keeping the first commandment?

Retreat purpose -- to know that God can do all things to take care of you -- that He wants the best for you – there is nothing impossible for God

Because you know about His love for you, you would trust Him, and obediently live your life for others, as He has called us

Before you go today, I want you to know there is nothing that is impossible for God.

Do you limit God in your understanding of what He can do?

From what do you believe God can deliver you?

Do you believe He will do it?

Leadership – I look forward to seeing your faith that God can do all things. Your inputs are due next week.

Scripture Reference	Description	Category	Implications
1:10	Heaven splits, Holy Spirit descends – power over environment	Power over Environment Peace in times of chaos	Even when the world seems hectic and all around may be chaos – God can bring about His peace – this is similar to God preparing a table before me in the presence of my enemies (Psalm 23)
1:12-13	Spirit compels (directs, guides) us to go somewhere; the place may not make sense, but it was guided by God, He protected	Guidance and protection	Obedience to God may lead us to places that may not be familiar to us. We can trust that God has the best in mind and trust Him as we go through the difficulties (unfamiliar places)
1:29-31	High fever of Simon’s mother-in-law healed	Physical healing from sickness	God may lead us to pray for most unsuspecting people – but trust and obey, He will show His glory and love to the person.
1:32-34	Many sick and demon possessed people	Healing from emotional and physical sickness	Be ready. God can use us to cover multitude of people
1:38-39	Traveled to different places to show healing	Healing shown by our obedience to His guidance	Perhaps for some of us, God doesn’t want us to remain where we are
1:40-42	Person with leprosy was bold and said – “if you are willing, you can make me clean”	Healing due to our bold faith in goodness of God	We certainly need boldness to come before God knowing that He is good and wants to give us the best. Then, if we know what is best for us, we can pray boldly and He would bring about healing
2:4-11	Paralyzed man healed by help (and faith) of friends Jesus says “your sins are forgiven” then says “stand up and pick up your mat”	Healing because of love of friends Forgiveness of sins	We need forgiveness of sins – (open relationship with God) This opens doors for healing and blessings
3:3-5	Jesus heals a person with deformed hand	Physical healing of innate sickness	Physical healing – whether innate or something that we acquired – nothing is impossible with God
3:9-12	Healed many sick and demon possessed	Healing from emotional and physical sickness	Jesus certainly can still do the same today
3:14-15	Gave others (apostles) authority to cast out demons	God gives us authority to perform miracles	Authority is needed to cast away demons – that same authority has been given to us by the Holy Spirit. We too should cast out demons as the Lord directs us
4:39-41	Jesus calms the storm	Power over Environment Peace in times of chaos	Jesus has power over nature and our environments. Whatever situation we may be facing, God is able to resolve for us.
5:2, 13-15	Jesus heals demon-possessed man	Emotional, mental, physical – any sickness cured	Animals can be affected by evil spirits (pigs in this story) No amount of demonic possession is too strong for God (here, the demons were collectively called “legion”) Our God is fully able
5:22-23, 35-42	Jesus can heal the sick or even raise the dead	Even when we feel we are too late, God can reverse all that – even bring the dead back to life	Don’t worry if Jesus takes His time on what we think are urgent – He is able to bring things back if necessary

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5:24-34	Woman of faith healed by touching cloak of Jesus	Just by going to Him, we can be healed	Simple faith is what is asked of us
6:2	“wisdom and the power to perform such miracles” “many who heard him were amazed”	God gives us wisdom to speak and act wisely. Many would be amazed.	Even though we may be uneducated, raised from a poor family, have nothing to show for – even a sinner, someone who accidentally hurts other by accident – God can use us and demonstrate His wisdom and power through us. He will make miracles happen for His glory
6:5	“place his hands on a few sick people and heal them”	Healing from emotional and physical sickness	God can still heal – He is known to heal our hurt emotions and our past. He overwhelms us with His love and grace and covers all our wrong doing. Because of His death on the cross, we are forgiven.
6:7, 12-13	“authority to cast out evil spirits” And to heal sick people, anoint them with olive oil	God gives us authority to perform miracles Also to bless others and anoint them	Jesus is the Lord of lords and King of kings – even the greatest evil spirit cannot stand to His might. He can remove any evil that may enter me, or even my congregation. He has the authority. He can enable us to cast out evil spirits too. This means we can be the light for those in darkness, those that are seeking a Savior – we can point them to Jesus
6:34, 40-44	Jesus feeds 5000	God can provide what we lack	God is able to provide what we lack, and even multiply the little we have
6:48-52	Jesus walks on water, then calms the storm	Power over Environment Peace in times of chaos	All physical things we understand can be nullified if God desires. He has sovereignty over all nature – all our environments, situations and circumstances
6:55-56	Jesus heals many	Healing from emotional and physical sickness	By the miracles of Jesus, people can come to believe. Miracle desired – that God would touch the most deepest longing of the person, and get to know God as a result
7:25-30	Jesus heals gentile because of faith	There is no one that is unable to experience the love of Jesus – from the greatest to the smallest	Our faith is what delights God. By our faith, God makes things happen
7:32-35	Jesus causes mute to speak and deaf to hear	Healing from emotional and physical sickness	Jesus can take care of our whole being – not just one items at a time like we would as humans. He is able to make us whole from whatever sicknesses we may have
8:4-9	Jesus feeds 4000	God can provide what we lack (can we believe?)	
8:22-25	Jesus heals the blind man	Physical healing from sickness	Some of us (many of us?) are spiritually blind, not knowing where God desires us to go . . . in that frustration, God can bring about healing and restore our relationship with Him.

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8:31-33	Jesus foretells future Jesus rebukes Peter because he knew Satan had influence	Predicts future – gives us guidance and preparation for things to come	God can allow us to see His heart and even see what is to come. We can also tell when evil spirits are getting in the way of unity (away from God's revealed plans)
9:2-4	Transfiguration Moses and Elijah appears	God can transform us to use us in a mighty way	God can transform us – whether physically or inwardly God can demonstrate His presence by bringing others
9:17-27	Disciples could not heal, but Jesus did	Prayer and fasting becomes essential in our lifestyle	There are different kinds of satanic oppression. Prayer and fasting becomes essential when it comes to casting out demons
10:13-16	Jesus blesses children	We too can bless others – because of who He is	The ability to bless flows from our Father – and that is a miracle. From the love we receive, let us bless
10:23-27	Impossibility to be saved – but Jesus can make it happen	There is nothing impossible with God	Rich (or those that can keep the laws) cannot enter heaven still – but God makes it possible
10:33-34	Jesus again foretells future	Predicts future – gives us guidance and preparation for things to come	
10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus Bart knew exactly what He wanted, and asked boldly	Healing due to our bold faith in goodness of God	This kind of bold faith is needed when we are certain our desires are what God desires for us. When we are certain we are on same page with God, we should ask boldly
11:13-14, 20-25	Fig tree withers at Jesus' command	Power over Environment Peace in times of chaos	Faith is key to miracles. 23-24 says we can move mountains by our faith.
13:1-2	Jesus again foretells future Temple destruction	Predicts future – gives us guidance and preparation for things to come	
14:27-30	Jesus again foretells future Peter's denial	Predicts future – gives us guidance and preparation for things to come	
15:37-38	Curtain in sanctuary of temple torn	We can now have a direct relationship with God	Jesus' death was significant in bridging our access to God. This event now allows us to commune with God directly
16:3-4	Stone already rolled away	He can prepare things in advance for us	God prepares the open doors for us
16:5-7	Jesus resurrected	Death has no power over God – there is nothing that is greater than our God	Death does not have power over Jesus. If He desires, we can raise back from the dead – we can raise people from the dead – whether physically, spiritually, emotionally
16:17-20	We will cast out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes (danger) in safety, drink poison and be ok, sick will be healed, other miraculous signs	God gives us authority to perform miracles	God equips His people to carry on Jesus' ministry. We too must then proactively go do as the Father is doing. We need to remain close to Him and obey as He guides us.

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¹⁰ As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

¹² The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, ¹³ where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

²⁹ After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew’s home. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. ³¹ So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

³² That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door to watch. ³⁴ So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

³⁸ But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. ⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” ⁴² Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.

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⁴ They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁹ Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? ¹⁰ So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ¹¹ “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

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³ Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” ⁴ Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn’t answer him. ⁵ He looked around at them angrily and was deeply

saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored!

⁹ Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him. ¹⁰ He had healed many people that day, so all the sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him shrieking, “You are the Son of God!” ¹² But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was.

¹⁴ Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach, ¹⁵ giving them authority to cast out demons.

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³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹ The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

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² When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him. ¹³ So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. ¹⁵ A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.

²² Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, ²³ pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”

²⁴ Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. ²⁵ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. ²⁸ For she thought to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. ... ³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. ³⁴ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.”

³⁵ While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, “Your daughter is dead. There’s no use troubling the Teacher now.” ³⁶ But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.” ⁴¹ Holding her hand, he said to her, “*Talitha koum,*” which means “Little girl, get up!” ⁴² And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.

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⁷ And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. ... ¹² So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

³⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. . . . ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred. ⁴¹ Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. ⁴² They all ate as much as they wanted, ⁴³ and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. ⁴⁴ A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed from those loaves!

⁴⁸ He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. ⁵⁰ They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage! I am here!" ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, ⁵² for they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.

⁵³ After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore ⁵⁴ and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, ⁵⁵ and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

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²⁵ Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, ²⁶ and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter. Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, ²⁷ Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates." ²⁹ "Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

³² A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. ³³ Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Be opened!" ³⁵ Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!

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⁴ His disciples replied, "How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?" ⁵ Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?" "Seven loaves," they replied. ⁶ So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd. ⁷ A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them.

⁸ They ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. ⁹ There were about 4,000 people in the crowd that day, and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten.

²² When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. ²³ Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" ²⁴ The man looked around. "Yes,"

he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around."²⁵ Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly.

³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.³² As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

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² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed,³ and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them.⁴ Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

¹⁷ One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk.¹⁸ And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it."¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "You faithless people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."²⁰ So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.²¹ "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy.²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."²³ "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."²⁴ The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"²⁵ When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. "Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak," he said. "I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!"²⁶ Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, "He's dead."²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.

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¹³ One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.¹⁶ Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!"²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God.²⁵ In fact, 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 The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked.²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

³³ "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans.³⁴ They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."

⁴⁶ Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” ⁵⁰ Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “My rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

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¹³ He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit. ¹⁴ Then Jesus said to the tree, “May no one ever eat your fruit again!” And the disciples heard him say it.

²⁰ The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. ²¹ Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, “Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!”

²² Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. ²³ I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. ²⁴ I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours. ²⁵ But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

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¹³ As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, “Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls.” ² Jesus replied, “Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”

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²⁷ On the way, Jesus told them, “All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸ But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” ²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” ³¹ “No!” Peter declared emphatically. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the others vowed the same.

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³⁷ Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

³ On the way they were asking each other, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶ but the angel said, “Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.”

[Shorter Ending of Mark]

Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.

[Longer Ending of Mark]

⁹ After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons.

¹⁷ These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. ¹⁸ They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.”

²⁰ And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.