



St. Mark (1804) by Vladimir Borovikovsky
Kazan Cathedral, Saint Petersburg, 1804

Gospel of Mark

9-17-23

chapter

1a Who Calls You?

1b Where's Your Devil?

2-5 Is There a Poem Here?

6 Satisfies

7 Includes

8 Followed

9 Strengthens

10 Serves

11 Clears

12-13 Returning

14 Willing

15 Sacrificed

16 ALIVE



R.I.P.

Toby Spurlock

3:34-35 Looking at those seated ... said,
"Here are my mother & my brothers!
Whoever does God's will **IS**
MY brother & sister & mother."

Storm on the Sea of Galilee
by Rembrandt, 1632



Is There a Poem Here?

R.I.P. Toby Spurlock



Art & Toby Spurlock



Toby Spurlock and Lewis McCarty (l-r) show Toby and his son Art's trophy and their winning Running Walker Hounds in the International Running Hound Classic. Miss My Baby S won first place (#86 right), and his Miss Rockette S (#95) won both sixth place and best mouth, among 172 hounds that hunted the 2,000-acre Deep South Running Pen Jan. 14-17, some hounds clocking 40 miles of running each day during the three-day trials in Picayune, Ms.

Teaching Outline of Gospel of Mark

G. Lacoste Munn, *Southwestern Journal of Theology* Vol. 21 - FALL 1978

Early & Late Stages of the Galilean Ministry, chapters 2-5

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for 17 Episodes

As we journey thru these
we shall BUILD a
Poem Together



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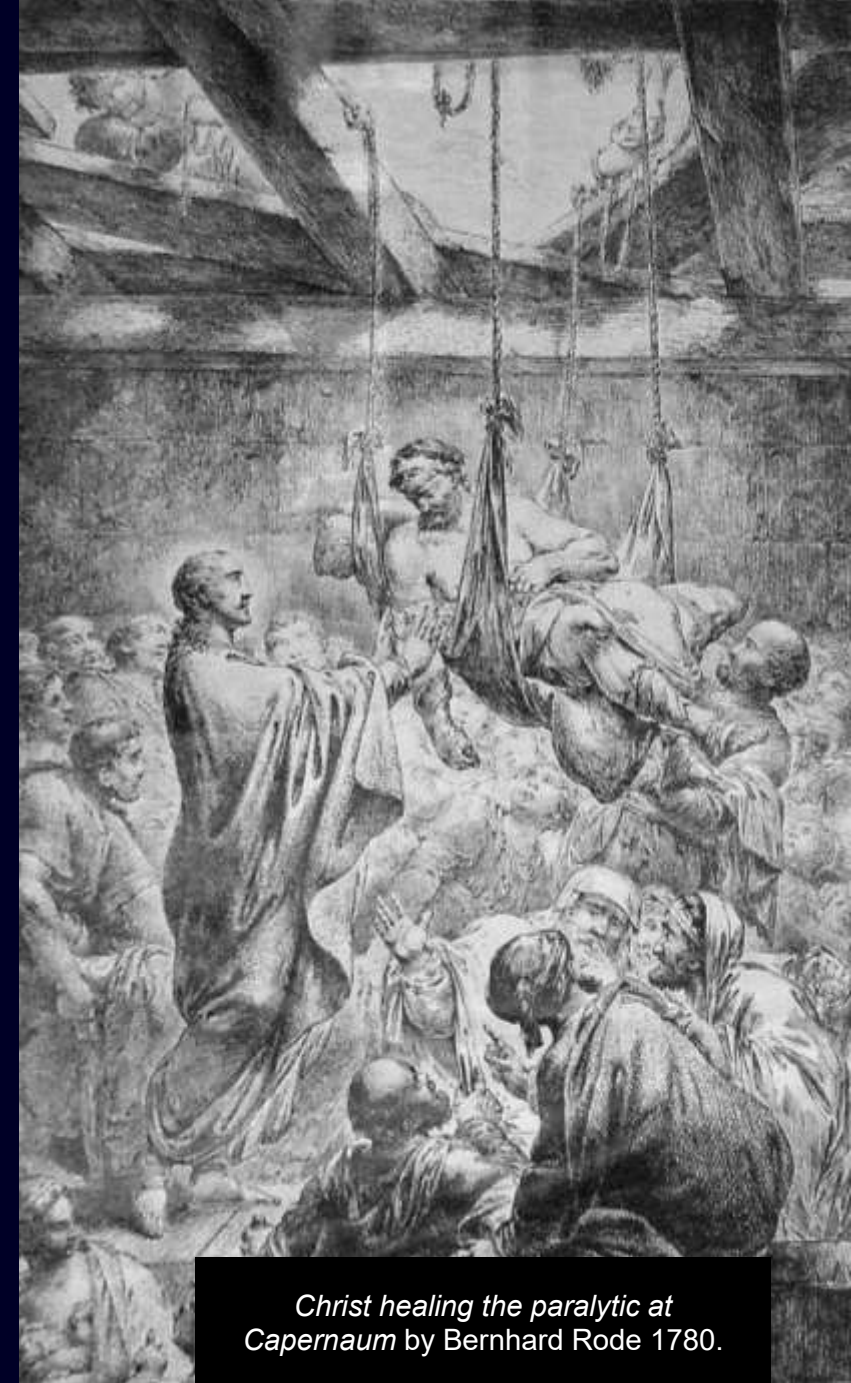
**So, in the Fellowship Class,
we began with a **Man****

**Paralyzed with friends who
let him down on a **Span****

**2:1 A few days later, when
Jesus entered Capernaum ...**

**2 They gathered in such large numbers
there was no room left ... Jesus preached ...**

**3 Some men brought a paralyzed man ...
Made an opening in the roof above Jesus....**



*Christ healing the paralytic at
Capernaum by Bernhard Rode 1780.*

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5 When Jesus saw their faith ...

“Son, your sins are forgiven.”

6 Some **TEACHERS** of the law ...

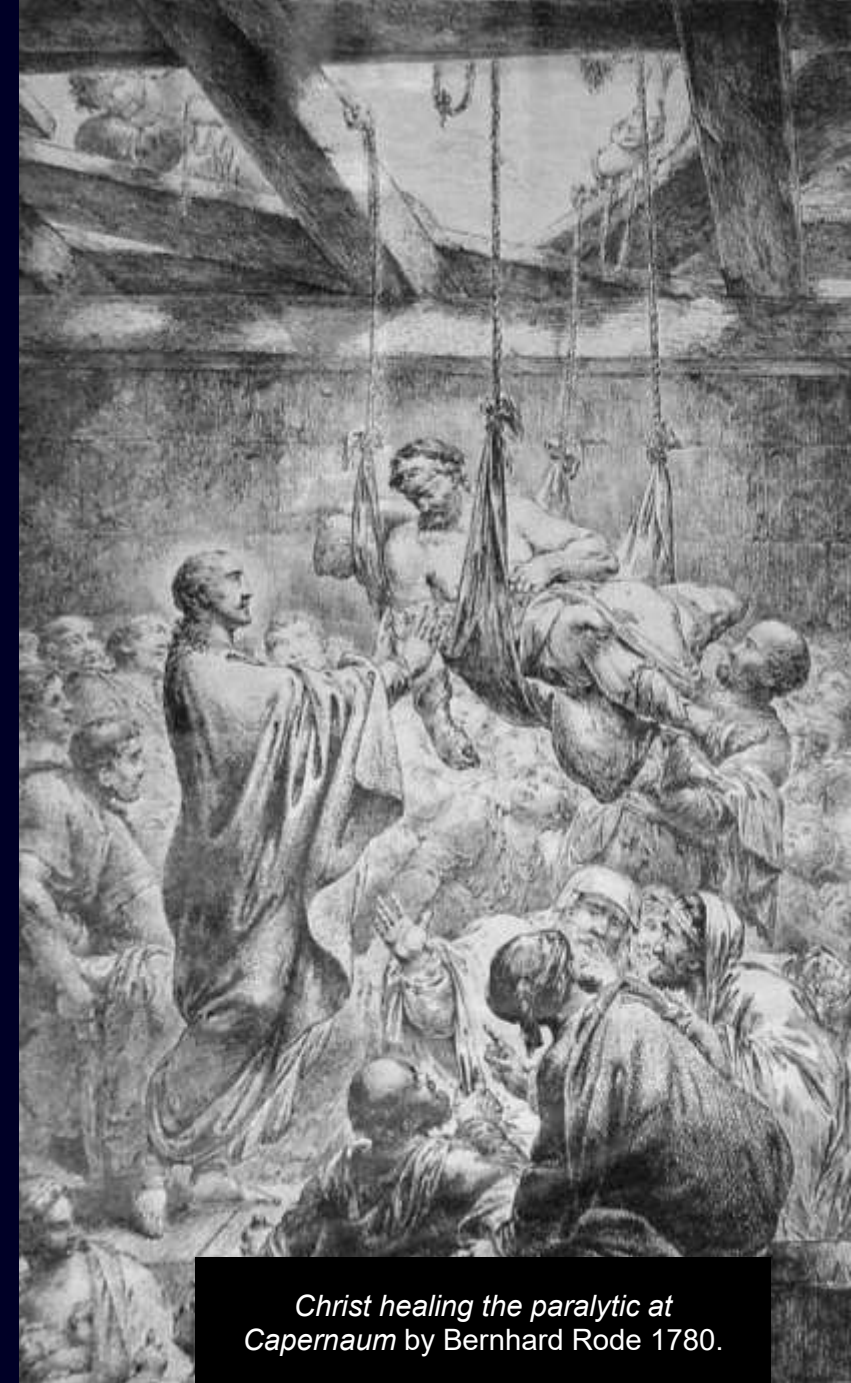
7 “Why does this fellow talk like that?
He’s blaspheming!

**WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS
BUT GOD ALONE?”**

8 Immediately, Jesus knew in his spirit ... saying
“Why are you thinking thusly?”

Some Teachers of the law
could not **Understand**

Think as they may, their mind
like a cacophonous **Band**



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**9 Which is easier to say, said Jesus
‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say,
‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?**

**10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man
has authority on earth to forgive sins.”**

So Jesus said to the man,

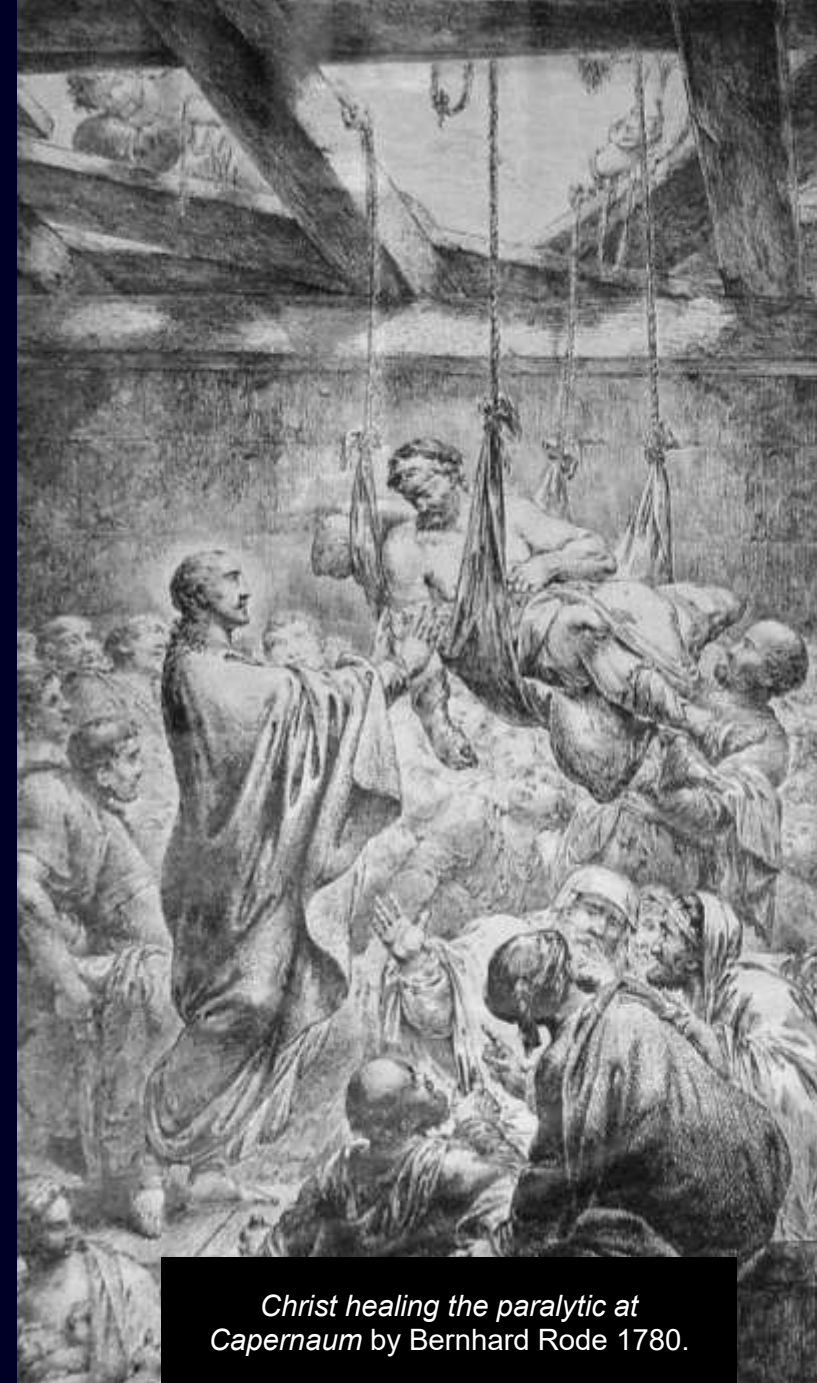
11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat & go home.”

12 He took up his mat & walked out in view of ALL.

Amazed everyone ... praised God, saying,

“We have never seen anything like this!”

**So many miracles & cast-out devils He did Surmount
Jesus worked all the harder His Father to Recount**



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2. Jesus **calls** Levi, 2:13-17

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake.

A large crowd came ... began to teach them.

14-15 He called Levi ... Levi followed – then DINNER
eating with many tax collectors & sinners

16 ...When the TEACHERS of the law ... saw ...

“Why does he eat with tax collectors & sinners?”

17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them,

“It is not the **HEALTHY** who need a doctor, but the **SICK**.

I have **NOT** come to call the **RIGHTEOUS**, but **SINNERS**.”

At this, the Fellowship Class heartily Concurred

Knowing all the while how much they need Cured

'Twas an easy thing to see how well Jesus Insured

As our well-being and eternal life He surely Secured



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3. Jesus **answers** a question about fasting, 2:18-22

18 John's disciples & the Pharisees were fasting...

“How is it that John's disciples & disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are NOT?”

19-20 *Guests do not fast while Bridegroom is present ...*

time will come when the bridegroom will be taken ...
on that day they will fast.

21 “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment....

22 No one pours new wine into old wineskins.... burst the skins....
No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”

What in the world did FASTING have to do with Cloth & Skin?

The class did pine away as though kicked in the Shin

Save that the New in the Old will always struggle & Grin

John & all of the Old were still trying to catch a New Win



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4. Disciples **pluck** grain on the sabbath, 2:23-28

23 One Sabbath Jesus was going thru grainfields ...
they began to pick some heads of grain.

24 The Pharisees said to him,
“**LOOK**, why are they doing what is
unlawful on the Sabbath?”

25 Jesus answered, “Have you never read what David....”

27 Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath
was made for man, **NOT** man for the Sabbath.

28 So the Son of Man is **LORD** even of the Sabbath.”

Ahh, how familiar to those at Woodville First Church
When the unsavory from afar do **LOOK** in & Lurch



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5. Jesus **heals** a man with a withered hand on the sabbath, 3:1-6

3:1 Another time, Jesus went into the synagogue
and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

2 Some were looking for a reason to **ACCUSE** Jesus...

3 Jesus said ... "Stand up in front of everyone."

4 Jesus asked, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath:
to do **GOOD** or to do **EVIL**, to save **LIFE** or to **KILL**?"

But they remained **SILENT**.

5 He looked at them in anger and, deeply distressed .
"Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out ... completely restored.

6 Pharisees went ... plot with the Herodians how to **KILL** Jesus.

As so often is the case, when the good people do Search
That the proud do look down from their unsavory Perch



I turned my collar
to the cold & damp
When my eyes were
stabbed by the flash
of a neon light
That *split* the night
And touched the
Sound of Silence



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6. Multitude **follows** Jesus at the seaside, 3:7-12

7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake,
and a large crowd from Galilee followed.

8 When they heard ... many people came ...
Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea ... regions across the
Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.

9 ... have a small boat ready....

10 For he had healed **MANY** ... those with diseases ... pushed forward....

11 Whenever the **IMPURE SPIRITS** saw him,
they fell down before him & cried out, “**You are the Son of God.**”

12 But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

Fellowship Class sat and pondered these many Deeds

From long ago of our Lord meeting so many great Needs



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7. Jesus **chooses** the twelve, 3:13-19

13 Jesus went up on a mountainside & called....

14 He appointed twelve ... to preach AND

15 to have authority to drive out **demons**.

16-18 ... Simon (Peter), James, John (Boanerges)
Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas
James, Thaddaeus, Simon, and
Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.



Jesus & His Disciples at the Last Supper
by Leonardo Da Vinci (1452-1519)





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Dominican Monastery

Santa Maria delle Grazie, Milan, Italy

Now thru His great disciples are sown the Gospel Seeds
Honored ever since, a task the Church boldly Leads

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8. Jesus **announces** the unpardonable sin, 3:20-30

20 Then Jesus entered a house ... not even able to eat.

21 When his family heard ... “He is out of his mind.”

family wants to do an intervention

22 Teachers of the Law from Jerusalem said,
“He is possessed by Beelzebub! ...

Prince of Demons....

23 Jesus ... said

“How can **Satan** drive out **Satan**?

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot stand.

25-27 Satan opposes himself ... cannot stand ...



Gustave Doré (1832-1883)
illustration of Satan
for John Milton's
Paradise Lost

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8. Jesus **announces** the unpardonable sin, 3:20-30

25-27 No one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up....

28 Truly, people can be forgiven all their sins ...

29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will **NEVER** be forgiven; they are **GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN**"

Bob & Barbara, Richard & Sue,
Charles & Betty, even Dale & Me—

ALL pause to reflect, even to muse,
for there's so much to **See**



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9. Jesus' mother and brothers **ask** for him, 3:31-35

31 Then Jesus' mother & brothers arrived.

Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

32 Crowd ... "Your mother & brothers are outside...."

33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

34 Then he looked at those seated ... circle ... said,
"Here are my mother & my brothers!

35 Whoever does God's will **IS** my brother & sister & mother."



Fellowship Class, so small & quaint, carries a tradition **FREE**

As family & friend of our Savior's eternal Promise & **Guarantee**

Early & Latter Stages of the Galilean Ministry, chapters 2-5

10. **Parable** of the sower, 4:1-20

4:1 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake ... boat....

2 He taught them many things by **PARABLES** ...

3 “Listen! A farmer went out to **SOW** his **SEED**.

4 ... some fell along the **PATH**, & the birds came & ate it up.

5 Some fell on **ROCKY PLACES** ... sprang up quickly ... shallow.

6 But when the sun came up ... withered because ... **NO ROOT**.

7 Other seed fell among **THORNS** ... choked ... did not bear grain.

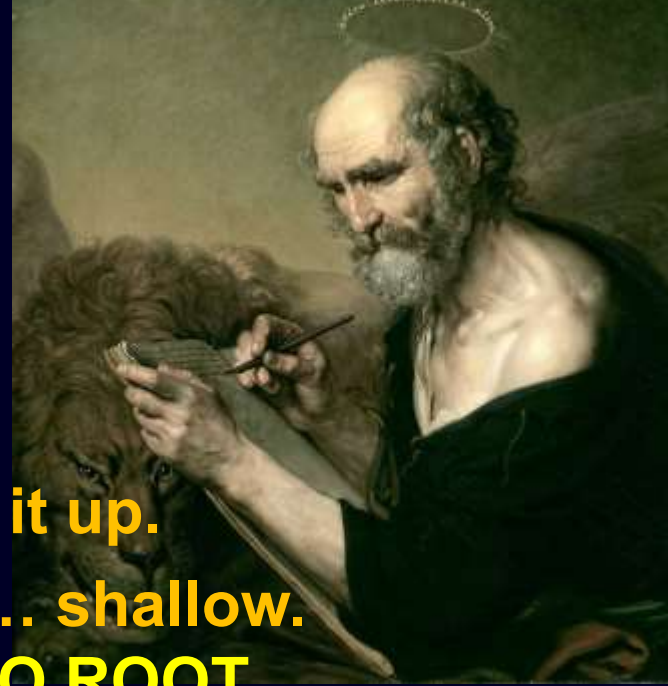
8 Other seed fell on **GOOD SOIL**. It came up, grew & produced a crop....

9 Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

10 When he was alone, Twelve & others asked about the parables.

Now for millennia we’ve pondered the parables’ Notions

As broad and deep they are, deeper than the Oceans



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10. **Parable** of the sower, 4:1-20

- 11 He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables
- 12 so that, they may be ever seeing but never perceiving ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!
- 13 Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? ...
- 14 Farmer sows the **WORD**.
- 15 Some ... seed along the path ... **SATAN** comes & takes....
- 16-18 Rocky places ... **NO ROOT** ~ Thorns ... **WORRIES OF THIS LIFE**....
- 20 Good Soil, hear the **WORD** ... crop—30x, 60x, 100x what was sown.”

And there in the midst of all our far-flung mental Commotions

The **LIGHT** doth shine, and *immediately* dark turns to Devotions



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11. Parable **Given** of the hidden lamp, 4:21:25

21-25 Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl?

Whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed....

Who HAS > *given* more ... Who does NOT > *taken* from

12. Parable **Given** of the growing seed, 4:26-29

26-29 This is what the kingdom of God is like.

MAN SCATTERS SEED ... night & day, whether he sleeps or not

seed sprouts & grows,

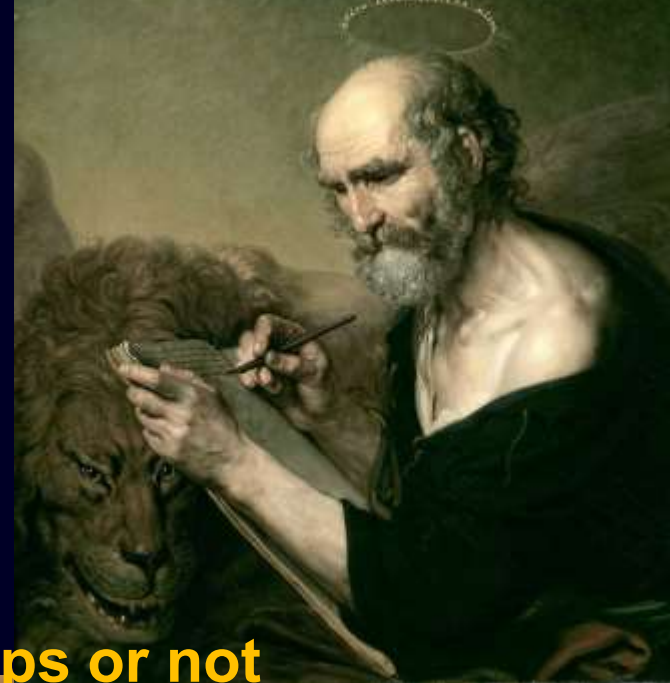
though he does

NOT KNOW HOW

All by itself the

soil produces grain ...

the **HARVEST HAS COME.**



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13. Parable **Given** of the mustard seed, 4:30-32

30-32 **Kingdom of God is like ... mustard seed ... smallest ... grows ... largest of all ... birds can perch in its shade."**



Though deep they are,
the Lamp, the Seeds,
all of life's **Motions**

We find the parables
so true as we grow
in all our **Emotions**



Mustard Tree, also "toothbrush tree"
scientific name: *Salvadora persica*

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14. Jesus' **use** of parables, 4:33, 34

33 With many similar parables

Jesus spoke the **WORD** to them,
as much as they could understand.

34 He did not say anything to them
without using a parable.

But when he was alone with his own disciples,

HE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING

So much missing, that we almost want to cry many **Demotions**

Though these we possess have given us exquisite **Promotions**



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15. Jesus **calms** a storm, 4:35-41

35 At evening ...

“Let us go over to the other side.”

36 Leaving the crowd ...

other boats with him.

37 Furious squall arose ...

waves broke over the boat ...

38 Jesus was in the stern, **SLEEPING** ...

Disciples **WOKE** him and said to him,
“Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”



Storm on the Sea of Galilee
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Bible illustration
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39 He got up, rebuked the wind &
said to the waves,
“**QUIET! BE STILL!**” ... **WIND DIED** down
& it was completely **CALM**.

40 Jesus said, “Why are you so afraid?
Do you still have no faith?”

41 They were terrified & asked each other,
“Who is this?
Even the **WIND & WAVES** obey him!”

For millennia now, we ponder this
prestigiously calming **Power**

No parable itself, yet
no storms in our lives
He has failed to **Cower**



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16. Jesus **heals** a Gadarene demoniac, 5:1-20

5:1 They crossed the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man
with an **IMPURE SPIRIT** CAME FROM THE TOMBS

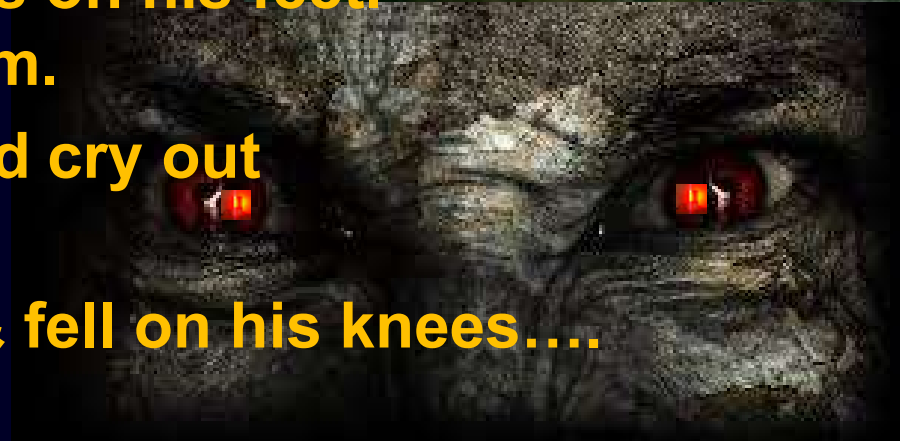
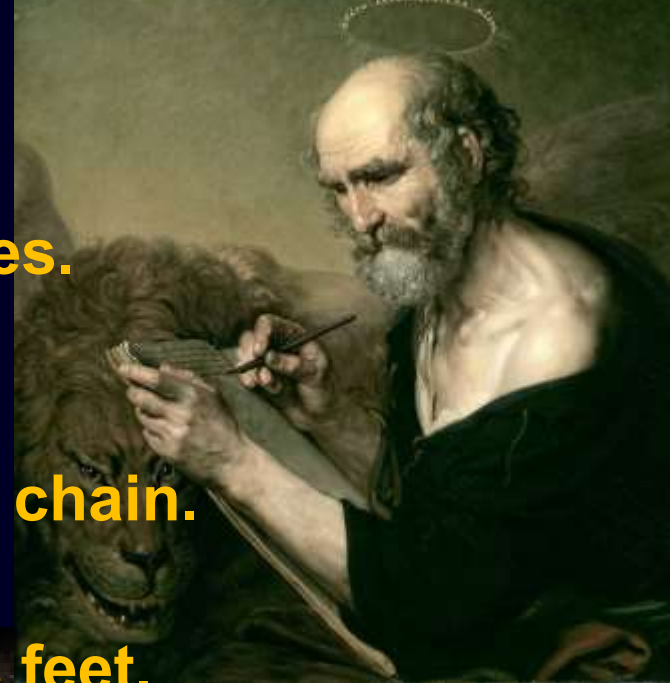
3 ...**NO ONE** could bind him anymore, **NOT** even with a chain.

4 For he had often been chained hand and foot,
but he tore the chains apart & broke the irons on his feet.
NO ONE was strong enough to subdue him.

5 Night & day among the tombs & hills he would cry out
and **CUT HIMSELF WITH STONES**.

6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran & fell on his knees....

Though few of us will ever know how Satan tries to Devour
And down the concourse of time every soul to brutally Scour



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7-8 He shouted ... “What do you want with me, Jesus,
Son of the Most High God?

IN GOD’S NAME DON’T TORTURE ME!” ...

9 Then Jesus asked, “What is your name?”

“My name is **Legion**,” he replied, “for we are *MANY*.”

10-13 **Legion** allowed to enter 2,000 pigs ... off a cliff

14 Those tending ... reported this in town & countryside

16 ... those who saw, told about demon-possessed
—and the pigs.

17-18 People plead with Jesus to leave the region.

18 Jesus tells freed man to go home ... telling everyone what Jesus did.

Woe—to poor souls that dreaded **Legion** crushes like a Flower
So many abused, seemingly without any hope at any Hour



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17. Jairus' daughter & woman

touched Jesus' garment, 5:21-43

21-22 Jesus crossed sea ...

**a ruler of the synagogue,
Jairus ... when he saw Jesus ...**

fell at Jesus' feet

**23 And besought him greatly, saying,
My little daughter lieth at**

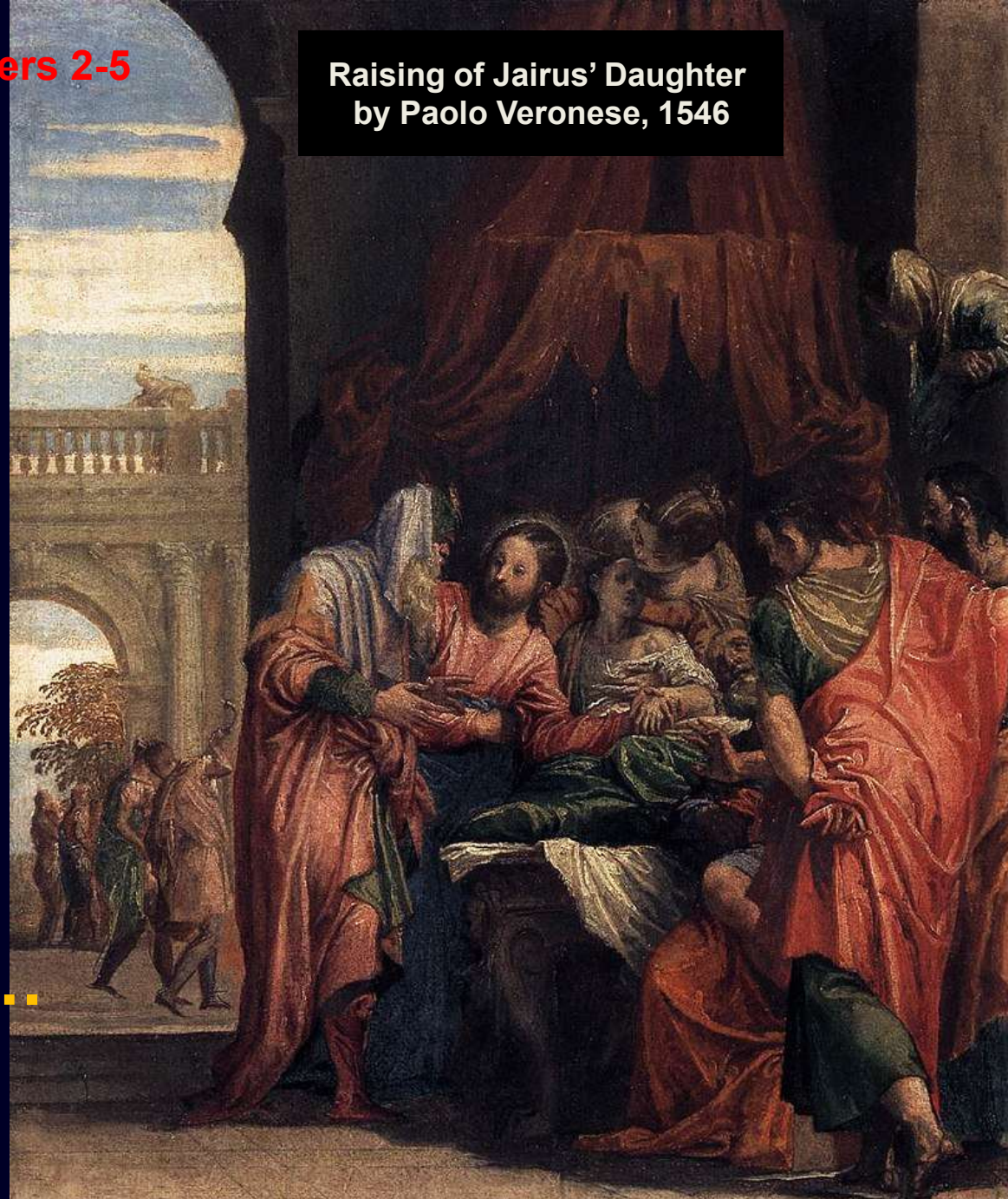
the point of DEATH

I pray thee, come &

lay thy hands on her,

that she may be healed....

**Raising of Jairus' Daughter
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25-26 Woman ... of blood 12 years ...
suffered many things ... spent ALL....

27 When she had heard of Jesus ...
came ... touched his garment.

28 For she said, "If I may touch but
his clothes, I shall be **WHOLE**."

29-30 She was healed.... Jesus asked,
"Who touched my clothes?"

Even at First Baptist, a ruler & a woman
can a garment **Hold**

Many have come, over the decades long,
with & without **Gold**



Hem Of His Garment
by Wayne Pascall
modern artist

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31 "You see the people crowding ...
"Who touched me?" "

32-33 Jesus kept looking....
Woman ... fell at his feet....

34 He said to her, "Daughter,
your faith has healed you....

35 ... people from Jarius' house ...
"Your daughter is **dead**"

36 Overhearing, Jesus told him,
"Don't be afraid; just believe."

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You can **FEEL** Jarius' **LOVE** for his daughter

In spite of Jews' hate, his **LOVE** looked at the **FACTS** of Jesus' **Healing**

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37-40 Took Jesus, Peter, James, John

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BUT THEY LAUGHED AT JESUS....

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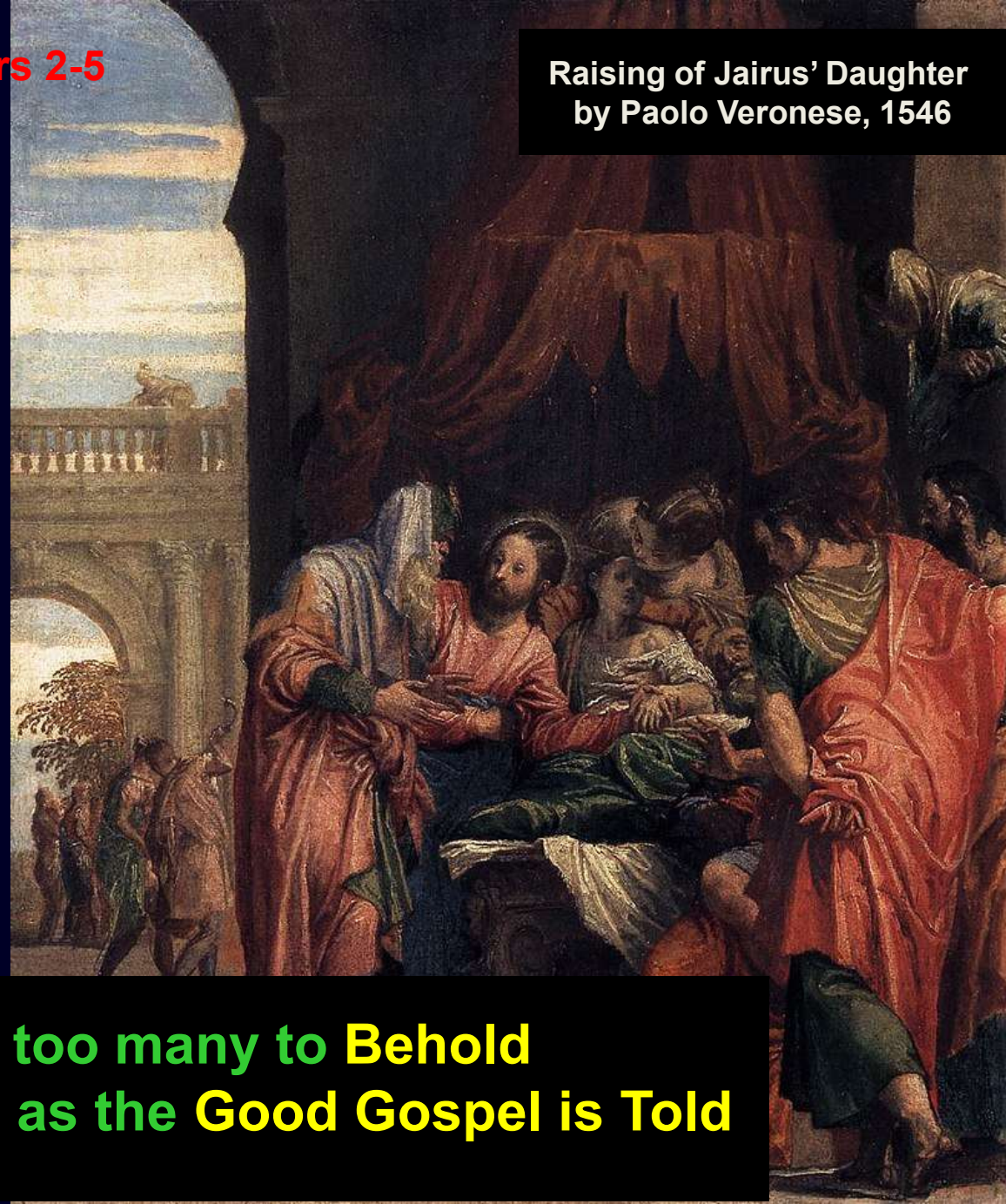
**42 Immediately the girl stood up &
walked ... all completely astonished.**

**43 He ordered to let no one know and
"Give girl something to eat."**

So many wonders, parables & miracles, too many to Behold

Even today, the stories keep coming as the Good Gospel is Told

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From long ago of our Lord meeting so many great Needs

Now thru His great disciples are sown Gospel Seeds

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