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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 들어가기가 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 있젰는가?** (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** |
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| 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 being 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 |
| 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. |
| 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. |

**1**

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

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

29After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew’s home. 30Now Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. 31So 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.

32That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. 33The whole town gathered at the door to watch. 34So 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.

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

40A 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. 41Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” 42Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.

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4They 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. 5Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.” 9Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? 10So 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!”

**3**

3Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” 4Then 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. 5He 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!

9Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him. 10He had healed many people that day, so all the sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. 11And 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!” 12But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was.

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

**4**

39When 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. 40Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” 41The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

**5**

2When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him. 13So 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. 15A 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.

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

24Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. 25A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26She 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. 27She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. 28For she thought to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” 29Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. … 33Then 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. 34And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.”

35While 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.” 36But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.” 41Holding her hand, he said to her, *“Talitha koum,”* which means “Little girl, get up!” 42And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.

**6**

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

34Jesus 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.…  40So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred. 41Jesus 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. 42They all ate as much as they wanted, 43and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. 44A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed from those loaves!

48He 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, 49but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. 50They 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!” 51Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, 52for they still didn’t understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.

53After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore 54and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, 55and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56Wherever 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.

**7**

25Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, 26and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter. Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, 27Jesus 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.” 28She 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.” 30And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

32A 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. 33Jesus 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. 34Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, *“Ephphatha,”* which means, “Be opened!” 35Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!

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4His disciples replied, “How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?” 5Jesus asked, “How much bread do you have?” “Seven loaves,” they replied. 6So 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. 7A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them.

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

22When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. 23Jesus 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?” 24The man looked around. “Yes,” he said, “I see people, but I can’t see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around.” 25Then 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.

31Then 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. 32As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. 33Jesus 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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2Six 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, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. 4Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

17One 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. 18And 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.” 19Jesus 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.” 20So 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. 22The 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.” 24The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!” 25When 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!” 26Then 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.” 27But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.

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

23Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” 24This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. 25In 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!” 26The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. 27Jesus 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. 34They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again.”

46Then 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. 47When 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!” 49When 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!” 50Bartimaeus 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!” 52And 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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13He 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. 14Then Jesus said to the tree, “May no one ever eat your fruit again!” And the disciples heard him say it.

20The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. 21Peter 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!”

22Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. 23I 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. 24I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours. 25But 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.” 2Jesus 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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27On 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.’ 28But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” 29Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.” 30Jesus 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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37Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

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

5When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6but 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. 7Now 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*]**

9After 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.

17These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. 18They 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.”

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