



The Gospel of Mark

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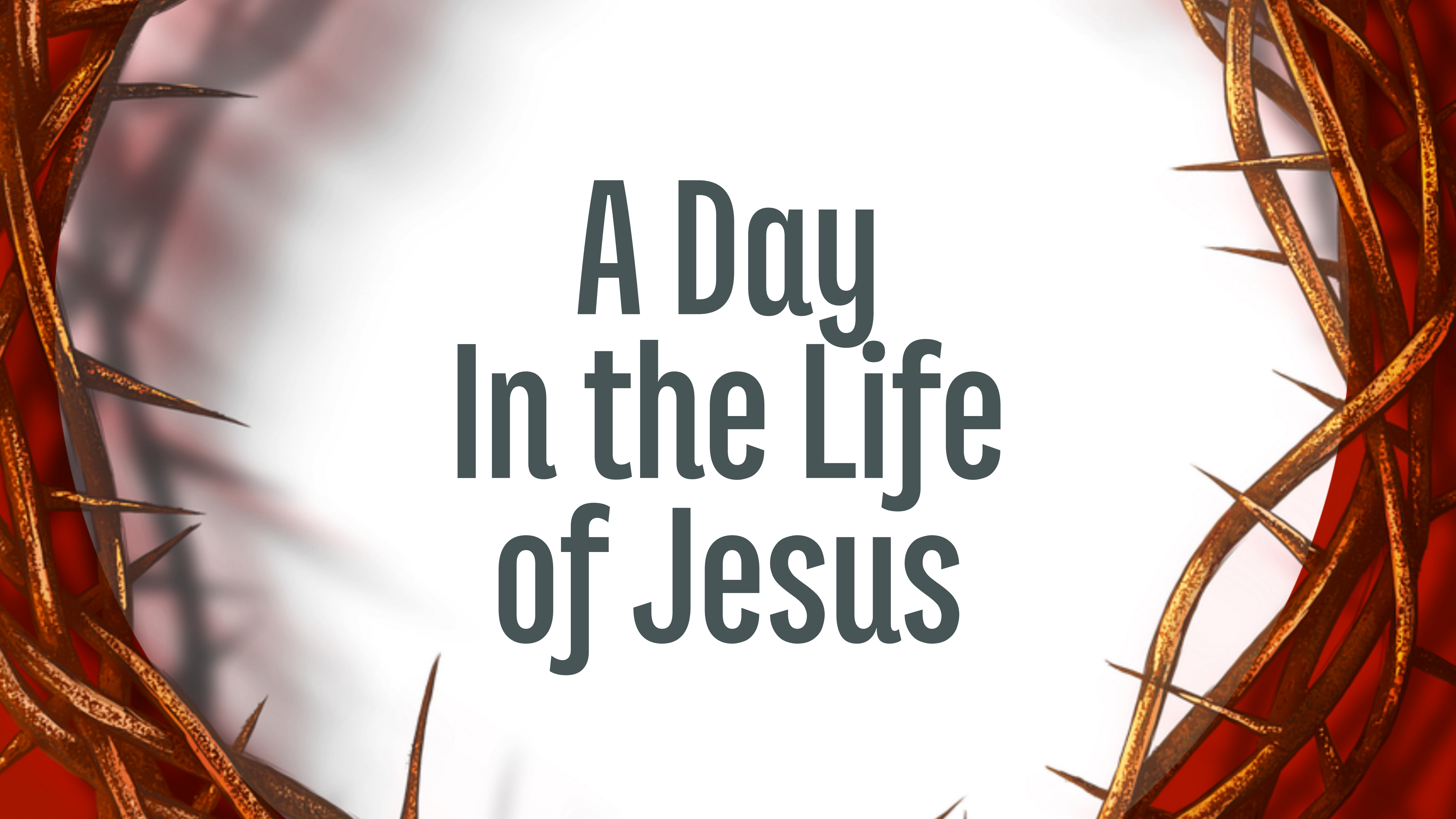
The King Who
Came to Die

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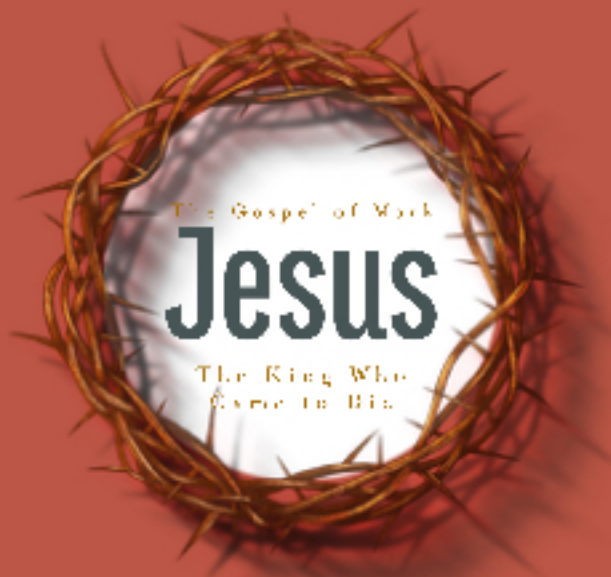
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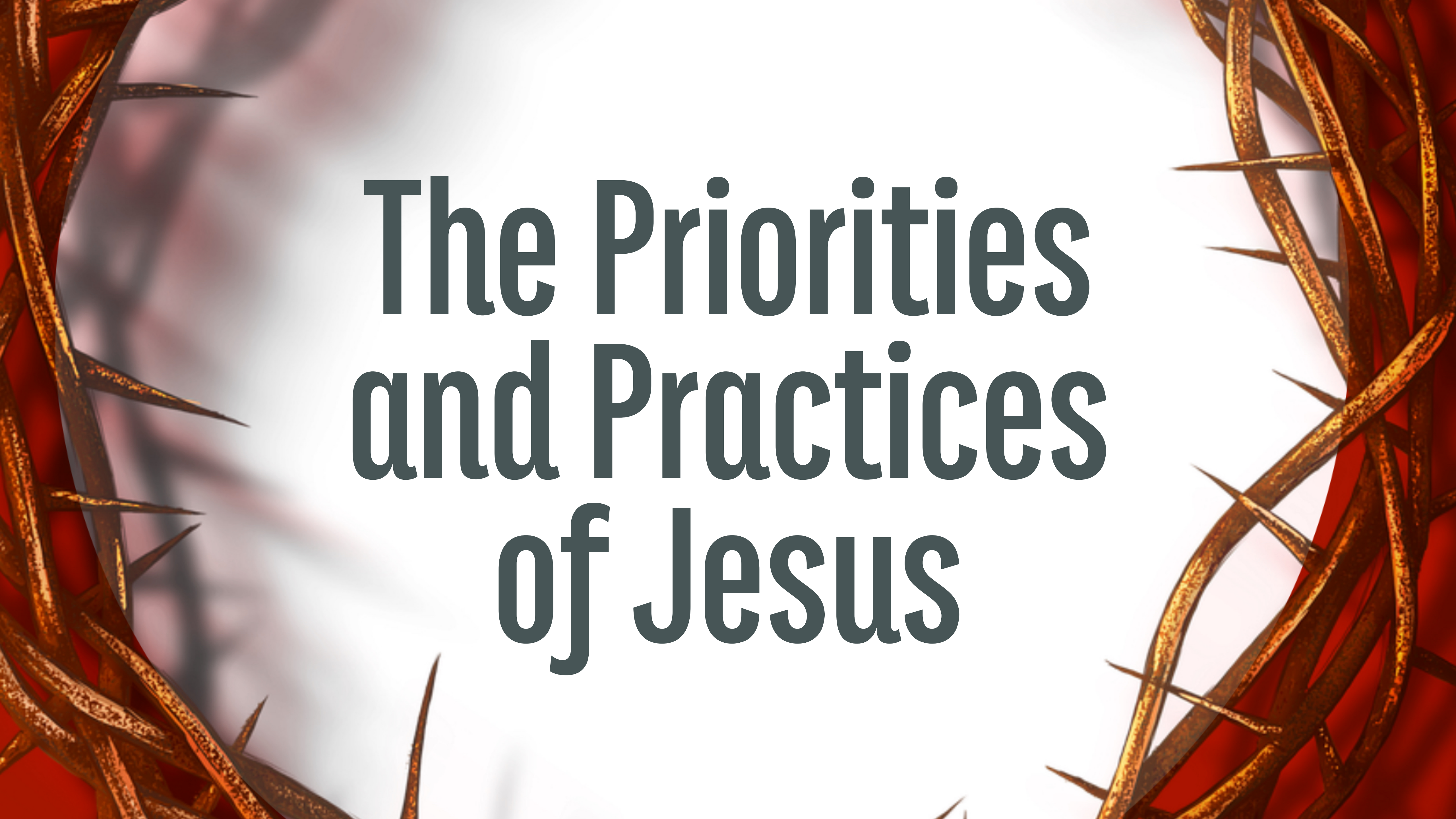
Mark 1:35–45

A crown of thorns, made of golden-brown, sharp, and intertwined branches, frames the central text. The thorns are set against a background of soft, out-of-focus light rays emanating from a bright white center, creating a halo effect. The overall color palette is dominated by the golden-brown of the thorns, the white of the light source, and a deep red that is visible in the shadows and at the edges of the frame.

A Day In the Life of Jesus

- Jesus gathers with God's people for public worship on the Sabbath
- Jesus powerfully proclaims God's Word
- Jesus drives out a demon that manifests during the public worship
- Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law
- After the Sabbath ends at sunset crowds flock to the house and Jesus heals many and drives out many demons



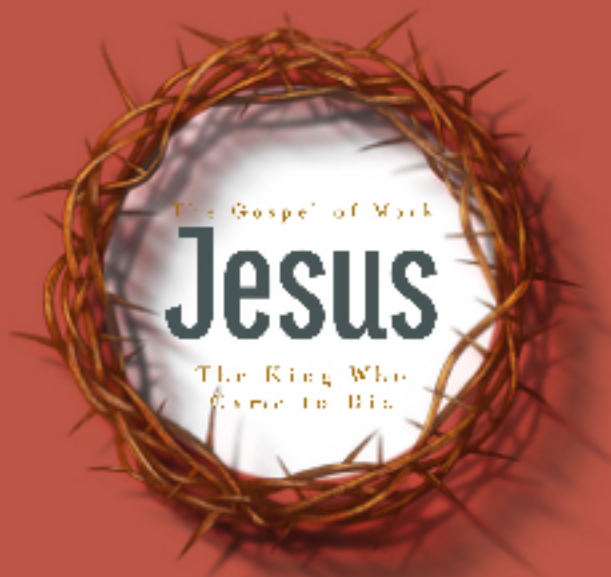


The Priorities and Practices of Jesus

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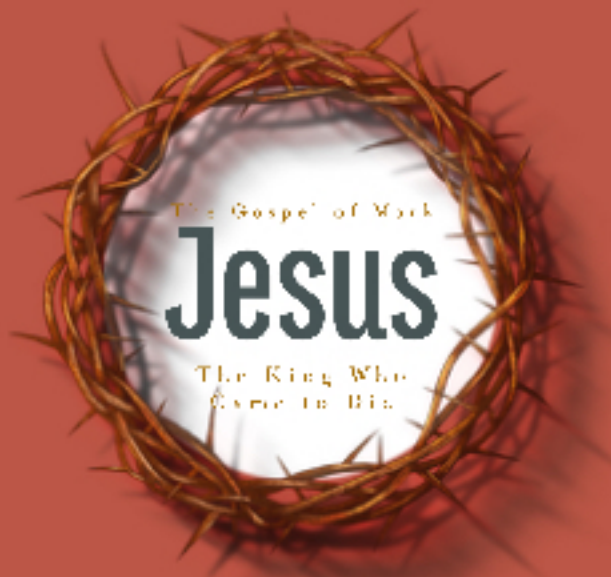
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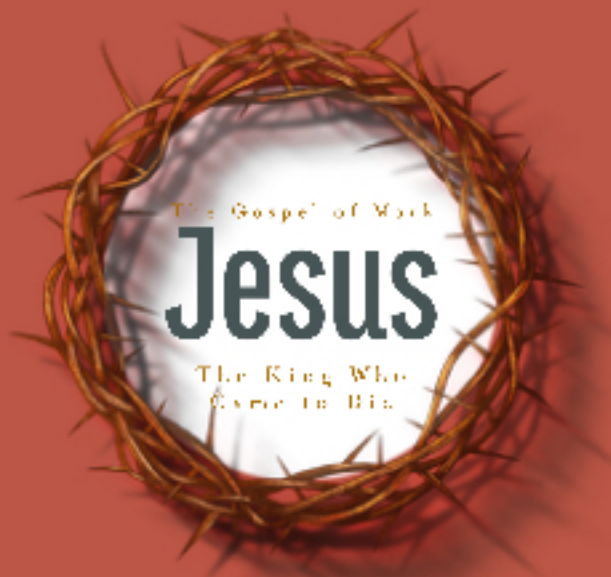
Luke 5:16



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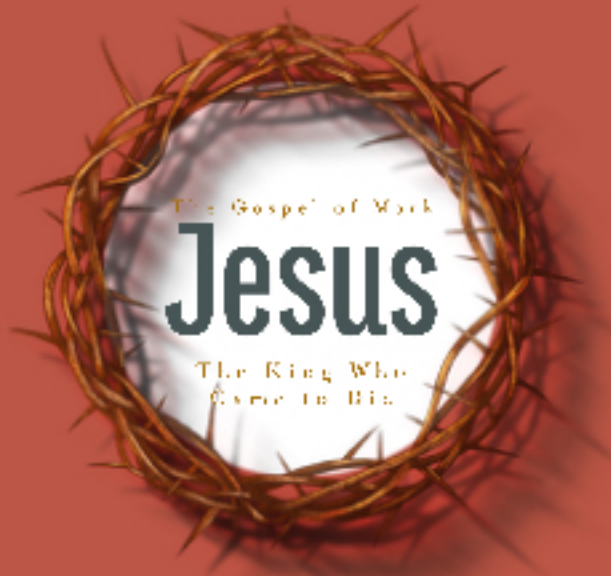
Mark 1:36–39



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Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4

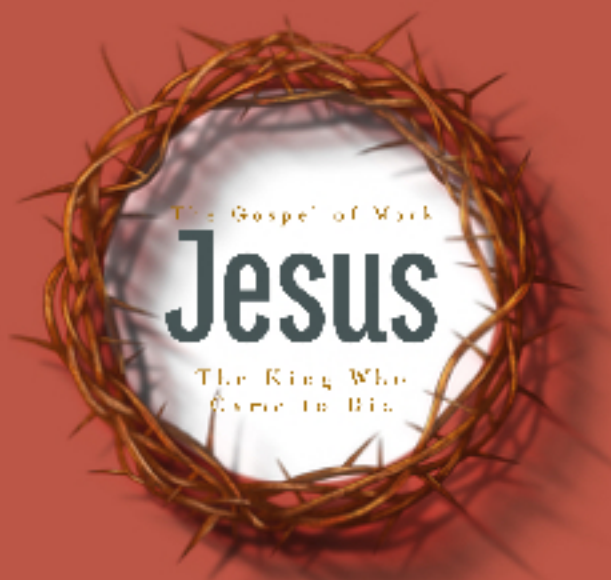
I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread. Job 23:12



The Priority of the Corporate Worship

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Mark 1:21, 39

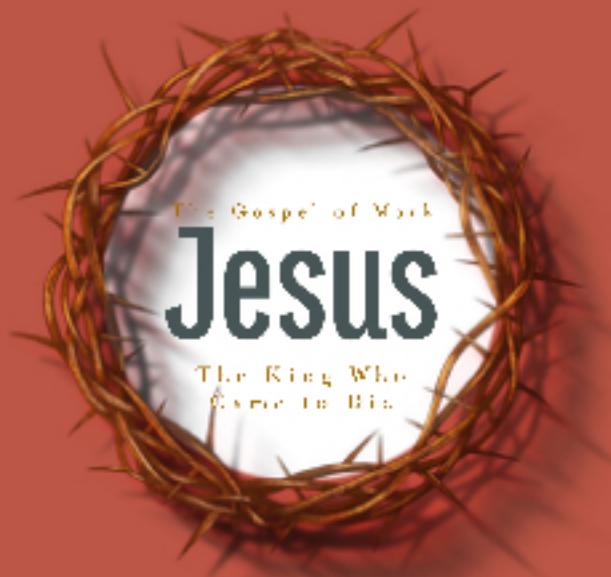


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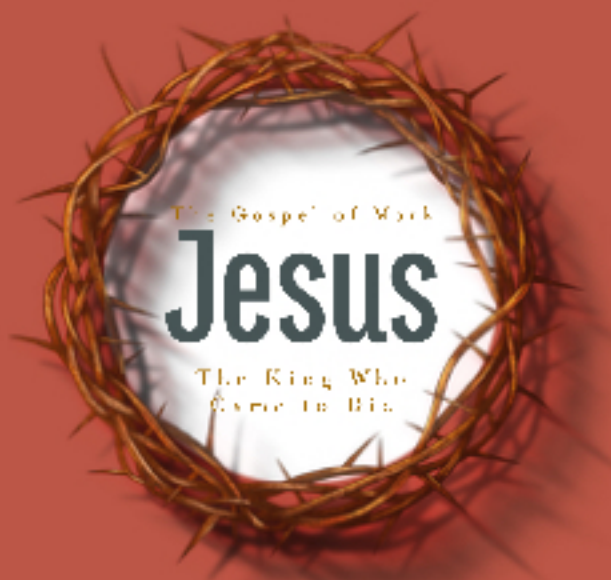
Mark 1:40–42



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The work of the Son of God is both an inward and an outward work. Jesus cannot extend himself outward in compassion without first attending to the source of his mission and purpose with the Father; and, conversely, his oneness with the Father compels him outward in mission.

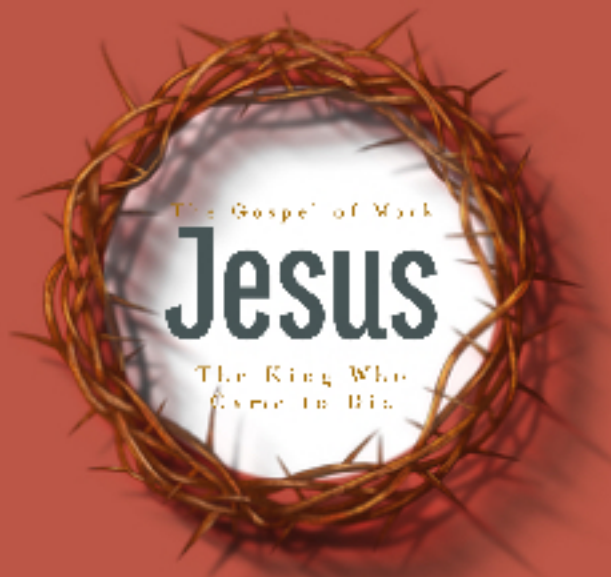
James R. Edwards, Pillar Commentary



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Applying

The Word

The Table of Cleansing
and Restoration

