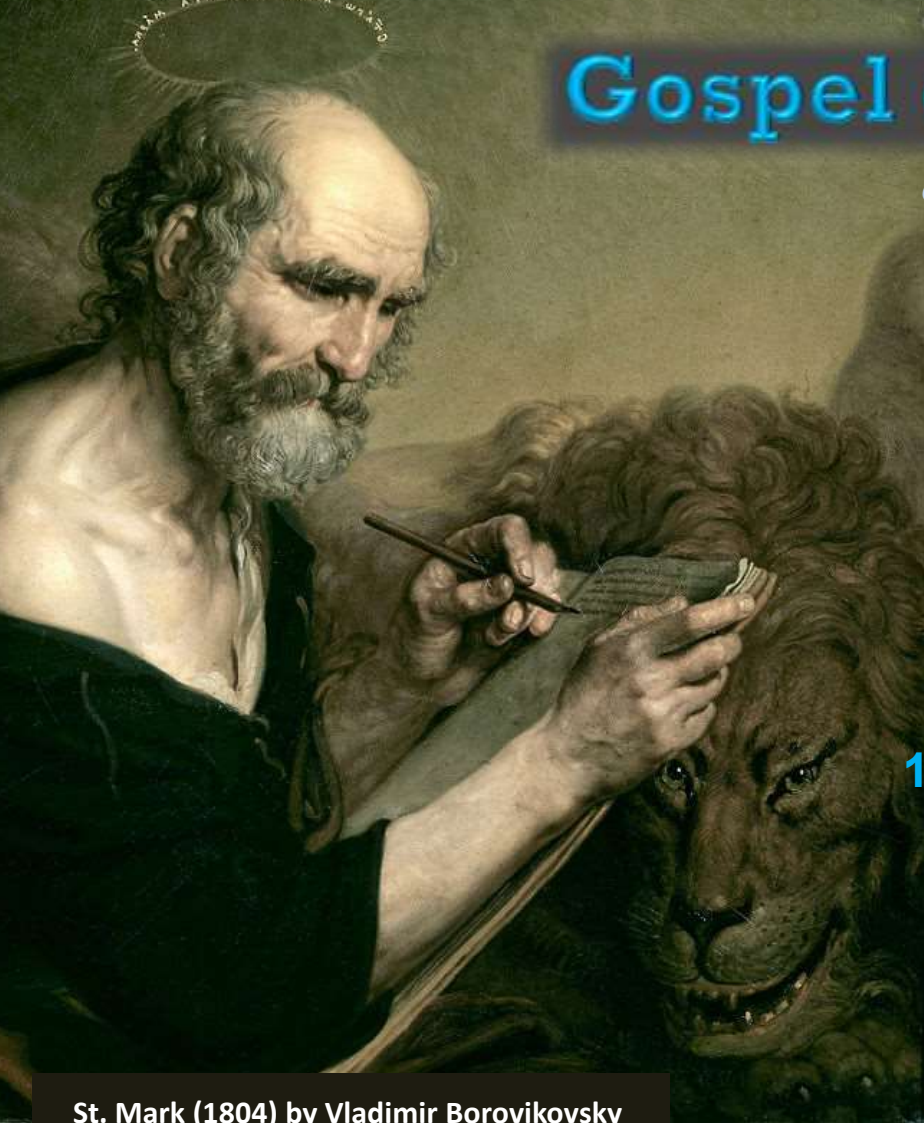


Gospel of Mark

10-8-23



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chapter

- 1a Who Calls You?
- 1b Where's Your Devil?
- 2-5 Is There a Poem Here?
- 6 Who Calms YOUR Storms?
- 7 Who Loves Like That?
- 8 What's Worth Your SOUL?
- 9 Strengthens
- 10 Serves
- 11 Clears
- 12-13 Returning
- 14 Willing
- 15 Sacrificed
- 16 ALIVE



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What's Worth Your SOUL?

8:37 What can anyone give in
exchange for their SOUL?

8:31-38 Jesus **Foretells** His DEATH 1st @ Caesarea Philippi

36 What good is it for someone to
gain the whole world, yet forfeit their **SOUL**?

37 Or what can anyone give in
exchange for their **SOUL**?

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words
in this adulterous and sinful generation,
the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when
He comes in His FATHER's Glory with the Holy Angels

First—these are rhetorical questions. **You & I**

CANNOT exchange our **SOUL**

Obviously, NO GAIN if you LOSE your **SOUL** ... what did Jesus MEAN?



Psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud said, “Religion is the universal obsessional neurosis of humanity.”

became one of his most famous quotes ...

Freud essentially *popularized* the unconscious

NO one is a pure Freudian today ...

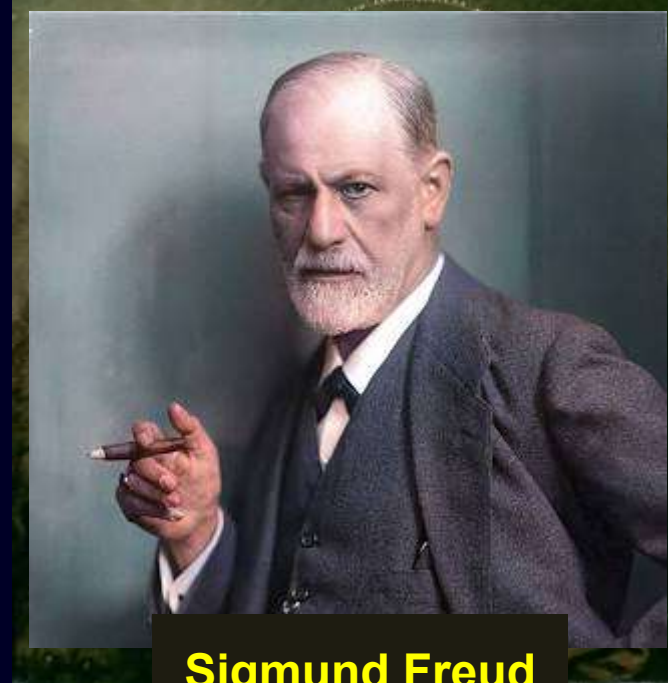
For decades, Freud & others ruled Psychotherapy
they made great discoveries ... helped many
yet often as one answer to the *ailment* of religion

Belief in God was a fantasy to aid the weak-minded

Jay E. Adams (1929-2020) from '70s led Pro-Bible Anti-Psychology movement

However, in the last few of decades, from esp. 1980s onward,
acknowledging SPIRITUALITY has gained force – **SOUL** still mysterious

We are truly “Fearfully and wonderfully made” Psalm 139:14



Sigmund Freud
1856-1939

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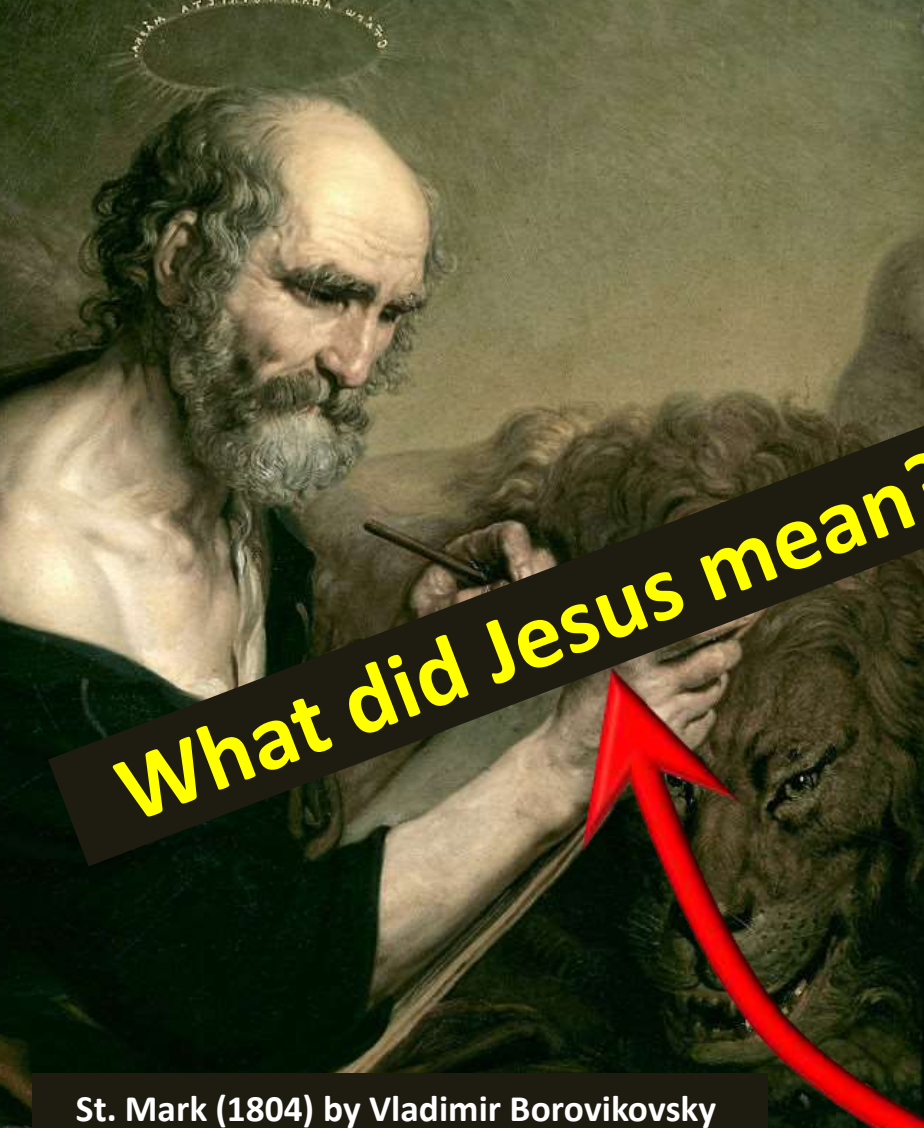
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God knows when our **SOUL** is called

SOUL—like LOVE—seems it gets
MORE complicated the more you analyze

YET—us regular folks KNOW
SOUL is your **Eternal Essence** ...





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What's Worth Your SOUL?
NOTHING!

What's Your Soul WORTH?
Priceless!

We know "SOUL" as our
in-most unique SELF ...

Our *Imago Dei*

Our having been made in the
Image of God

What did Jesus mean?

8:37 What can anyone give in
exchange for their **SOUL**?

The Unconscious Mind

The conscious. The small amount of mental activity we know about.

The preconscious. Things we could be aware of if we wanted or tried.

The unconscious. Things we are unaware of and can not become aware of.

SOUL?

Around which the body, mind, conscious, and unconscious operate

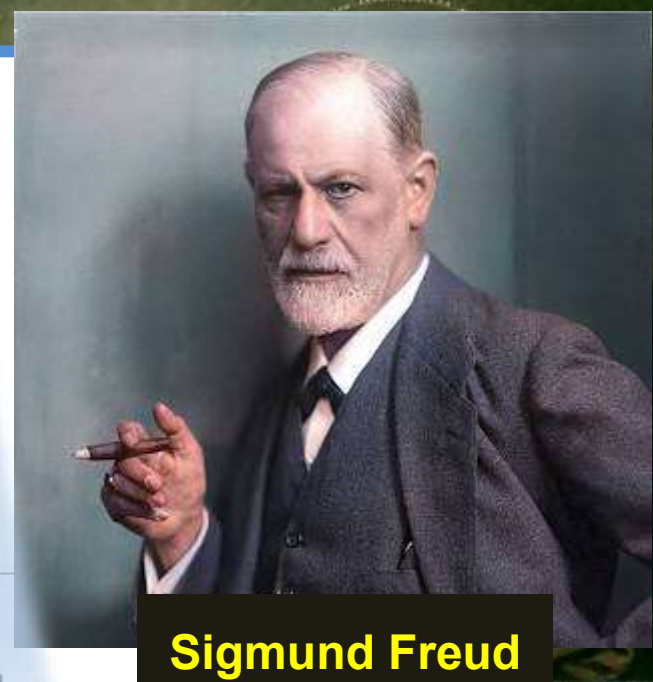
The Unconscious

Freud compared the mind to an iceberg.

Thoughts
Perceptions

Memories
Stored knowledge

Fears
Unacceptable desires
Violent motives
Irrational wishes
Immoral urges
Selfish needs
Shameful experiences
Traumatic experiences



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We know NOT when the *Bell* shall Toll
Our Confident Christian HOPE is
SOUL is saved ... for a New Body

Fit for Eternity



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You Are
HERE

Let me show you BREIFLY the Active Verbs in
Professor Munn's LIST of 99 EPISODES in Mark



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2. Jesus **comes** to John for baptism, 1:9-11
3. Jesus is **tempted** by Satan, 1:12, 13

2. Early Stages of the Galilean Ministry, 1:14-3:6

1. Jesus **begins** his ministry by preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, 1:14, 15
2. Jesus **calls** four fishermen to become fishers of men, 1:16-20
3. Jesus **heals** a man with an unclean spirit, 1:21-28
4. Jesus **heals** Peter's mother-in-law, 1:29-31
5. Jesus **heals** many after sunset, 1:32-34
6. Jesus **prays** before day and then departs on a preaching tour, 1:35-39
7. Jesus **heals** a leper, 1:40-45
8. Jesus **heals** a man with paralysis, 2:1-12
9. Jesus **calls** Levi, 2:13-17
10. Jesus **answers** a question about fasting, 2:18-22
11. The disciples **pluck** grain on the sabbath, 2:23-28
12. Jesus **heals** a man with a withered hand on the sabbath, 3:1-6

3. Later Stages of the Galilean Ministry, 3:7-6:13

1. Multitude **follows** Jesus at the seaside, 3:7-12
2. Jesus **chooses** the twelve, 3:13-19
3. Jesus **announces** the unpardonable sin, 3:20-30
4. Jesus' mother and brothers **ask** for him, 3:31-35
5. The **parable** of the sower, 4:1-20

6. Parable **Given** of the hidden lamp, 4:21:25
7. Parable **Given** of the growing seed, 4:26-29
8. Parable **Given** of the mustard seed, 4:30-32
9. Jesus' **use** of parables, 4:33, 34
10. Jesus **calms** a storm, 4:35-41
11. Jesus **heals** a Gadarene demoniac, 5:1-20
12. Jairus' daughter & woman **touched** Jesus' garment, 5:21-43
13. Jesus **is** rejected at Nazareth, 6:1-6
14. **Mission** of the twelve, 6:7-13



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4. Ministry Outside Galilee, 6:14-8:26

1. Herod Antipas **kills** John the Baptist, 6:14-29
2. Jesus **feeds** the five thousand, 6:30-44
3. Jesus **walks** on the water, 6:45-52
4. Jesus **heals** the sick in Gennesaret, 6:53-56
5. The **things** that defile come from the heart, 7:1-23
6. Jesus **heals** the daughter of a Syrophenician woman, 7:24-30
7. Jesus **heals** a deaf and dumb man, 7:31-37



8. Jesus **feeds** the four thousand, 8:1-10
9. Pharisees **demand** a sign, 8:11-13
10. Jesus **warns** about Leaven of Pharisees & Herod, 8:14-21
11. Jesus **heals** a blind man at Bethsaida, 8:22-26

5. Journey to Jerusalem, 8:27-10:52

1. Peter **confesses** Christ at Caesarea Philippi, 8:27-30
2. Jesus **foretells** his death the first time, 8:31-38
3. **Transfiguration**, 9:1-8
4. **Coming** of Elijah, 9:9-13
5. Jesus **heals** a boy with an unclean spirit, 9:14-29
6. Jesus **foretells** his death a second time, 9:30-32
7. Jesus **explains** who is the greatest, 9:33-37
8. He that **is not** against us is for us, 9:38-41
9. Jesus **warns** about hell, 9:42-50
10. **Marriage** and divorce, 10:1-1

You Are HERE 37th-42nd Episode

11. Jesus **blesses** little children, 10:13-16
12. **Challenges** Rich young ruler, 10:17-22
13. Jesus **warns** about the danger of riches, 10:23-31.
14. Jesus **foretells** his death a third time, 10:32-34.
15. **Request** of James & John, 10:35-45
16. Jesus **heals** blind Bartimaeus, 10:46-52

6. Ministry in Jerusalem, 11:1-13:37

1. **Triumphal** entry, 11:1-11
2. **Cursing** of the fig tree, 11:12-14
3. Jesus **cleanses** the temple, 11:15-19
4. Lesson from the **withered** fig tree, 11:20-26

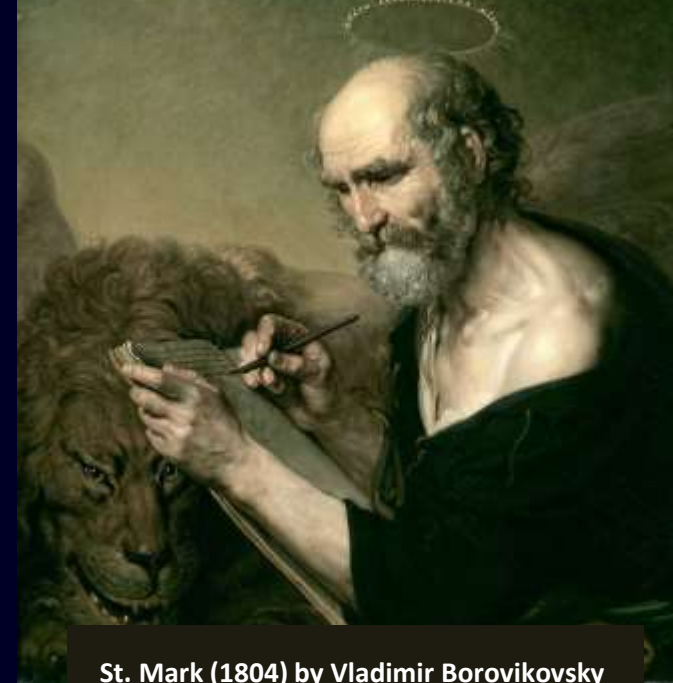


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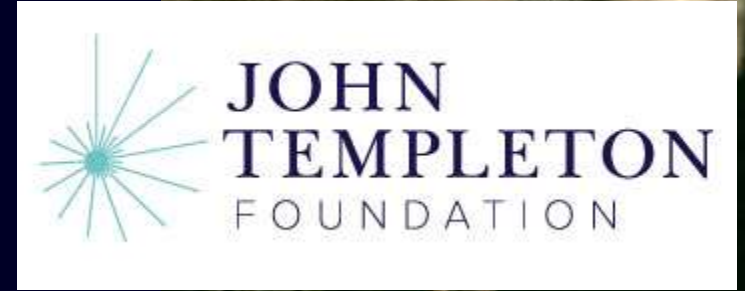
5. Jesus' authority **questioned**, 11:27-33
6. Parable **Given** of the wicked husbandman, 12:1-12
7. Jesus **questioned** about paying taxes to Caesar, 12:13-17
8. Jesus **questioned** about the resurrection, 12:18-27
9. Jesus **questioned** about the great commandment, 12:28-34
10. Jesus **asks** a question about David's son, 12:35-37
11. Jesus **denounces** the scribes, 12:38-40
12. The **widow's** offering, 12:41-44
13. The **destruction** of the temple and signs before the end, 13:1-8
14. **Tribulation foretold**, 13:9-13
15. **Abomination** of desolation, 13:14-23
16. **Coming** of the Son of Man, 13:24-27
17. **Lesson** from the fig tree about the End time, 13:28-31
18. **No one knows** the day & hour, 13:32-37
7. **Death of Christ, 14:1-15:47**
 1. Leaders **plot** against Jesus, 14:1, 2
 2. Jesus **anointed** at Bethany, 14:3-9
 3. Judas **agrees** to betray Jesus, 14:10, 11
 4. **Gives** Last Supper, 14:12-25
 5. Peter's **denial** foretold, 14:26-31
 6. Jesus **prays** in Gethsemane, 14:32-42
 7. **Betrayal & Arrest** of Jesus, 14:43-50
 8. Unnamed young man (Mark) who **Flees**, 14:51, 52
 9. Jesus **brought** before the council, 14:53-65
 10. Peter **denies** Jesus, 14:66-72
 11. Jesus is **brought** before Pilate, 15:1-5
 12. Jesus **sentenced** to die, 15:6-15
 13. Soldiers **mock** Jesus, 15:16-20
 14. **Crucifixion** of Jesus, 15:21-41.
 15. **Burial** of Jesus, 15:42-47
8. **Resurrection, 16:1-8**
9. **Epilogue: Disputed Ending, 16:9-20**
 1. Jesus **appears** to Mary Magdalene, 16:9-11
 2. Jesus **appears** to 2 disciples, 16:12, 13
 3. Jesus **commissions** the eleven, 16:14-18
 4. **Ascension**, 16: 19, 20



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Research on Spirituality began in “earnest” in 1980s

“Psychologists began taking seriously the
possibility that ***FAITH COULD BE*** a source of healing
for patients—a salve, rather than the source of psychosis.” [bold italics mine]

By the 2000s, books trickled out on integrating psychology & religion

Dr. P. Scott Richards, psychologist & president of Bridges Institute

- ❖ Global Study on efficacy of spiritually integrated treatments
- ❖ 20 teams of researchers from 8 countries
- ❖ Data from 400+ therapists and 40,000 therapy sessions
- ❖ Third of the sessions “affirm clients’ divine worth.”
- ❖ Many “encouraged clients to accept God’s love.”



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8:37 Or what can anyone give in
exchange for their **SOUL**?

What did Jesus MEAN? No **SCIENCE** will EVER figure!
First—appears Jesus MEANT to say your **SOUL** is to YOU
more valuable than ALL THE WORLD

Not just your LIFE or LIVING of LIFE ... but your **SOUL**

Greek **ψυχή** *psyche* – from which we get Psychology, Psyche, Psycho
104x in N.T. ~ *psychēn* **41x** ~ *psyche* **24x** ~ trans as *Soul & Life*

Two major views are: **1. “Body, Spirit, Soul”** **2. “Body & Soul/Spirit”**

1. Three Parts, like the Trinity ... **2.** Two Parts, *latter viewed as combined*

We will **NOT** figure this out THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN ... *I prefer “1.”*

Nor will we fully dissect “**Life from Soul**” ... your cherished **ESSENCE**



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exchange for their **SOUL**? *psychēn*
41x

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First—appears Jesus means your **SOUL** is
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104x in N.T. ~ *psychēn* 41x translated at **SOUL & LIFE**

Mat 2:20 “were seeking the **LIFE** *psychēn* of the child”

Mat 10:28 “Do not be afraid of those who **KILL** the body but
cannot **KILL** the **SOUL** *psychēn*. ... but be afraid of the One who can
DESTROY both **SOUL** *psychēn* & body in **HELL**.”

Luke 9:24 “For whoever wants to save their **LIFE** *psychēn* will lose it,
but whoever loses their **LIFE** *psychēn* for me will save it.”

John 10:15 “I lay down my **LIFE** *psychēn* for the sheep.”



Mark 8 – Six Episodes

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Mark 8 opens w them **STILL** in Decapolis
Mark 7 – Tyre/Sidon to Sea of Galilee & Decapolis
then in our Mark 8 to **Bethsaida**
then to **Caesarea Philippi**
this is far from Jerusalem

Many more Campfires ... more Healings ...

8:31 Jesus **BEGAN** to teach about
his suffering – *Mark's single VERSE*

8:37 what can anyone give in exchange
for their SOUL?



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- 1 During those days another large crowd gathered....
- 2 “I have compassion for these people ...
been with me THREE DAYS & have nothing to eat.
- 3 If I send them home hungry, they will COLLAPSE on the way....
they followed Jesus running out of food ... getting weaker
along with healing ... very, very good messages – *wish we had them*
- 4 Disciples, “Where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread?...”
- 5 “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “SEVEN,” they replied.
- 6 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground....
Took 7 loaves gave thanks ... broke them ... Disciples gave to People.

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7 Jesus did the same with fish

8 People ate and were satisfied. Disciples pick up 7 baskets

9 About 4,000 were present....

10 Jesus got into the boat with his disciples
went to the region of Dalmanutha.

No one knows location of Dalmanutha

Mat 15:39 says “region of Magadan/Magdala”

Scholars lean to the region between

Magdala / Tiberias



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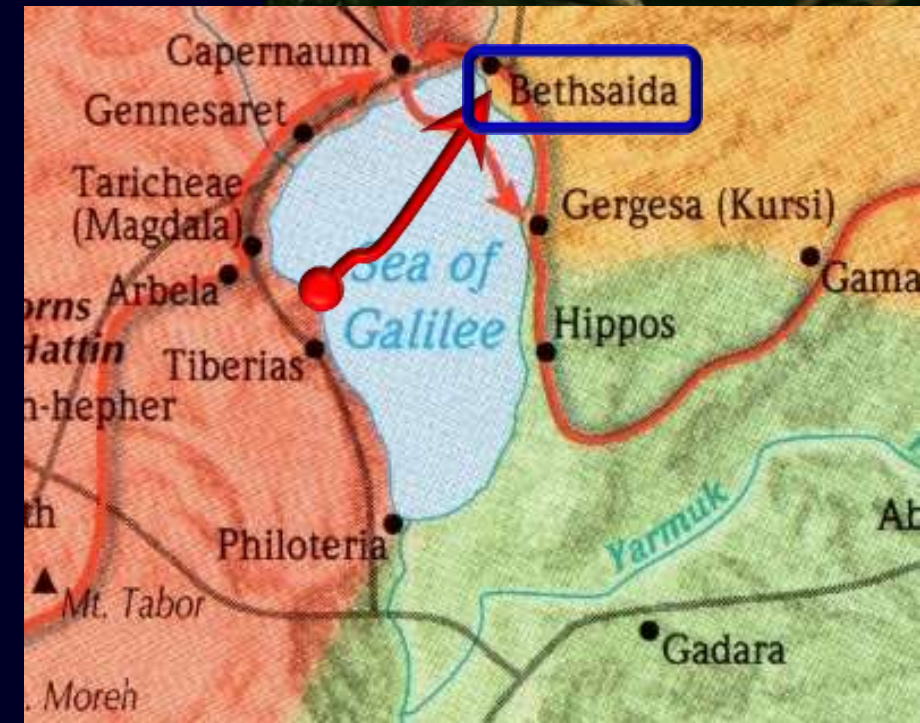
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**11 Pharisees came & began to question Jesus.
To TEST Jesus, they asked for a sign from heaven.**

**12 He sighed deeply and said,
“Why does this generation ask for a sign?
Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.”**

**13 Then he left them,
GOT BACK INTO THE BOAT &
crossed to the other side.**

**We find out *later* where they land in
Mark 8:22 - says they go back to Bethsaida**



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14 Disciples forgot to bring bread ... only 1 loaf ...
So there's a **delay** from 4,000 fed & 7 baskets
Disciples have trouble keeping up with Jesus
in a boat with LITTLE food heading back to Bethsaida

15 “Be careful,” Jesus warned them.
“Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees & Herod.”

You're in a boat now heading BACK to Bethsaida ... on their OWN

Jesus is LISTENING – Vittles & Food – *they'll all be hungry till they get to 7-11*

Jesus does it again – Makes their **Mistake** a Teaching Moment



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16 Disciples discussed this with each other,
“It is because we have **NO BREAD.**”

17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them:
“Why are you talking about having **NO BREAD?**
Do you still **NOT SEE** or understand?
Are your hearts **HARDENED?**

18 Do you have eyes but fail to see, and
ears but fail to hear?
And don't you remember?

in a boat ... short of food ... HOW CAN THEY FORGET?



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19 When I broke the five loaves for the 5,000,
HOW MANY basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"
"Twelve," they replied.

20 "And 7 loaves for the 4,000, how many ... ?
They answered, "Seven BASKETFULS."

21 He said to them, "Do you still NOT understand?"

There are times when you **NEED** to remind
NEED to recall ... what you've done for people
Unbelievable—LOOK—then Jesus leaves it there



8:21 He said to them, “Do you still NOT understand?”

Some people just do NOT get it



NAME AN ANIMAL WITH
3 LETTERS IN ITS NAME



FROG

f Alligator

Snow



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22 They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.

23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village....

spit on the man's eyes & put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like TREES walking around."

I'm at a lost for Jesus' lesson NOT healing WHOLLY...



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I suspect this man **ONE** reason for
their return to Bethsaida

I suspect **EVERY** place Jesus went,
He went for a **REASON**

As the gospel unfolds, we see
Jesus very intentional about
His every **MOVE** and **WORD**



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25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes.
Then his eyes were **OPENED**,
his sight was restored, and
he saw everything **CLEARLY**.

26 Jesus sent him home, saying,
“Don't even go into the village.”

Suspect **MANY** more **BLIND** men & women
given their sight before Jesus' arrest

These healings **ALL** over are the greatest

INDISPUTABLE proofs of the **TRUTH** of His messages



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27 Jesus and his disciples went on
to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.

Caesarea Philippi: Baal-gad, Baniyas, Pnias,
Caesarea Neronias, Caesarea of Philip,
Caesarea Paneas, Caesarea Philippi

They worshiped
god Pan

We get "**Panic**" from "**Pan**"

They were afraid that Pan
would "Get them" – god of

FRIGHT



Caesarea Philippi

spring from large cave

center of pagan worship

offerings to the god Pan

half-man half-goat god of

FRIGHT



Mount Hermon

Nimrod's fortress

Nahal Saar



Headwater of
Jordan River

Caesarea Philippi
sacred cave



Gotto to Pan

**Pan teaching his eromenos,
shepherd Daphnis, to play his pan flute**

Jesus & Disciples are at the spring ...

Caesarea Philippi ... Pagan city ...

Refreshing themselves with cool water

PERAHPS near the Grotto of Pan, Jesus asked



**Roman copy of Greek original
c. 100 BC, found in Pompeii**

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On the way he asked them,

“Who do people say I am?”

28 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist;
others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

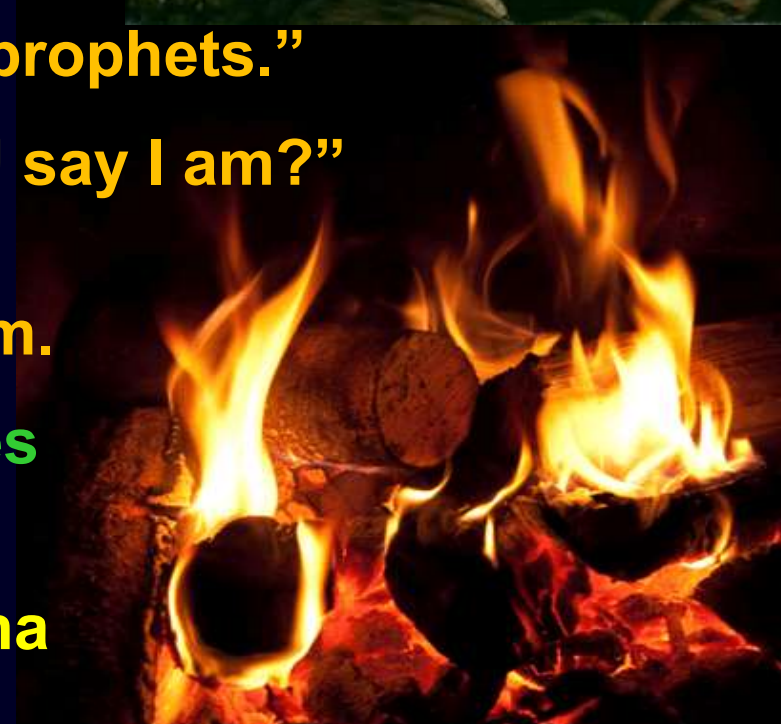
29 “But what about YOU?” he asked. “Who do YOU say I am?”
Peter answered, “YOU are the MESSIAH.”

30 Jesus warned them NOT to tell anyone about him.

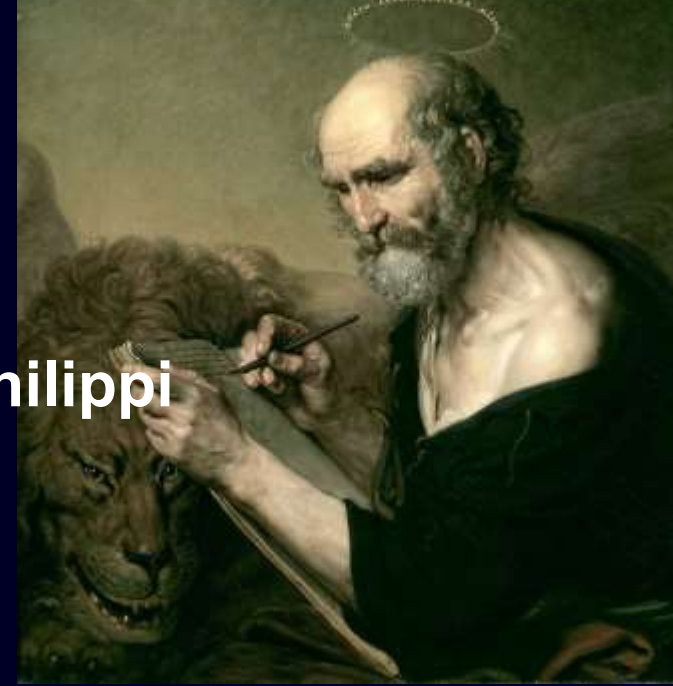
About time ... what did they know ... many campfires

So MANY Messages ... inculcating ... repeating

So they'll REMEMBER on Via Dela Rosa to Galgotha



8:1-10 Jesus **Feeds** 4,000
8:11-13 Pharisees **Demand** a Sign
8:14-21 Jesus **Warns** of Leaven of Pharisees & Herod
8:22-26 Jesus **Heals** a Blind Man at Bethsaida
8:27-30 Peter **Confesses** Christ at Caesarea Philippi
8:31-38 Jesus **Foretells** His DEATH 1st @ Caesarea Philippi



31 He then **BEGAN** to teach them
that the Son of Man must **SUFFER MANY** things
be rejected by the Elders,
the Chief Priests
the Teachers of the Law
he must be **KILLED** and after **3 DAYS RISE AGAIN**.

32 He spoke plainly about this,
Peter took him aside & began to rebuke him.

All the messages ... 4,000 followed for **3 DAYS** ... **LISTENING ... HUNGRY**
Then Jesus **BEGINS** to teach on his suffering ... so very much missing

8:31-38 Jesus **Foretells** His DEATH 1st @ Caesarea Philippi

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter.

“Get behind me, **Satan!**” he said.

“You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

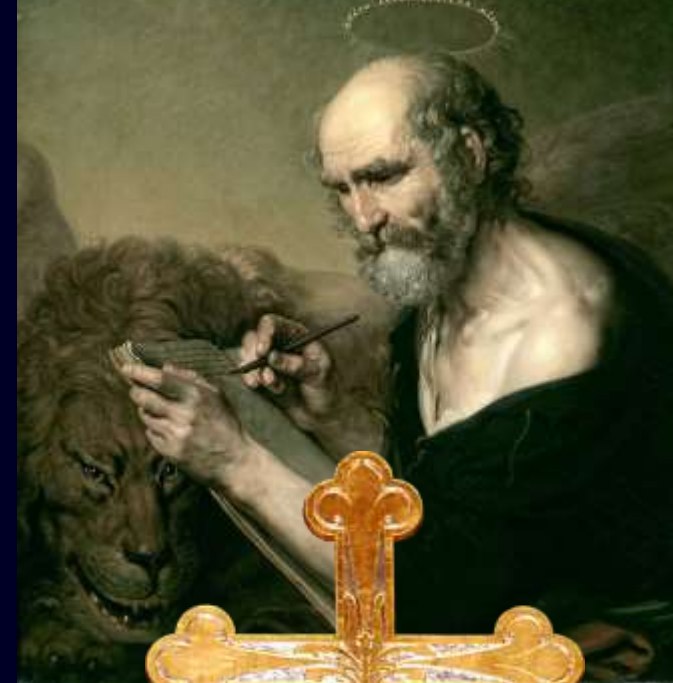
Then, some of the most quoted words in the N.T.

34 Then he called the crowd ... disciples to him:

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must **DENY** themselves and take up **THEIR CROSS** and follow me.

35 For whoever wants to **SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT**, but whoever loses their life for me & the gospel **WILL SAVE IT**.

DIE to LIVE ... to LIVE, Deny SELF ... Christians CARRY THEIR Cross



8:31-38 Jesus Foretells His DEATH 1

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36 What good is it for someone to
gain the whole world, yet fo

37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their SOUL?

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and
in this adulterous and sinful
the Son of Man will be ash

He comes in His Father's Glory with the Holy Angels



*Milton's Paradise Lost (1860)
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