



The Gospel of Mark

# JESUS

The King Who  
Came to Die

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<sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables:  
“How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is  
divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a  
house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.  
<sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he  
cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can  
enter a strong man’s house and carry off his  
possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then  
he can rob his house.

<sup>28</sup> I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. <sup>29</sup> But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.” <sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”

Mark 3:20–30

A circular wreath of golden, thorny branches frames the text. The branches are thick and textured, with sharp, pointed thorns extending outwards. The wreath is set against a background of a bright, hazy sky with soft, white clouds. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the golden tones of the branches and the soft whites and blues of the sky.

# Growing Popularity and Opposition

# The Crowds Gather

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Mark 3:20



# Opposition From His Own Family!

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Mark 3:21



# Opposition From Jerusalem Authorities

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Mark 3:22





# Jesus the Sorcerer?

“Yeshu of Nazareth was hanged on the day of preparation for the Passover because he practiced sorcery and led the people astray” (TB Sanhedrin 43a)

“And a master has said, ‘Yeshu the Nazarene practiced magic and led Israel astray’” (TB Sanhedrin 107b)





# Kingdoms In Conflict

# Jesus Answers the Charge - With A Parable!

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Mark 3:27



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Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives rescued from the fierce? <sup>25</sup> But this is what the LORD says: “Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.”

Isaiah 49:24–25



# The Gospel According to Peter!

You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.



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# Applying

The Word



A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would be either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. CS Lewis

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The Table of the  
Shepherd-Warrior-



The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love  
will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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