

# Introduction

Who wrote it?

What do you know about the author?

Who was it written to/for?

What other partinent biblical information do we know about this book?

What is the theme of the book?

- 1. What two things is Jesus called in verse one?
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- 2. Mark jumps in with two prophecies from the Old Testament, Malachi 3 (written over 400 yrs. ago from when Jesus was born)
  - and Isaiah 40 (written over 700 yrs. before Jesus was born). Write out the complete addresses for both (chapter and verse).
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- 3. What was John the Baptist preaching? (What message?)
- 4. Where were the people from who were baptized by John? Where did they go to be baptized?
- 5. What did John wear?
- 6. What did he eat?
- 7. What does John promise the One who will come after him will baptize people with?
- 8. Before Jesus met up with John, where did He come from?
- 9. When Jesus came up from the water, what 2 things did He see?
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- **10.** What does the voice from heaven say?
- 11. As Mark is a book of action, one of the words you will see a great deal is the word "immediately" (or "straight way" in the KJV). Count how many times the word is use in chapter 1.

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12. Then immediately Jesus was led into the wilderness. What caused Him to go there?

- 13. How long was He there?
- 14. What happened to Him there?
- 15. Who was He with?
- 16. Who served (ministered to) Him there?
- 17. What moves Jesus to Galilee? (What event?)
- 18. What did He do there?
- **19.** What two commands did He give in this preaching?
- 20. What were Simon & Andrew doing when Jesus found them?
- 21. What did Jesus promise would happen to them if they followed Him?
- 22. What were James & John doing when Jesus found them?
- 23. Where did Jesus go from there?
- 24. What was Jesus doing in their synagogue?
- 25. Why were the people so astonished?
- 26. Who apparently didn't teach with authority?

27. What 2 things did the demoniac call Jesus?

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- 28. What did the demons think Jesus had come to do to them?

29. What 2 commands does Jesus give the demons?

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#### **30.** What 2 questions do the people ask in response to the delivery of the demoniac?

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31. Where did Jesus go from there?

32. What did Simon's mother-in-law do once healed?

33. What did the city do while Jesus was in the house?

34. Why didn't He allow demons to speak?

- 35. When was Jesus praying and where?
- 36. For what reason had Jesus come forth?
- 37. As Jesus then toured the cities of Galilee—what two things did He do?
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- 38. Then a leper comes to Him and asks if Jesus was willing to do what?

39. What moved Jesus to touch the man?

- 40. What did Jesus warn the man?
- 41. What did Jesus command the man to do?
- **42.** As we consider why Jesus would tell someone, who was so dramatically touched, not to tell anyone—answer this question: What was the result of the man not obeying Jesus and telling everyone?

- Take a look at the people who are serving in this chapter; John, Angels, Jesus, the fishermen, Peter's mother-in-law, even the leper. How did John Serve? How did the fishermen serve? How did Peter's Mother-in-law serve? Which of them most relates to the way I serve today?
- Jesus took the base skills of a handful of fishermen and used it for eternity. What base skills do I have? How could they be used for eternity?
- Once the leper is cleansed he is commanded not to tell anyone but rather go the priest as a testimony to them. The man, however, tells all and now Jesus can not go about openly and have one-on-one encounters as much as He does at the beginning of the chapter Consider how Jesus, when confronted with the masses taught but always sought the one-on-one opportunities, do you?
- Prayer: "My Dear Servant to the unclean, needy, and empty, use me to touch those who no one else would ever come near. Move my heart to see the power of the one-on- one and not just equate success with the masses. Remind me it was the multitudes who would eventually say "crucify Him!" and keep me from being just one of that crowd..."

1. Where did Jesus go from here?

2. We continue to see the effects of the cleanse lepers telling others. Now the house is packed, what does Jesus do there?

- 3. How did the paralytic's friends get him to Jesus?
- 4. Whose faith did Jesus see?
- 5. What does He call the paralytic?
- 6. What does He tell him?
- 7. Why was this interpreted as blasphemy?
- 8. Where did Jesus perceive their grumblings?
- 9. What did Jesus prove by healing the paralytic?
- 10. What three reactions take place by the crowd?
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- 11. Now where does Jesus go?
- 12. The multitudes find Him there. What does Jesus do for the multitudes?

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13. Who did Jesus find at the tax booth?

- 14. What did all 5 disciples have in common when Jesus called them?
- 15. Where did Jesus go from there?
- 16. Who sat with Jesus at Levi's house?
- 17. Who noticed this feast and asks why?
- 18. Who did Jesus come to call and to what?
- 19. What did the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees have in common?
- 20. When approached about He and His disciples not fasting, what does Jesus call Himself?
- 21. When will they fast?
- 22. What is fasting compared to?
- 23. What is Jesus and His message/mission compared to in the 2nd illustration?
- 24. Where do the Pharisees find Jesus and His disciples' next, and what charge do they have against Him?

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26. Tell me 2 things about eh "Son of Man" in this chapter?

- In Chapter 2 we see the opposition arise. Jesus doesn't stop or even slow down from the work He is doing. Does persecution slow me down? Does it make me silent about the hope of Christ?
- Notice Jesus acknowledges the faith not of the paralytic, but of his friends. I should never underestimate the power of a faithful friend and his prayers. List three people that I personally know that may be paralyzed by their own sin right now.
- Often a person is defined by his enemies. Jesus' enemies appear to be those who have made themselves an obstacle between others and the Lord. Is there anything in me that makes me an obstacle between others and Jesus?
- Prayer "Healer of the helpless, I am so thankful You didn't take the day off, ever, for I am in constant need of You. Thank you for recognizing the faith in friends and not just the faithlessness of the frail man. Thank you for those who prayed for me when I was too weak and burdened by sin to stand before You. Thank You for those who continue to pray for me now that I would never again seek that cot or what brought me there in the first place. I now pray for (pray for those I listed above) ...."

- 1. Where did Jesus go from here?
- 2. What was the problem with Jesus healing a man with a withered hand?
- 3. What does Jesus first tell the man?
- 4. What grieved Jesus?
- 5. What was the response of the Pharisees when Jesus heals the man?
- 6. Who did the Pharisees conspire with?
- 7. Where does Jesus go next?
- 8. Now the multitudes throng Him again. What does He do for the crowd this time?
- 9. Where does Jesus go from there?
- 10. Now Jesus appoints 12 men. What 4 things does He appoint them to? (Notice which one is 1st)

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11. List out the 12 disciples in order of their list here. Put an asterisk besides those you could say 5 things about their life.

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**12.** Where were the 12 appointed?

13. Where does Jesus go from there?

14. We continue to see the effects of the leper who told many of his cleansing. Who comes for Jesus at this point?

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**15.** What is their view of Jesus?

16. Who comes down from Jerusalem at this point?

17. What is the view of Jesus?

- 18. Who then does Jesus call to Himself to speak in parables?
- 19. When will a kingdom not stand?
- 20. When can satan not stand?

21. What is first required before plundering a strong man's house?

22. Whose house is this "strong man's house" Jesus is speaking of?

23. What sin causes a person to be subject to eternal condemnation?

24. According to verse 30, what is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?

25. Now "His own people" arrive to get Him, who are they?

26. Who, in Jesus' estimation, are his mother and siblings?

- Jesus has a habit of not letting anyone "sneak off" with a miracle. With the Bleeding woman He stops of throng of people to call her out, and here, in the synagogue Hr calls the man forward in front of all. The miracles for far more than just the benefit of the recipient, but also to bolster and sequester the faith of all who will see. When I pray for a miracle, is it solely for my benefit or theirs?
- Notice the standard; "A house divided against itself...can not stand" Is there any way I have or am being used to divide the house of God?
- Prayer "My Master of Miracles, remind me that Your miracles are to touch the world as well, and when You touch
  my life, use me as a witness, and when I pray, guide me to Your will. Please keep me from ever doing anything that
  looks like the unpardonable sin. Please keep me from criticizing someone else's ministry simply because it is different from mine, an grant me the wisdom to know the difference between when something is against my methodology
  versus Your word..."

- 1. Where is Jesus at the beginning of chapter 4?
- 2. Again the multitude comes to Him, where does He go when they come?
- 3. What does He do for the multitudes here?
- 4. He teaches in parables. The first is of the seed and four soil types. What are those four soil types?
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- 5. What happens to the seed in the first soil type?
- 6. What happens to the seed in the 2nd soil type?
- 7. What happens to the seed in the 3rd soil type?
- 8. What happens to the seed in the 4th soil type?
- 9. When did His disciples ask Him about the Parable?
- 10. What has been given to the disciples to know?
- 11. Jesus now quotes from Isaiah 6:9-10 (written over 700 yrs. prior), go back to the text in Isaiah and find out why they cannot see or hear.

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- 12. What in this parable is the seed a symbol of?
- 13. What are "the birds of the air"?
- 14. What does the scorching sun represent?
- 15. Why does this persecution come?
- **16.** What are the thorns?
- 17. "Take heed" means "be careful." What are we to be careful of?
- **18.** This is the context of "whoever has, to him more will be given." According to this context, how did someone get to be given more?
- 19. Now Jesus gives a second parable. In this parable a seed is planted. What does the seed represent again?
- 20. What four stages does that seed's growth have?
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21. Now parable three: A mustard seed. It grows disproportionately large and then what do the birds of the air do with it?

- 22. What did the birds of the air represent in the first parable?
- 23. After teaching parable by parable, what did Jesus do with His disciples when they got alone?

24. What does this tell us about His disciples?

25. Where had Jesus been when he taught the multitudes?

26. What else was with Jesus as they sought to cross to the other side of the lake?

27. Where was Jesus when the storm rose, and what was He doing?

28. Go back in the chapter and find the other time someone was sleeping and what was happening while He slept?

29. What question is asked of Jesus in the boat at this point?

30. What two questions does Jesus ask them? (Now, read the three questions in order).

31. The chapter ends with another question asked by the disciples, what was it?

- If the birds of the air were stealing the seed in the first parable, and then perching in the branches of a disproportionately large plant from a mustard seed, then perhaps I should conclude that just because something is bigger, it doesn't mean it necessarily is better. If most of Jesus' most profound encounters appear to be smaller ones, am I considering the "bigger" my ministry the best? AM I the one trying to make "it" grow or "Them" grow? Am I trusting Jesus to grant me as many as I can truly serve?
- Prayer: "Jesus, please let me not despise the days of little things, little budgets, fewer people. Remind me that it only takes one person to change the world, You did! Please keep me from wanting what You haven't given me to appear more successful. Remind me that Your view of success stems from obedience, not standing ovations..."

**1.** Where did they end up here?

#### 2. Who met Him here?

- 3. Mark tells us a lot about this man here. Tell me 10 things about this man.
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- 4. When this man, possessed with an army from hell itself, saw Jesus what did he do?

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- 5. What did he beg Jesus not to do?
- 6. Why?
- 7. Now the demons beg Jesus. What is their request?
- 8. When the city folk came and saw Jesus, what else do they see?
- 9. What is their reaction?
- 10. Now what do the townsfolk beg of Jesus?

11. Now the man once possessed, begs Jesus for what?

12. Where does Jesus send him instead?

13. So what did the man end up doing?

14. Jesus returns back to the other side of the lake. Who meets Him there?

15. Now Jesus is met by Jairus, who also begs Jesus. Who is he and what does he beg of Jesus?

16. How does Jesus respond?

17. Of all the recent begging—what is the only request not granted?

**18.** What did the multitude do?

19. Now we meet a woman who has been suffering for how long? Tell me 3 things about her.

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20. What caused Jesus to turn around and ask, "Who touched Me?"

21. So the woman tells Jesus the whole story. What does He call her?

22. What is Jesus on His way to do?

23. What does Jesus say has made her?

24. Some come now and tell Jairus that his daughter is dead. What do they call Jesus?

25. Jesus immediately speaks to Jairus (whose name literally means "whom God enlightens.") What does Jesus tell Jairus?

26. Jesus only allows 3 of His disciples to come, who are they?

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- 27. What does Jesus tell the mourners about the girl?

28. How do they respond?

29. What does Jesus do to them?

- **30.** What 5 people are in the room with Jesus and the girl?
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- 31. Jesus speaks to the girl and says, "Talitha cumi." What does that mean?

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32. How old was the girl?

- 33. Remember on the way there, there was a woman healed? How long had she had that infirmity and what did Jesus call her?
- 34. This chapter ends with Jesus giving them 2 commands, what are they?

- This Chapter shows us how far Jesus will go to touch a life. When do I say "enough! I am done!" ? Have I given up on someone Jesus hasn't?
- Notice that all hell and death were no match for the Savior of the World and a man possessed by hell's army still ran to the feet of Jesus. Is there anyone I consider "too far gone"?
- Prayer: "Master, demons couldn't stop a man from worshipping You! Your holiness is greater. Death wouldn't stop You from coming to a girl. You life is greater. I pray for renewed faith in the God of the impossible cases, the demoniac, the spiritually dead. Renew my trust, that no one is too far from Your touch, and keep me from inventing excuses for not coming myself..."

- 1. Where did Jesus go from there?
- 2. What did He do in the synagogue there?
- 3. What four things do they call Jesus?
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- 4. Because of their familiarity with Him, how do they react to His teaching?
- 5. Where is the one place a prophet has no honor?
- 6. Jesus marveled at what?
- 7. If you compare verses 5-6. What is Jesus looking for to do this mighty work?
- 8. Where does He go from here? To do what?
- 9. Before Jesus sends out His disciples, where does He call them?
- **10.** He gives them power, over what?
- 11. Jesus is sending them on their first mission trip. (Remember "apostle" means "sent out one," also note "copper" compares to pennies today). What were they not to bring with them?

12. What were they to do when a person does not receive them?

13. What did they preach?

14. What 2 other things did they do?

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15. Who did Herod think Jesus was? Why?

16. What 3 other people did the people think Jesus was?

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- 17. Why did Herod arrest John the Baptist?

18. Who appeared most offended by John's rebuke?

19. How did Herod see John?

20. What did Herod initially do for John?

21. Why did Herod have a feast? Who came?

22. What does Herodias' daughter ask of Herod?

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23. Why does Herod grant it to her?

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- 24. What was Herod's response to her request (emotionally)?
- 25. What happened to the rest of John?
- 26. Now, Jesus' disciples return from their mission trip. What 2 things did they report back to Jesus?
- 27. What did Jesus do with and for them here?
- 28. Jesus is attempting to take His boys away to a deserted place. Who meets them there?
- 29. As Jesus sees the multitude, what is His emotional response? Why?
- 30. What does He do for the multitude here?
- **31.** Think of it, Jesus sent out His boys without a lot of money, extra clothes, or fully detailed plans for lodging etc. But now shows them His provision in a much grander scale. We are going to see Jesus' call on their lives to take their next step in faith first with this crowd. What is the great need presented to Jesus switch this multitude?

- 32. What was Jesus' disciples' solution to the problem?
- 33. What was Jesus' solution?
- **34.** What were their resources?
- 35. What is commanded of the multitudes?

- 36. What 2 things does Jesus do (in order) to the food before He hands it to His disciples?
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- 37. What did the disciples do with the provisions?
- 38. How much was left over?
- 39. About how many men were fed here?
- 40. Now that the multitudes have been fed, Jesus immediately send His disciples away to where?
- 41. But they go alone; Jesus on the other hand, goes where? To do what?
- 42. When did He see them straining? Why were they straining?
- **43.** The stretch of distance from the east side of the Sea of Galilee and the west is approximately 4-6 miles in the North. How far had they gone?
- **44.** There are four "watches" (night shifts for guards). 1) 6-9pm 2) 9-12am 3) 12-3am 4) 3-6am. Roughly what time was it when Jesus came?
- 45. Now look at verse 46-47. About how long had they been out there?
- 46. Where they saw Jesus, who/what did they think He was?
- 47. How many on the boat saw Him?
- 48. Clearly this was quite a trial they were in due to their obedience or disobedience?
- 49. What does Jesus say to them?

- 50. When He joins them in the boat, what happens? (to the storm, wind, and disciples)
- **51.** How could their not understand Jesus' power over creation when feeding the 5000 men, cause them to be in great amazement here?
- 52. Where did they port?
- 53. How did the people respond to Jesus?
- 54. Wherever Jesus went, there was a consistent reaction from the crowds, what?

- Notice those who thought they were most familiar with Jesus, those who had grown up around Him couldn't see His Majesty. They only saw the man. Has my life become like this?
- Jesus didn't need a massive storehouse of food to feed the multitudes, only that which would be blessed and broken. As I view myself and see the need around me, am I willing to be blessed and broken to touch the sea of lives around me?
- Prayer: "Lord of my life, as scary as this is to say, I openly invite You to do what it takes to make my life the most meaningful and fruitful in this hope starved world around me and if that means You need to break me, remind me with that You also promise to bless me to reach the world..."

- 1. Who comes from Jerusalem now? Who had come before from Jerusalem?
- 2. What fault did these Pharisees and scribes find with Jesus' disciples?
- 3. What's unholy about eating with dirty hands? Where is that a crime?
- 4. The disciples are accused of not walking according to what?
- **5.** Jesus tells them they are as guilty as the people during the time of Isaiah (over 700 yrs ago). Jesus, in turn, accuses them of a crime, what is it?
- 6. While Jesus' disciples are accused of breaking the traditions of the elders, what does Jesus accuse them of breaking (see Ex 20:12 & Deut 5:16)?
- 7. So, instead of honoring their fathers and mothers by providing for them in their old age they take the money, houses and other helpful things and call them "Corban" or "dedicated to God." If the items are now in the possession of the religious leaders (since they are donated to the temple and its employees per se) who ultimately gets the stuff back?
- 8. What can enter a man (through his mouth) and defile him?
- 9. What do all the defiling things come out of?
- 10. Where does Jesus go next?
- 11. What did Jesus try to do here but couldn't?
- 12. Who comes and falls at Jesus' feet?

13. Tell me 3 things about her.

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- 14. Now Jesus fishes for her faith she shows it even more by saying she doesn't need Jesus to come and use all His power to do this, just a little bit. What metaphor is use to display this?

#### 15. Where did Jesus go next?

16. What did Jesus do (in order) to heal this man? (7 things)

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17. What did He command the man to do?

18. How did the crowd react?

- In this chapter, notice the focus on the inside; defilement is an internal issue, a Gentile tries to cloak her request in Jewish lingo but the naked need is exposed, a man bound by silence is loosed to pour forth the praise of his heart.. How are my insides? Am I wearing an elaborate series of masks that consequently close my ears to His truth and empty my heart of the praise that should be pouring forth from it?
- Prayer: "Lord, You tell me that a man looks to the outer appearance but You look at the heart, the insides. Keep my eyes on You so that my greatest concern will be the surrender of my soul and not just the presentation of my performance. I know You will lay bare all man's secrets one day. Make my life one whose insides are so Yours, that such a day isn't a threat to me but an honor...

- 1. Again, we see the multitude. What is Jesus again moved with here?
- 2. How long had this crowd not eaten?
- **3.** Why couldn't He send them away?
- 4. How do His disciples respond?
- 5. What were their resources?
- 6. What 2 things did Jesus do with the food before distributing it?
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- 7. How much is left over? (It is interesting that when addressing the Jewish people, one considers them the "12 tribes," but the Gentiles are the "7 nations.") How does this relate to this miracle?
- 8. How many men were fed here?
- **9.** Where was Jesus when the feeding miracle took place? (Interesting, the "Decapolis," or "10 cities," stretch across the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, down along the Jordan River. The last time Jesus was on the east side of the sea was the beginning of Mk 5.) So where did this crowd come from?
- 10. What did the Pharisees come out to do now?
- 11. What was Jesus' response?
- 12. Jesus then gets in a boat and warns His disciples of the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod. What was that?

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13. What did the disciples think He meant?

14. Where did Jesus go to next?

15. A man comes and begs to Jesus. Who is he and what is he asking for?

16. How does Jesus heal him? (7 things in order—don't forget to read all the way to verse 26).

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17. What command does Jesus give the man after healing him?

18. Where did Jesus and His disciples go next?

19. What questions does Jesus ask?

**20.** What 3 answers are given?

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21. What question does Jesus ask then?

22. Who responds and what is His response?

23. Then Jesus warns them not to do something, what?

24. From the moment Jesus is called the Christ, He begins to foretell them of a future event, what?

- **25.** How did Peter react?
- 26. How did Jesus respond?
- 27. To try to forbid Jesus from dying, was being mindful of the things of \_\_\_\_\_\_. (This is satan's slogan, "get it without dying.") How does this apply to you?
- 28. Now Jesus applies it to everyone. What 3 things must we do if we want to come after Jesus?
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- 29. Who will save their life?
- 30. Who will the Son of Man be ashamed of when He comes?
- 31. In what will Jesus come and with whom?

- Notice Jesus' students fail the second "fish and bread versus the hungry multitude" test. There are less people and more food and yet they fail, why? Well, there is the issue of forgetfulness. Why is it that man's propensity is to remember every scar, but quickly forget every moment Jesus victoriously flexed before us? Secondly there is the issue of audience It appears that the last location given was in Decapolis (vs. 31), the land of the Gentiles. Do I think that the grace of God might be less on one group than another? Do I think I am offered less blessing and coverage by Jesus than others?
- Prayer: "My Provider, please remind me You know and are everything I need for the day. Embed so deeply in my spirit those moments when You have stopped the sun, parted the sea, and quenched the hunger of my life with Your perfect provision that I never forget when the temporary pangs of need arise to challenge me. Bring me to trust You that I would never be in want. Keep me from thinking that anyone else is more or less deserving of Your grace that me. Remind me please, again and again, that grace is a gift given, not a wage earned..."

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- 1. Jesus begins this chapter with a promise. What is it?
- 2. After Jesus had said this promise, how long until He takes a few guys up a mountain?
- 3. Who goes with Him? Can you remember the other event these 3 were present at (exclusively)?
- 4. Jesus is transfigured before these three, what did that do to His appearance here?
- 5. Who appears and speaks with Jesus (2)?
- 6. What does Peter call Jesus here?
- 7. What does Peter offer? (Remember that this chapter started with a promise) What do you think Peter was trying to accomplish?
- 8. Why did Peter say this?
- 9. Where did the voice come form?
- 10. What did it say?
- 11. Where were the three allowed to tell other of this event?
- 12. What part didn't the three understand?
- 13. What question is then asked of Jesus?
- 14. Has Elijah come? Is Elijah still coming?

- 15. When Jesus heads down the mount, what are His disciples doing?
- **16.** Who is there with the disciples?
- 17. When the people saw Jesus, what was their response?

18. Now a son is brought to Jesus - He is possessed by a demon. What four things happen to the boy when the demon seizes him?

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19. When Jesus is told that His disciples were unable to cast out the demon, what does He say?

- 20. What command does Jesus give?
- 21. Had His disciples ever cast out demons before?
- 22. How long had the child been this tormented?
- 23. What has the demon been trying to do to the boy?
- 24. What is possible to him who believes?
- 25. What does the father of this boy cry out to Jesus?
- 26. What two commands does Jesus give to this demon?

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27. Why couldn't His disciples cast out this demon?

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- 28. Where does Jesus go from here?
- 29. What three things does Jesus prophesize will happen?
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- 30. How did His disciples react?
- **31.** Where did Jesus and His boys go to?
- 32. What were His disciples doing on the way?
- 33. If I desire to be first, what must I become?
- 34. Who then, must we receive?
- 35. Then John approaches Jesus. What does he call Him and what is the problem?
- 36. What is Jesus' response?
- **37.** He who is not against us is \_\_\_\_\_?
- 38. Who will not lose their reward?

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- **39.** For whom would it be better for them to be drowned?
- 40. Jesus describes hell by 2 major characteristics. What are they?

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41. What three things are to be removed and cast way if they cause you to sin?

42. What will happen to every person?

43. What does Jesus relate salt with here?

- When the three disciples headed up the hill with Jesus, they had no idea how they would discover Jesus there. Do i still live a life that still anticipates a God who could at any moment glorify Himself and send me to the floor? Is my God still that amazing, wondrous and glorious?
- As Jesus intensifies the focus on the cross, *he* also begins to elaborate on Hell. When I think of place of unending terror and torture, does it drive me to the lost?
- Prayer: "Savior of the world, Thank you for delivering me from where the worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. Please break my heart for those who are headed there even now. Give me the courage to jump in front of them and invite them to life, to freedom, to deliverance as an ambassador of a God who was willing to suffer all the fury of hell just to get them. Keep me from being so consumed with myself and my promotion that I miss the cross You set before me and keep me in constant expectation that at any moment, You may just peel back the ordinary of the unsuspecting day and font forth Your glory..."

- 1. Where does Jesus go now?
- 2. The multitudes come again, what does Jesus do for them?
- 3. Who comes to test Jesus? Over what issue?
- 4. Did Moses command or permit divorce?
- 5. Jesus tells us why Moses permitted it. Why?
- 6. When a man and a woman get married, what do they cease to be? What do they become?

7. What is man not to do?

- 8. Who commits adultery, according to Jesus?
- 9. When children are brought to Jesus, how do the disciples react?
- 10. How did Jesus react to His disciples?
- 11. Who will never enter the kingdom of God?
- **12.** What did Jesus do with the children (3)?
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- 13. Now, on the road someone runs up and asks Jesus a question. What is it?

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- **14.** "No one is \_\_\_\_\_but....God."
- 15. What commandments had this man kept since his youth?

16. Now look at the rest of the commandments in Ex 20. Which one was he lacking in, judging by Jesus' discourse?

17. Why did the man leave sad?

18. For whom is it difficult to enter the kingdom of God?

**19.** Who then can be saved?

20. "With God \_\_\_\_\_\_ are possible."

21. If someone has left all for Jesus' sake or the Gospels, what can they expect? Now and later?

22. They continue on the road, and Jesus takes the 12 aside and prophecies 8 events. List them.

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#### 23. What do James and John ask of Jesus?

24. What does Jesus promise them?

25. What does Jesus not promise them?

26. Why couldn't Jesus grant their request?

27. When the other 10 heard, how did they react?

28. In what way are we to be completely opposite of the unsaved (or as Jesus put it "Gentile") world?

**29.** If I desire to be just, I need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

30. What two things does Jesus say He came for here?

31. Where does Jesus go from here?

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32. What does Bartimaeus ask of Jesus? What does he call Him?

**33.** How does the crowd react?

34. How does Bartimaeus react to the crowd?

- 35. How does Jesus react to Bartimaeus?
- 36. What does Jesus say was the catalyst to make him well?
- 37. Once receiving his sight, what does Bartimaeus do?

- In this chapter Jesus addresses issues of family and servitude. The religious leaders were teaching that Moses commanded divorce and the disciples were keeping children from coming to Jesus. To what importance do I view family, both my biological and church? What things, like the rich ruler, would need to be vacated for me to have the best walk with Jesus? Am I willing to leave them behind or have they become idols to me?
- Prayer: "Servant and Savior for all, You tell me You didn't come to be served, but to serve and give Yourself a ransom for many, Each day, make me more like You, seeking to see all others served and saved. Keep me from setting myself to be the person served and compel me to change the world one service at a time..."
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- 1. What two cities are at the Mount of Olives?
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- 2. Jesus then sends two of His disciples to go look for something, what?
- 3. When they take this animal, what are they to say to anyone who asks them why?
- 4. How did the crowd react when they saw Jesus on the animal?
- 5. "Hosanna" means "Save Now!" This is from Psalm 118 and 148, both written over a millennium before. Find the complete addresses.
- 6. What two things did the people call blessed here?
- 7. What do you think the people were expecting of Jesus (judging from their words)?
- 8. Jesus enters Jerusalem. Where does He go in Jerusalem?
- 9. What does He do there?
- 10. Where does He spend the night?
- 11. What was Jesus' condition when He found the fig tree?
- 12. What was the fig tree's condition when Jesus came to it?
- 13. Now Jesus enters the temple. What does He do there? (3)

- 14. What wouldn't Jesus allow?
- 15. What was God's house supposed to be?
- 16. What had it become?
- 17. How did the scribes and chief priests react?
- 18. What was their attitude toward Jesus?
- 19. When did Jesus leave there?
- **20.** In the movies, Jesus is often portrayed as coming into the temple, stumbling upon the commerce and then, in a fit of rage, He cleanses the temple. How, in this chapter, is it clearly shown that this is a planned, premeditated, calculated event?
- 21. What would it take to say to that mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and expect it to be done?
- 22. What does Jesus ask us to do while praying?
- 23. What else are we to do while praying?
- 24. Who should expect the Father to never forgive their trespasses?
- 25. Jesus tells this in the morning. Where is He going?
- 26. Once He is in the temple, who approaches Him? (3)

- 27. What is the challenge/discussion over?
- 28. Why did the leaders fear the people?
- 29. When Jesus asks what authority John baptized in, what was their response?

- In this chapter we are brought to two perspectives and challenged to chose; either Man's or God's. Man have seen Jesus perform miracle after miracle and, in light of their own agenda, see Him as a perfect candidate to fulfill their will. Jesus, on the other hand, if looking for fruit. He Fig tree, much like the people of Jerusalem, were quick to sprout, quick to cheer, but ere the growth of a fruitless heart. Had they looked at the fruit of Jesus' miracles, and not just the miracles themselves, they would have seen brokenness, humility, surrender and trust in Jesus. This is what He seeks. Do I see the mere miracle of the fruit that comes from it?
- Prayer: "God of all, I come to You asking for more than a simple alleviation from my unrest and discomfort, Lord I seek to be the product of Your greatest miracle, my salvation. So please, break me, as gently as possible, that I would be humble, surrendered, and trust in only You...

1. In the beginning of chapter 12, Jesus speaks to them a parable. Who is the main character of the story?

#### What did he do? (6)

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#### 2. When is the servant sent to the vinedressers?

3. What was the servant sent to do?

What did the vinedressers do to the servant? (3)

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#### Another servant is sent, what do the vinedressers do to him? (3)

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- 4. He sends a third, what do they do to him?

5. Who does He finally send?

6. What did the vinedressers plot in regards to this son?

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- 7. What did they expect to get by killing the son?
- 8. What did the vinedressers do to the son?

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- 9. What two things will the vineyard owner do in response?
- 10. Jesus then quotes from Psalm 118. What is the address?
- 11. A reminder, go back 7 verses beyond the chapter and answer this question: Who was Jesus speaking this parable to?

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12. What was their response?

13. Who challenges Jesus next?

What 4 things do they say they knew about Jesus?

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**14.** What is their question?

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15. What did Jesus know about them?

16. Why does denarius belong to Caesar?

17. What belongs to God then?

18. What was their response?

19. Who challenges Jesus next?

20. What doctrine do they not believe in?

21. What do they call Jesus?

22. What is their discussion over?

23. Jesus said they were mistaken because they didn't know 2 things. What?

- 24. What is one thing we can leave here about angels?
- **25.** God is the God of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 26. Who challenges Jesus next?
- 27. What does He ask Jesus?
- 28. According to Jesus, what does God really want from people?
- 29. How does He want us to treat each other?
- **30.** How does the scribe respond?
- 31. What does the scribe say is better than all the burnt offerings and sacrifice?
- **32.** How does Jesus respond to him?
- **33.** What stops happening here?
- 34. Where was Jesus teaching?
- 35. Who do the scribes say the Christ is?
- 36. Who does David say the Christ is?
- 37. How did the common people respond?

38. Jesus warns the crowd to beware of the scribes-why?

What do they love? (3)

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**39.** What will they receive?

40. Where did Jesus sit?

41. Jesus observed what from there?

42. Why did Jesus say the poor widow contributed more than all others?

- This Chapter begins with a parable against those who kept a field that wasn't theirs solely for themselves, even to the point of seeking to murder the Owner's Son to obtain it. It then turns to the religious leadership, each by group, challenging Jesus publicly and then getting shut down. It is impossible to win an argument about the issues of God with God. It ends with the one who gave out of her poverty/necessity and not just abundance who becomes the hero of giving.
- Have I been faithful with what the Lord has entrusted to me? Do I see it as an opportunity for my betterment or as a privilege to glorify my King?
- How am I, at this moment, with the Lordship of my Lord? Do I willingly submit myself to His authority and to the authority He has established?
- Do I even know what it means to give out of my "Necessity/poverty" and not just abundance?
- Prayer: "Lord of all, You deserve everything I have, everything I am, everything I do to be Yours, to Your glory, for Your will, Please let me give my all unreluctantly, not just that which cost me nothing. Bring me to the place where I can sing "I surrender all" and be confident I am being absolutely real with you to sing it..."

- 1. Jesus starts this chapter with a promise. In short, what is prophesied here?
- 2. Where is Jesus when His disciples ask about the sign when all is fulfilled?
- 3. Jesus answers by telling them to be careful, that no one does this to them. What?
- 4. What/who will many claim to be?
- 5. What are we to do when we hear of wars and rumors of wars?
- 6. Is that when the end comes?
- 7. What is the beginning of sorrows?
- 8. Why are we to "watch ourselves"?
- **9.** Where will they be beaten at?
- 10. Who will they be brought before? Why?
- 11. What must happen world-wide?
- 12. When arrested, why are they not to worry about what to say?
- 13. What will be the condition of the family then?
- 14. What should they expect from all?

- 15. Who will be saved?
- 16. What should those in Judea do when they see the abomination of desolation?
- 17. What should the person on the rooftop do/not do?
- 18. How about the person in the field?
- 19. What must God do for any flesh to survive?
- 20. In those days people will lie by saying what?
- 21. What will be done in an attempt to even deceive the elect?
- 22. When will the sun be darkened?

**23.** What else will happen then? (3)

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- **24.** Then the Son of Man comes how? (2)
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- **25.** Where are the elect gathered from here?
- 26. What symbol is used here as a time piece? When was the last time we saw one of these?

- 27. What will pass away?
- 28. What will not pass away?

- 29. Who doesn't know the day and hour of Jesus' coming? (3)
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#### 30. In application Jesus gives 3 commands. What are they?

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31. This chapter ends with a command. What?

- In this Chapter Jesus brings us to the close of time, what appears evident is that the church, just prior to the end of times will be in a real crisis. There will be fake Messiahs, radical worldwide persecution, family betrayals. During this time the challenge is to endure, and Jesus gives us specific responsibilities and tools for this. In the light of this massive persecution the gospel still must go into the whole world. Saints will even be brought before political leaders for the sake of Jesus as a testimony to them. In light of the persecution and the seeming need to defend ones' self, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will speak through you.
- How conscious am I of those who today are radically persecuted for their faith? How available am I to the Holy Spirit to be used to touch the world around me in the face of any persecution at all?
- Prayer: "My Master, You have changed me, saved me, and taken me as Your own, You have delivered me from hell, eternal separation from You, and even from myself. I know the enemy of souls doesn't want to lose any more of those he has incarcerated, but You have sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and even promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against me. Please, today, compel me to be bold as a witness to You and give me the strength to stand right in the face of even the most ardent opposition and openly allow Your Spirit to speak life through me to this dead and dying world. Remind me, even in the most uncomfortable and threatening of antagonism, I am not alone, I, and the countless others who love You and have been set free by You are held by You, even in the darkest of moments. So please, give them the strength they need, and the courage to stand, even as You strengthen me to stand here for You..."

- 1. What feast was to take place in two days?
- 2. What were the chief priests and scribes looking to do?
- 3. Why didn't they want to take Him during the feast?
- 4. Where was Jesus when He was anointed?
- 5. What two things did the woman do with her alabaster flask?
- **6.** Now a denarius was a day's wage-so let's do a little math. In our area the average income is somewhere around \$48,000 a year. Divide by 365 days, to get the day's wage. Now her flask was worth 300 of those. How much would it be worth today?
- 7. As long as we are on earth, what can we expect to always be with us?
- 8. Why has she done this?
- 9. What will be a memorial everywhere the gospel is preached?
- 10. What did this event seem to inspire Judas to do?
- 11. When Judas approaches the chief priests to help them get Jesus, how do they react?
- 12. What did they promise Judas?
- 13. Judas then sought how he might \_\_\_\_\_\_betray Him.
- 14. What happens on the 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened bread?
- 15. What room was Jesus going to celebrate the Passover in?
- 16. How many people appear to be with Jesus at the Passover?

- 17. When Jesus says that one of them will betray Him, what is their response? What does their response say about their relationship with Jesus?
- **18.** How is the traitor identified?
- 19. When Jesus took the bread, what two things did He do with it before He gave it to the disciples?
- 20. What did He do with the cup before handing it to them? What does He call this cup?
- 21. Jesus then says that He will not drink it again until when? (Culture note: When a couple got betrothed [engaged] they drank of the covenant cup, agreeing to pledge of matrimony. At the wedding itself, the groom, if he find his wife pure offers her the 'Cos Cohen,' priest's cup, which declares her as clean as a priest to him.) What does this say about Jesus and His promise to His disciples?
- 22. What did they do before leaving for the Mount of Olives?
- 23. Now Jesus made another prophecy. This time it involves them all. What is it?
- 24. The prophecy Jesus quotes is from Is 53 (written 700 yrs. ago). Find its full address in Is 53.
- 25. Where does Jesus promise to go after His resurrection?
- 26. What does Peter promise to do?
- 27. What does Jesus promise Peter will do?
- 28. What do the rest promise to do?

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- 29. Where does Jesus go on the Mount of Olives?
- 30. What does He command all but 3 of His disciples to do?
- 31. What 3 guys does he take with Him? Can you remember 2 other events in this book that these 3 are exclusive to?

- 32. What does He command the three to do?
- 33. What was Jesus praying for?
- 34. What does He call God in heaven?
- 35. Who does Jesus ask, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"
- 36. Jesus warns Peter to watch and pray or else what?
- 37. When Jesus approaches then a second time, what was their response?
- 38. What hour has come?
- 39. Who came with Judas? (Notice the word that is use to describe the crowd.)
- 40. What was the crowd to do the one Judas kissed?
- 41. What did Judas call Jesus?
- 42. What happened to the young man who followed Jesus?
- 43. The 1st council that tries Jesus, who is it comprised of?

- 44. Where did Peter follow Jesus?
- **45.** What couldn't the council find?
- 46. What was the problem with all the witnesses?

47. Then some rose up to charge Jesus with blaspheming the temples, but what was the problem with them?

48. The high priest jumps in. What does he ask Jesus?

49. Who does Jesus say He is?

50. What does Jesus then promise?

#### 51. List out 4 things they did to abuse Him here?

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52. Who was the first to accuse Peter?

53. What happened when Peter responded?

54. Who accused Peter the second time?

55. What convinces them, that Peter is Jesus' disciple?

56. After Peter began to curse, what happened?

57. What did Peter do when he thought about Jesus' promise and his own failure?

- In this chapter we see loyalty, and the lack thereof. On one side there is a woman, who lavishes most likely her bridegift upon Jesus, right in the face of persecution by some who were close to Jesus. There is the faithfulness of Jesus who stands firm in His resolution to go to the most torturous of events, the cross, Then there is the faithless, Judas who seeks remuneration for handing Jesus in, The sleeping disciples, and Peter's denial. Which side can I honestly see myself in? Clearly from the woman's story nothing is wasted when it is lavished on Jesus, nothing. Jesus lavishes His love upon the Disciples as He testifies of His death in the Passover and then puts Himself in the garden to be arrested. How much of my life can I say is openly "lavished" on Jesus? How much is unreluctant surrendering of everything? On the other side, how much is me carefully measuring out just enough time, resources and energy, for Him so that I can keep the most for myself? In Peter's case, he starts by following at a distance, then joining the crowd of the enemy, and then outright denying Him. Am I in danger of this in my life right now?
- Prayer: "My Savior and Friend, I know it is natural for me to not surrender everything, to hold back and only give what I need to give, even to You. So please, do in me that which is not natural, but supernatural, that I, in absolute love for You, would faithfully break open the flask of my heart and lavish on You the entirety of my affection, attention, and devotion..."

- 1. Which religious/political groups are involved in this council?
- 2. What is the first thing Pilate says to Jesus?
- 3. What is Jesus' response?
- 4. What caused Pilate to marvel?
- 5. Who was Barabbas?
- 6. Was it a common practice for Pilate to release a prisoner during this feast?
- 7. Who does Pilate offer to the people?
- 8. Pilate knew why Jesus was handed over to him by the chief priests, why?

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- 9. Why did the crowd ask for Barabbas?
- 10. What did the crowd want Pilate to do with Jesus?
- 11. Why did Pilate deliver Jesus to death?

- 12. What 13 events take place in verses 16-20?
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#### 13. Tell me 4 things about Simon. (Note: Cyrene is in northern Africa.)

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- 14. What does "Golgotha" mean?

15. What did Jesus refuse?

- 16. When was Jesus crucified? (Remember the 1st hour is 6am)
- 17. Above the condemned crucified criminal was his charge. What was Jesus accusation?
- 18. God makes special note that Jesus was crucified among others. How does that relate to chapter 10:35-45?

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19. This also fulfills scripture from Is 53, "He was numbered with the transgressors," where is that in Is 53?

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- 20. What 3 groups criticize and mock Jesus while He is hanging there?
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- 21. We have now 3 hours of darkness. When were they (according to our clocks)?
- 22. When Jesus cries out, "Eloi, Eloi..." What did those around Him think He was calling?
- 23. When Jesus dies what happens in the temple?
- 24. What three women are mentioned by name here as looking on from afar?
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- 25. What day of the week was it when Jesus died?
- 26. When (what time of day) did Jesus die?
- 27. Who asked for Jesus' body?
- **28.** What did Pilate marvel at?
- 29. Who confirmed Jesus' death?
- 30. What did this same man testify earlier?
- 31. What was Jesus wrapped in at His death?

32. What details do we have on Jesus' tomb?

33. What two women witnessed Jesus' burial?

- In this Chapter many views of Jesus surface freely; King of the Jews, Criminal deserving death, fool worth mocking, the Son of God. Notice they are all there and bare before the cross. Be reminded that when the cross is present, there will be such views aired openly. There will be some who openly mock, some who vehemently oppose, but also some who willingly declare Him to be the King, the Son of God, the Savior of the World, Am I in a place that I would hesitate to share the cross in fear of the negative reactions, proving that I am more driven by self-preservation than by a passion to se others saved? Also notice, as Jesus had taught us just two chapters ago that when we are brought before leaders not to worry, for the Holy Spirit will speak through us, Now we have the example in Jesus, Notice how, when feverishly accused by the religious leaders He didn't say a word Sometimes the Holy Spirit will say nothing because the proper answer is,,,nothing. When I find myself in a place where I feel I must defend myself but I hear nothing from God, do I try to fill the silence anyways?
- Prayer: "Savior of Mine, King of Me, Son of God, I openly confess You today as my King, My Lord, My Savior, My God. I know there will be those who mock You, who ridicule You, and who will even seek to destroy anything in their lives that could in any way resemble You, but please keep that from influencing me. Please break my heart for the lost, the seeking, the needy, the helpless that would, at the clear declaration of the cross, even in the face of that mockery, come and be set free..."

- 1. When the Sabbath had ended what 3 women came to the tomb?
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- 2. Where had these three been mentioned before?
- 3. What were they going to the tomb to do?
- 4. What important detail had they failed to discuss beforehand?
- 5. What condition did they find the tomb in when they arrived?
- 6. What did they see in the tomb?
- 7. What was their reaction?
- 8. What does this angel call Jesus?
- 9. What were the women sent to tell the disciples and Peter?
- 10. Where will the disciples meet up with Jesus?
- 11. What were their 4 responses?
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- 12. Why did they say this message to no one?

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- 13. Which women had He appeared to first?
- 14. What condition was Mary in when she first met Jesus?
- 15. What did she do different then when she was with the others earlier?
- 16. What were they doing when Mary came and spoke with them?
- 17. What was their reaction?
- 18. How did Jesus appear to the two men who were leaving Jerusalem?
- **19.** Those two mean return to Jerusalem and tell the same guys Mary Magdalene had told earlier. What was their response this time?

- 20. Finally Jesus appears to the eleven. What does He do there?
- 21. Then after rebuking them, what does He do?
- 22. Who will be saved?
- 23. What happens to the person who does not believe?
- 24. "These signs will\_\_\_\_\_\_ those who believe..."
- **25.** What 5 signs will follow them?
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26. After Jesus spoke these things what happened?

27. Where is Jesus now?

28. What did the disciples then do?

29. What purpose did the signs (miraculous events) serve?

- This Chapter begins with a bunch of devoted ladies wanting to anoint the body of the One they most love and instead proclaiming His resurrection! Their devotion was still clearly shown, but shown differently than they had originally anticipated. Truly we want to show our Lord our devotion, but He hasn't simply called us to anoint a dead body, but to go into the world and proclaim how He has conquered death, sin and the grave all in one act. Jesus promised if we were willing to lead with that message, then His miracles would follow, AM I leading with that message or wanting Jesus to do the miracles first?
- Prayer: "Conqueror of my death, my sin, the grave, You win, You have me completely. Use me entirely, Change the world around me by sending me into it with the most important news that has even been, that YOU WON! All of hell came out. Satan and all his fury, with the full artillery of Sin and the grave and are now miserable failures, defeated and over! Remind me that I serve a living body, Your church , and a Risen King! Cause me to trust that if I am willing to go, Your validation is willing to follow..."