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## The Gospel of Mark, con't

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### *March 1: Mark 10: 13-31*

- 1) Why does Jesus say we ought to imitate children?
- 2) In what ways?
- 3) What makes wealth such a stumbling block to faith?
- 4) In response to Peter saying the disciples had left all to follow Jesus, he seems to point to the reward of following him. How does one explain that in the light of by grace you have been saved?

Important questions and thoughts:

### *March 2: Mark 10: 32-52*

- 1) Why was Jesus going to Jerusalem?
- 2) What were the sons of Zebedee really asking of Jesus?
- 3) What did the sons think Jesus was talking about?
- 4) Why is power such a source of temptation for people?
- 5) What did Bartimaeus mean when he called Jesus the Son of David?
- 6) How does faith heal?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Dear Savior, we humbly confess our sins to you. As we see you approaching your passion on the way of sorrows, revive in us a spirit of repentance and faith. Renew our assurance that your suffering and death have covered the multitude of our sins, and that, on account of your work, God has made us his children through faith in you. We ask this in your name. Amen.*

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## March 3: Mark 11: 1-25

- 1) What is the significance that the Lord rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem?
- 2) What is the meaning of “hosanna?”
- 3) In what ways do you sing his praise?
- 4) The cursing of the fig tree seems so harsh coming from Jesus. What lesson was Jesus teaching when he cursed the fig tree? There is more to come (verses 20-25)
- 5) How might we make the Lord’s house a den of robbers?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O God, our Father, you have blessed us and our country. You have provided armies for our protection and safety. In your providence, the men and women in those armies have placed their lives at risk, and many have died for our peace. Let us not take such a wonderful and costly blessing for granted, but move us to remember those fallen troops with thanks. Help us to live worthy of the peace that they fought to preserve. Make us brave to defend that peace into the future. O Lord, keep us mindful also of the unspeakable price that you paid for our eternal peace through your Son, and keep us in that peace now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## March 4: Mark 11:27 – 12:17

- 1) What was Jesus doing in the temple courts that the leaders were challenging?
- 2) How did Jesus call their bluff?
- 3) In the parable about the vineyard, what was/were:
  - a. The vineyard
  - b. The owner
  - c. The servants that were sent
  - d. The Son
- 4) What is the point of the parable?
- 5) Jesus quotes the Scripture. Who is the stone?
- 6) Who are supposed to be the builders?
- 7) What kind of group do you think the Herodians were?
- 8) What should the Christian do – pay taxes to Caesar or not?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Gracious Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of children. Let our manner with our children reflect the love you have toward us. Grant us the patience and ability to meet their needs. Give us the wisdom to use your Word effectively as the guide for our personal lives and in the instruction of our children. Grant all parents a measure of love that will not diminish under the burdens of this life. As you are always ready to forgive and to restore us, let us learn to exercise discipline in love, with a readiness to forgive. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## March 5: Mark 12: 18-37

- 1) Why were the Sadducees such a dangerous group?
- 2) The Sadducees were referring to the Levirate marriage. What was that?
- 3) What does Jesus teach us about heaven in these verses?
- 4) What is the significance of the phrase, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?"
- 5) What is the fulfillment of the Law?
- 6) David spoke in Psalm 110. What did he mean by the words, "The Lord said to my Lord?"
- 7) What does that passage prove?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Heavenly Father, thank you for my home and family. For love and gentleness, for laughter enjoyed and sorrows shared. For daily bread. For the gift of your Son. Help me to be mindful of all your gifts and to rejoice in your goodness. May your peace be with us and your presence protect us. Amen.*

## March 6: Mark 12:38 – 13:13

- 1) What made the teachers of the law dangerous?
- 2) How was the woman who gave all that she had a real lesson in Christian stewardship?
- 3) What are some of the signs of the last times?
- 4) What is also comforting about the last times?

Important questions and thoughts:

*My God, we do not insist that all be freed from pains; you know what is best. If the body of a loved one must grow weaker and their agony be greater, make their hearts ready to accept this and suffer whatever conforms to your will. But this I ardently beg: After the sufferings and tribulations of this brief life, may I and our loved ones die the death of one of your believers in Christ and be admitted into the kingdom of your glory, there to see and enjoy you and the company of the blessed for all eternity. Amen.*

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## March 7: Mark 13: 14-37

- 1) Jesus was warning that the Roman armies would take over the temple and put up a false god when he says that there would be an “abomination that causes desolation.” It is also a typical prophecy that points out another fulfillment. Do you know what it is?
- 2) What would the destruction of Jerusalem be like?
- 3) Jesus makes it very clear that we are to be ready because we see the signs. What are the signs?
- 4) How are you keeping watch?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Give me a caring heart, O my Savior, to love and seek the lost. Overcome my fear, and grant me courage to share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you. Amen.*

## March 8: Mark 14: 1-21

- 1) How popular was Jesus?
- 2) Why did the woman anoint Jesus?
- 3) Why did the people criticize the woman?
- 4) Do you find verse nine interesting?
- 5) Why is the Upper Room given cursory treatment in Mark?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O Lord, it grieves me that anger, strife, and bitterness have become a part of my life. Forgive my sins and renew my spirit so that I will pardon others, correct the mistakes I have made, and be more cheerful toward those around me. Remind me through your Word that your Son's peace provides the needed hope and reason for healing and change. Amen.*

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## March 9: Mark 14: 22-52

- 1) Do you see any additions with the account of the Lord's Supper in Matthew 26?
- 2) Agree or Disagree - Isn't Peter's resolve what every person wants to say?
- 3) Comment on what made it wrong.
- 4) Have you ever prayed intensely for what you wanted? What was it?
- 5) How do we keep watch?
- 6) What does Jesus mean, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak?"
- 7) Why was a kiss used to betray Jesus?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Lord, there is urgency and ecstasy in proclaiming the message of your great love. Allow your word to have free course, that it may be declared among all peoples of the world. May I cheerfully support the cause of the gospel. Bless those who labor in far-off lands, away from loved ones and familiar places. Keep our missionary families healthy and in love with you as well as with one another. May their courage and zeal for the gospel be an example to us whenever we feel tired or are tempted to be apathetic, and may they always be found eager and willing to serve you and your holy name. Amen.*

## March 10: Mark 14: 53-72

- 1) Why did the people even go through the sham of a trial for Jesus?
- 2) What did they mean about that temple that was to be rebuilt in three days?
- 3) Why did Jesus remain silent?
- 4) Jesus took an oath in verses 60-62. I thought we were not supposed to swear. Explain.
- 5) When have we denied knowing Jesus?
- 6) Peter's weeping could have been a good sign or a bad sign. Explain.

Important questions and thoughts:

*O Lord, it grieves me that anger, strife, and bitterness have become a part of my life. Forgive my sins and renew my spirit so that I will pardon others, correct the mistakes I have made, and be more cheerful toward those around me. Remind me through your Word that your Son's peace provides the needed hope and reason for healing and change. Amen.*

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## March 11: Mark 15: 1-47

- 1) How is Jesus THE king?
- 2) Why did Jesus remain silent?
- 3) What would you have done if you had been Pilate?
- 4) What was the nature of the ridicule that Jesus was the object of?
- 5) What is the import of Jesus' words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- 6) What did the tearing of the temple curtain mean?
- 7) How did Jesus' enemies really understand and yet not understand?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O precious Savior and Redeemer, during these special days of Lent, let our hearts and faith review all you did for us so that we might have life with you. When we sin, lead us to remember how you lived a perfect life to make up for our sins. When our sins trouble us, lead us to recall how you suffered the punishment we deserved. Use our worship and our study during this season so that our faith might be strengthened and our fruits of faith increased. Amen.*

## March 12: Mark 16: 1-20

- 1) Who would roll the stone away from the tomb?
- 2) Why do you think the angels said to the women that they should go to tell the disciples but then mentioned Peter by name?
- 3) How many post-resurrection appearances are recorded in this chapter?
- 4) What condemns people? Why?
- 5) What is Jesus doing in heaven now?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O Lord, you are a refuge for the righteous. Confident of your compassion, we call to you on behalf of civilians around the world who are caught in the upheaval of war. Protect them when their communities become battlegrounds. Care for the refugees who have left their homes to find safety and sustenance. Reunite those who have been separated from family members. Cause military leaders to be guided by a concern not to harm noncombatants. Move those not directly affected by war to provide assistance for the wounded and the hungry. Above all, O God, we ask you to comfort the distressed and displaced with the gospel of your Son, Jesus. Lead them to find consolation in knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen.*

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## The Gospel of Luke

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### March 13: Luke 1:1-25

- 1) To whom was this Gospel of Luke addressed?
- 2) How did Luke gather information for his Gospel?
- 3) We believe that the Bible is verbally inspired. Does the above question bring into question the verbal inspiration of Scripture?
- 4) How many other women who ended up having great people in the history of God's people can you name?
- 5) Zechariah was told that he would have a son. He was to name him John. Why was that unusual?
- 6) John was to be a Nazarite. What was that?
- 7) Why was Zechariah struck with being a mute?
- 8) How did Elizabeth react?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O God of peace, I turn aside from an unquiet world, seeking rest for my spirit and light for my thoughts. I bring my work to be sanctified, my wounds to be healed, my sins to be forgiven, my hopes to be renewed. In you through your Son there is perfect harmony. Draw me to yourself, and silence the discords of my wasteful life. Your greatness is beyond my highest praise. Take me out of the loneliness of self, and fill me with the fullness of your peace. Amen.*

### March 14: Luke 1: 26-56

- 1) How are we to regard Mary?
- 2) What is not saying enough?
- 3) What is saying too much?
- 4) What is the "throne of his (Jesus) father David?"
- 5) Many criticize the Virgin birth of Jesus and say that is not possible. Why is that foolishness?
- 6) What can we say about children from verse forty one?
- 7) In verse forty-six, what does Mary say about herself?
- 8) How has God brought down the arrogant and lifted up the humble?
- 9) To whom is Jesus connected? (verse 54)

Important questions and thoughts:

*Lord, I approach this season with mixed feelings. First, I feel terrible that I have sinned so severely to cause you such pain and suffering. I see your tortured body and think of the sins my hands committed, the sinful thoughts I had, the sinful words I said, and the sinful things my eyes saw. For all my sins, I am very sorry. Second, I feel good to know that you would take all my sins on yourself and give your life as a payment for them. For your forgiveness and my salvation, I am very happy. If you wish me to follow you in suffering, give me the strength to bear it bravely, knowing that in the end I will have everlasting glory because you suffered and died for me. Amen.*

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## March 15: Luke 1: 57-80

- 1) How was it apparent that the baby of Elizabeth was a special baby?
- 2) What is the "horn of our salvation?"
- 3) Which enemies are referred to in verse 71?
- 4) How does Jesus allow us to serve God without fear?
- 5) What title is John given?
- 6) How would John prepare the way before Jesus?
- 7) Where did John live? Why?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Lord, there is urgency and ecstasy in proclaiming the message of your great love. Allow your word to have free course, that it may be declared among all peoples of the world. May I cheerfully support the cause of the gospel. Bless those who labor in far-off lands, away from loved ones and familiar places. Keep our missionary families healthy and in love with you as well as with one another. May their courage and zeal for the gospel be an example to us whenever we feel tired or are tempted to be apathetic, and may they always be found eager and willing to serve you and your holy name. Amen.*

## March 16: Luke 2: 1-35

- 1) Why is the record of who was in power and when the census was taken of value?
- 2) How was the birth of Christ so majestic and so simple at the same time?
- 3) The shepherds were included. What does that say about the gift of Jesus?
- 4) How does one ponder all that Christ means?
- 5) What was done on the eighth day?
- 6) Why is the testimony of Simeon so special?
- 7) Why is his song so appropriate for a funeral of an older person?
- 8) What ominous words did he say to Mary?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Father, you know that the world is in constant turmoil like an angry sea. We are helpless against the storms that rage around us. We have no answer for the tumult of trouble. We can't stop the churning. The waves of fury threaten to sweep us away until we are no more.*

*But you have promised to be our rock of refuge. You have promised to be our safe haven from the storm, our shelter from the wind and strife. You have said, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations." You have told us that our strength lies in quietness and trust in you. No matter how many troubles and dangers swirl around us, help us to trust your promise that you are still in control and that you will help and protect us. Amen.*

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## March 17: Luke 2: 36-52

- 1) Who was Anna?
- 2) What made her such a great example of a believer?
- 3) Why was it important for Mary and Joseph to do all the things required by the Law?
- 4) Why would it have been easy to make a lot of assumptions about Jesus if you had been Mary and Joseph?
- 5) What is astonishing about Jesus asking questions and growing in wisdom and stature?
- 6) How do you explain that?
- 7) What is Jesus' active obedience?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Heavenly Father, how can we address the suffering and sorrow which so often accompanies the death of a family member or friend? Is it not by carefully considering what You have told us in Your Word? Remind the Starks family and the York family who are grieving that death, for a child of God is not an end, but a blessed beginning. Remind those who are left behind to follow you. You sent Your Son for just such a time as this. He died for our sins and rose again for our justification. And He promised, before He ascended into heaven that He was going there to prepare a place for us, and that one day He would return, raise our bodies from the grave, and take us home to heaven. Remove all doubts from our minds and enable us to say with conviction, I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! Amen.*

## March 18: Luke 3:1-22

- 1) What is the “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins that John was preaching?”
- 2) What was John the Baptist's purpose?
- 3) What is “fruit in keeping with repentance?”
- 4) Why do we want to give up sin?
- 5) When would Jesus baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire?
- 6) What does John prove happens when we speak up against sin?

Important questions and thoughts:

*God of mercy and God of might, our country has long enjoyed peace within our borders. We praise you for watching over and protecting our undeserving nation. In these uncertain days, stretch forth your mighty hand and restrain those who would bring disaster and destruction into our land. Keep our citizenry and our armed forces vigilant, so our borders may remain secure. Invigorate all those who—by land, sea, and air—maintain a constant guard on the many miles of our borders. Preserve peace in our country that many more people may use their time of grace to find spiritual peace in Jesus Christ. Be our sure defense, that your people may continue to live their lives in peace and quietness. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, the world's only Savior. Amen.*

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## March 19: Luke 3: 23-38

- 1) Why was thirty an important age to reach for Jesus to begin the ministry?
- 2) Why is this genealogy so important?
- 3) How many names do you recognize?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Dear Father in heaven, where will it all end? - this terrorism and killing, this flaunting their opposition to the morality which You have prescribed for us, this hatred and anger and bitterness which we see all around. Where will it all end, this advancement in technology which opens the door to unfathomable possibilities, such as exploration of the universe and on and on? In the face of all these uncertainties we are assured by Isaiah (Is.55:8ff) "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." In the face of all these uncertainties, one thing remains certain. You are in control. You have a plan. And by grace You have made us part of that plan which is by faith in Christ Jesus. We have Your assurance that "in all things God works together for the good of those who love him." With this assurance we can face all uncertainties with confidence. God grant that for Jesus' sake. Amen*

## March 20: Luke 4: 1-30

- 1) What does the temptation of Christ teach us and assure us of?
- 2) How did the Devil show us in this story that he is the father of lies?
- 3) What is our ammunition against the Devil?
- 4) Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah in verses 18 and 19. What did the prophet prophesy about Jesus?
- 5) Why did the people have a tough time believing Jesus?
- 6) Why were the people offended?
- 7) What offends people today?

Important questions and thoughts:

*God our Father, your Son welcomed all who came to him. Even the outcasts and despised. Give me a faith that dares to come to you, trusting only in your love. Give me a love that accepts others, as I have been accepted by you through your Son. Amen.*

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## March 21: Luke 4:31 – 5:11

- 1) The Scripture says that Jesus spoke with authority. What does that mean?
- 2) Why would Jesus want to keep the evil spirits quiet?
- 3) What comfort is there in knowing that Jesus cast demons out of people?
- 4) Simon is referred to twice, when he heals his mother-in-law and when he is given the incredible catch of fish. What is admirable in his way of dealing with Jesus?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Dear God, compassionate Father, you have found us spiritually blind and deaf because of our sin and opened our eyes and ears to the truth of your salvation in Christ. Thank you for your forgiving love. Now in thankfulness and reflecting the hope of our salvation, we desire to show love also to those who have similar physical weaknesses. Help us in our service so that in our labor of love we glorify your name and build up the saving faith of those we reach. We ask this in the name of Christ our Savior.  
Amen*

## March 22: Luke 5:12 – 28

- 1) What is admirable about the leper's prayer?
- 2) Did you ever ask the question if you had been living in the day of Jesus if you would have believed? What do you think?
- 3) What is so great about the question, "Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'?"
- 4) What is comforting about the calling of Levi (Matthew) to be his apostle?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Without your Spirit I would not be able to call on you as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Holy Word through which the Holy Spirit works. Thank you for water baptism through which the Spirit works. When I desire the Holy Spirit, make me hungry for your word. Help me to recall also my baptism where you placed your name upon me - the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - and made my body the temple of your Holy Spirit. Help me to remember that I do not earn the gift of the Holy Spirit by my prayers, devotion or tears. Help me to remember - and rejoice - that the gift of the Holy Spirit is entirely a gift of your grace - your undeserved love. Help me to remember that it is not my wrestlings and prayers that cause the Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me. Give me peace in knowing that I have everything I need in you, dear Jesus, and I desire nothing more. Amen.*

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## March 23: Luke 5: 29-6:11

- 1) Why did Jesus appear to be someone who didn't seem to be Messiah-like?
- 2) Who is going to welcome him?
- 3) What is the point about the old and new wineskins and cloth?
- 4) In chapter six, what is the complaint of the Pharisees?
- 5) How did Jesus answer?
- 6) What is the difference between the spirit of the law versus the letter?
- 7) What is the fulfillment of the Law?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O God our Father, by your mercy, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender. Amen.*

## March 24: Luke 6: 12-38

- 1) Have you ever spent a night praying to God?
- 2) How many apostles were there?
- 3) Verses 20-26 are the beatitudes. How are they paradoxical?
- 4) How deeply are we to love?
- 5) Which of the examples of love he spoke about is the toughest for you to do?
- 6) Does Jesus say we should absolutely not judge nothing or no one? Explain.

Important questions and thoughts:

*Lord of my life, in the day of trouble, I called to you on behalf of those who need your help. Please deliver those whom I love. Receive my humble thanks. Bless those who prayed for my loved ones and those who serve those who need help in their time of illness. Enable us to use all my days in grateful praise and service, for your name's sake. Amen.*

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## March 25: Luke 6:39 - 7:10

- 1) What was Jesus' point about the blind man?
- 2) What are the specks we like to point out about other people and what are our planks about ourselves?
- 3) What can we judge when it comes to other people? What can't we?
- 4) What is so sobering about verse 46?
- 5) What is worth imitating about the faith of the centurion?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have accomplished our salvation, creating us, redeeming us, and sanctifying us. Now we ask you to keep us in the fellowship of the saints and to bless your church everywhere. Grant that your Word may be taught in all its clarity and purity. Open hearts to receive it, and raise up more men, women, and children who know their Savior and worship you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## March 26: Luke 7: 11-35

- 1) How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?
- 2) Why does that prove that he is God?
- 3) Many debate the reason John asked the question if Jesus was the one who was to come or if they were to expect someone else. Why was the question asked?
- 4) How does Jesus compliment John?
- 5) Can he say the same thing about us?
- 6) What was John's purpose?
- 7) Why couldn't Jesus and John seem to win when it came to the opinion of the people?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Dear God, merciful Father, praise be to you, praise from my inmost being. Thank you, Lord, for another day in your grace, for the gift of forgiveness and the hope of life. Keep me this night and let me enjoy restful sleep so I may awaken again to a new day ready to serve to the glory of your name. Keep my loved ones also in your loving care and strengthen them in faith and purpose, all for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

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## March 27: Luke 7:36 – 8:3

- 1) What did the Pharisees think the Messiah had to be?
- 2) What did the sinful woman know the Messiah to be?
- 3) What was the point of the parable about the men who had debts?
- 4) The woman went away in peace. What was the peace she had?
- 5) What was the role the women played in the ministry of Jesus?

Important questions and thoughts:

*O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have accomplished our salvation, creating us, redeeming us, and sanctifying us. Now we ask you to keep us in the fellowship of the saints and to bless your church everywhere. Grant that your Word may be taught in all its clarity and purity. Open hearts to receive it, and raise up more men, women, and children who know their Savior and worship you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## March 28: Luke 8: 4-21

- 1) Why do you think it is good that the same parables are found in the different Gospels?
- 2) What does Jesus mean when he says, “How who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
- 3) Are we all the soils or one of the soils?
- 4) How can you let your light shine and still do it in humility?
- 5) What did Jesus mean when he said that those who hear his word are his mother and brothers?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Dear God, compassionate Father, you have found us spiritually blind and deaf because of our sin and opened our eyes and ears to the truth of your salvation in Christ. Thank you for your forgiving love. Now in thankfulness and reflecting the hope of our salvation, we desire to show love also to those who who have similar physical weaknesses. Help us in our service so that in our labor of love we glorify your name and build up the saving faith of those we reach. We ask this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

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## March 29: Luke 8: 22-39

- 1) When one thinks of the different kinds of miracles that Jesus did, over what things does Jesus show his power in the reading for today?
- 2) What was so unusual about the demons that possessed the man?
- 3) Why would there have been pigs if the Jews were not allowed to eat the meat because they were unclean animals?
- 4) How do you explain the action of the pig farmers?

Important questions and thoughts:

## March 30: Luke 8:40 – 9:6

- 1) There is a continuation of the miracles Jesus did. There are some great demonstrations of faith. What impresses you about Jairus?
- 2) What about the hemorrhaging woman?
- 3) Many think that when Jesus did some miracles it only appeared that way and try to explain away the miracles. When he healed Jairus' daughter, how do we know that Jesus was indeed dead?
- 4) In chapter nine he sends out his apostles. Why did he say they should not take anything with them?
- 5) When does one shake the dust off one's feet? How does that apply to us?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Dear Father, from whom all good gifts come, make the earth fruitful to fill our mouths with good things. Keep us grateful for the quality and the abundance of the food we enjoy. And where the pains of famine and hunger are felt, show yourself to be a gracious and merciful God. We pray especially for our Christian brothers and sisters who are in need. Do not let their daily bread fail, but relieve their distress for Jesus' sake. Amen*

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## **March 31: Luke 9:7-27**

- 1) Why was there a confusion of the identity of Jesus and John?
- 2) The apostles had returned to Jesus reporting what they had done. What had they done?
- 3) Notice that the feeding of the five thousand included five thousand men. That does not include women and children.
- 4) Besides learning who Jesus was by the miracle of the breaking bread, what are other lessons found in this miracle?
- 5) Who do you say Jesus is by the way you confess with your mouth?
- 6) Who do you say Jesus is by the way you live your life?
- 7) What is the cross we bear?
- 8) How valuable is Jesus in our lives? How do we show it?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Lord God give me strength and willingness to say with your Son, "Not my will but your will be done." Make me cheerful and trusting to bear whatever you let happen to me. From your hand I am willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow. Keep me from sin, gracious Father, and comfort me with your kind Word. Amen.*