

UNSETTLING

YOU'RE NOT FAR: PART 2

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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the good news of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:14-15

They were astonished at His teaching because, unlike the scribes, He was teaching them as one having authority.

...News about Him then spread throughout the entire vicinity of Galilee.

Mark 1:22, 28

DISRUPTIVE NARRATIVE #1

So He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Then a man with a serious skin disease came to Him and, on his knees, begged Him: "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

Mark 1:39-40

Perfect faith = Confident Jesus _____,
hoping Jesus _____.

Moved with compassion [indignation], Jesus reached out His hand and touched him. "I am willing," He told him. "Be made clean." Immediately the disease left him, and he was healed.

Then He sternly warned him and sent him away at once, telling him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses prescribed for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

Mark 1:41-44

Things had now entered a time of _____.

Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely and to spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly.

Mark 1:45

DISRUPTIVE NARRATIVE #2

When He entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that He was at home. So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and He was speaking the message to them.

Then they came to Him bringing a paralytic, carried by four men. Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above where He was. And when they had broken through, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying.

Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

But some of the scribes were sitting there, thinking to themselves: "Why does He speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Right away Jesus understood in His spirit that they were thinking like this within themselves and said to them, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, pick up your mat, and walk'? But so you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," He told the paralytic, "I tell you: get up, pick up your mat, and go home."

Immediately he got up, picked up the mat, and went out in front of everyone. As a result, they were all astounded and gave glory to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2:1-12

DISRUPTIVE NARRATIVE #3

Then Jesus went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd was coming to Him, and He taught them. Then, moving on, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" So he got up and followed Him.

Mark 2:13-14

Peter doesn't want us to miss the _____.

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted