

Discovering

God's Story

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UNIT 4

...through his Son

UNIT 4: COMING TO GOD THROUGH THE SON

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1. Preparing the Way

Music: "I wonder as I wonder"

Bible: Luke 1 - 3

The Messenger (Luke 1,3): 450 years earlier Malachi had

prophesied: "I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of YHWH" Zacharias and Elizabeth were good people. But they were old and had no children. An angel promised Zacharias a son echoing the words of Malachi. John grew up in the desert. When he was about 30 years old, he started to tell people to *repent* in order to have their sins forgiven. He asked them to be baptized to indicate their *repentance*.

Announcement to Mary (Luke 1#26-37): Mary was a young woman. She lived in the town of Nazareth. Her *fiancée* was Joseph. An angel appeared to her. She was afraid.

Angel: Fear not. You will give birth to a son. He will be called the 'Son of the Highest'

Mary: How can this be? I have never slept with a man.

Angel: The child born of you will be *holy*, the Son of God. With God nothing is impossible.

Mary: I will do as God wants.

Mary immediately left Galilee to go to Judea. She went straight to Elizabeth's house.

prophecy (預言)
repent(悔改)
fiancée (聘之妻)
holy (聖者)

2. Birth of Jesus

Music: "I wonder as I wonder"

Bible: Luke 1 - 3

ancestral home (老家) census (報名上冊) shepherds(牧羊的人)

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2#1-7): The government ordered that everyone return to their *ancestral homes* to take part in a *census*. Joseph's ancestor was King David. So he and Mary went to Bethlehem the village where David was born. Due to the crowds, all the inns were full. Mary gave birth to Jesus. She put her baby in a manger*. 750 years earlier, Micah had prophesied: "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times."

Announcement to Shepherds (Luke 2#8-20): There were *shepherds* watching their sheep that night. An angel appeared. The shepherds were afraid.: The angel said: "Don't be afraid, I have good news. Today your saviour was born in Bethlehem. Suddenly, many angels appeared singing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!". After the angels disappeared the shepherds hurried to see the baby.

Growth of Jesus (Luke 2, Matthew 2): After 1 week, Jesus was dedicated at the temple. Later, wise men from an eastern country visited. Jesus was obedient to his parents. He grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favor with God and people.

* a wooden box used to hold food for animals

3. Baptism of Jesus

Music: Review of Songs

Bible: Luke 3

It was in the 15th year of the *Emperor* Tiberius that God's word came to John in the *desert*. So John went all around the Jordan river preaching, "If you turn away from your sins and are baptized, then God will forgive your sins."

Crowds of people came to hear John preach. They asked: "What should we do?" John replied: "If you have 2 shirts, give 1 to the man who has none. Share your food. Do not cheat people. Be content with your pay." People wondered, "Is John the *Messiah*?" John replied: "I baptize with water. Someone greater than me is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus came to be *baptized* by John. When Jesus was being baptized and praying, the following things happened. 1. The sky opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove. 2. A voice from the sky said: "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

Jesus was about 30 years old when this happened.

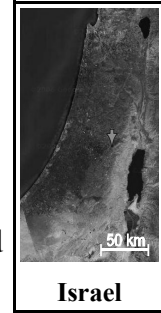
emperor (皇帝)
desert (曠野)
Messiah (基督/彌賽亞/救主)
Holy Spirit (聖靈)
baptize (施洗)

4. First Miracle of Jesus¹

Music: Review of Songs

Bible: John

Setting: The preaching of John the Baptist prepares the way (06/26→).² John criticizes the religious leaders, *preaches* to the people and announces the coming of the Messiah. Jesus comes from Galilee. He is baptized by John (12/26). He then goes into the desert, where he does not eat for forty days and is *tempted* by Satan. (Satan tempted Jesus with material blessings. He suggested that Jesus did not have to suffer as God wanted him to suffer.) After this, Jesus returned to the region of the Jordan.



When John the Baptist saw him he said: “There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.'”.

In the next few days, Jesus calls his first disciples -- Andrew, John³, Peter and then Phillip and Nathanael (02/24). He then returned to Galilee.

- *Narrator:* There was a wedding *banquet* in Cana (02/27). Jesus' mother was there⁴. Jesus and his disciples were guests.
- Jesus' mother (to Jesus): They have no wine.
- Jesus: You must not tell me what to do. My time has not yet come.
- Jesus' mother (to the *servants*): Do whatever he tells you.
- Narrator: There were six 120 *liter* jars nearby. These were used to hold water for washing.
- Jesus (to the *servants*): Fill these jars with water.
- Jesus (to the *servants*): Take some of the water to the person in charge of the wedding banquet.
- *Narrator:* The *chairman* tasted the water that was now wine.
- *Chairman* (to the *bridegroom*): Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!

preach (講道)
tempt (誘惑)
narrator (解說員)
banquet (宴會)
liter (公升)
servant (僕人)
bridegroom (新郎)
chairman (主席)

Narrator: This was the first miracle that Jesus performed. The disciples believed in Him.

1 The story of the miracle is in the book written by John, chapter 2

2 Dates are approximate and are based on <http://www.hjg.com.ar/ce/indexi.html>. While difficult to get exact dates, the relative intervals between time is more accurate.

3 The disciple is not named, but traditionally has been thought to be John, the writer of this gospel.

4 Jesus mother was likely there as a organizer.

5. Power and Authority: To Heal Sickness and Forgive Sin

Music: "I cannot tell" verse 1

Bible: Mark 2#1-12¹

[1-4] A few days later, Jesus entered Capernaum again. The people heard that he had come home. So many people gathered that there was no room left. There was not even room outside the door. And Jesus preached the word to them.

Four of those who came were carrying a man who could not walk. But they could not get him close to Jesus because of the crowd.

So they made a hole in the roof above Jesus. Then they lowered the man through it on a mat.

[5] Jesus saw their faith. So he said to the man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

[6-11] Some teachers of the law were sitting there. They were thinking, "Why is this fellow talking like that? He's saying a very evil thing! Only God can forgive sins!" Right away Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Is it easier to say to this man, 'Your sins are forgiven'? Or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus spoke to the man who could not walk. "I tell you," he said, "get up. Take your mat and go home."

[12] The man got up and took his mat. Then he walked away while everyone watched. All the people were amazed. They praised God and said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Capernaum (迦百農)
sins (罪)
forgiven (赦)
mat/mattress (褥子)
authority (權柄)
amazed (驚奇)
praise (頌讚)

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6. The Teaching of Jesus

Music: "I cannot tell" verse 2

Bible Mark 4#26-34¹

... "Here is what God's kingdom is like. A farmer scatters seed on the ground. Night and day the seed comes up and grows. It happens whether the farmer sleeps or gets up. He doesn't know how it happens. All by itself the *soil* produces grain. First the *stalk* comes up. Then the head appears. Finally, the full grain appears in the head. Before long the grain *ripens*. So the farmer cuts it down, because the harvest is ready."

soil (泥土)
stalk (莖)
ripen (成熟)
mustard (芥菜)
disciples (门徒/学生)

... "What can we say God's kingdom is like? What story can we use to explain it? It is like a *mustard* seed, which is the smallest seed planted in the ground. But when you plant the seed, it grows. It becomes the largest of all garden plants. Its branches are so big that birds can rest in its shade."

Using many stories like those, Jesus spoke the word to them. He told them as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a story. But when he was alone with his *disciples*, he explained everything.

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7. Power and Authority: To Control the Natural World

Music: "I cannot tell" verse 2

Bible Mark 4#35-41¹

cushion (枕頭) drown (淹死/溺水)

When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." They left the crowd behind. And they took him along in a boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him. A wild storm came up. Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink. Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a *cushion*.

The disciples woke him up. They said, "Teacher! Don't you care if we *drown*?" He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?" They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Topics for Prayer

<i>name</i>	<i>item</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>item</i>

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8. Power and Authority: To Control the Spiritual World¹

Bible Mark 5#1-20

tombs (墳塋)
cuffs (銬)
herd (群)
steep bank (陡峭的山坡)
tend (趨向)

[1] They went across the Sea of Galilee to the area of the Gerasenes. Jesus got out of the boat. A man with an evil spirit came from the *tombs* to meet him. The man lived in the *tombs*. No one could keep him tied up anymore. Not even a chain could hold him. His hands and feet had often been chained. But he tore the chains apart. And he broke the iron *cuffs* on his ankles. No one was strong enough to control him. Night and day he screamed among the tombs and in the hills. He cut himself with stones.

[6] When he saw Jesus a long way off, he ran to him. He fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, "Jesus, Son of the Most High God, what do you want with me? Promise before God that you won't hurt me!" This was because Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

[9] Then Jesus asked the demon, "What is your name?"

"My name is *Legion*," he replied. "There are many of us." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

[11] A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs. Let us go into them." Jesus allowed it. The evil spirits came out of the man and went into the pigs. There were about 2,000 pigs in the *herd*. The whole herd rushed down the *steep bank*. They ran into the lake and *drowned*.

[14] Those who were *tending* the pigs ran off. They told the people in the town and countryside what had happened. The people went out to see for themselves.

[15] Then they came to Jesus. They saw the man who had been controlled by many demons. He was sitting there. He was now dressed and thinking clearly. All this made the people afraid.

[16] Those who had seen it told them what had happened to the man. They told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to beg Jesus to leave their area.

[18] Jesus was getting into the boat. The man who had been controlled by demons begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him. He said, "Go home to your family. Tell them how much the Lord has done for you. Tell them how kind he has been to you."

[20] So the man went away. In the area known as the Ten Cities, he began to tell how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

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9. The Arrest and Trial of Jesus

Music: "Amazing Grace"

Chronology of Events of the last 2 days of Jesus' life

- Jesus eats with his disciples the Passover Sedar
- Jesus arrested on the Mount of Olives
- *Jesus on trial before the Jewish leaders (Jewish Court)*
- Jesus sent to Pilate (Roman leader of Jerusalem)
- Jesus sent to Herod (Roman leader of Province)
- Jesus sent back to Pilate
- Jesus condemned to crucifixion
- Jesus Crucified

Bible: Matthew 26#57-68¹

[57] Those who had *arrested* Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high *priest*. The teachers of the law and the elders had come together there. Not too far away, Peter followed Jesus. He went right up to the *courtyard* of the high *priest*. He entered and sat down with the guards to see what would happen. The chief *priests* and the whole *Sanhedrin* were looking for something to use against Jesus. They

arrest (捉拿)
priest (祭司)
courtyard (院子)
oath (起誓)
mighty (權能的)
spit (吐唾沫)
prophesy (預言)

wanted to put him to death. But they did not find any proof, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally, two other witnesses came forward. They said, "This fellow claimed, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God. I can build it again in three days.'" Then the high *priest* stood up. He asked Jesus, "Aren't you going to answer? What are these charges that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent. The high *priest* said to him, "I command you under *oath* by the living God. Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

[64] "Yes. It is just as you say," Jesus replied. "But here is what I say to all of you. In days to come, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the *Mighty One*. You will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes. He said, "He has spoken a very evil thing against God! Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard him say this evil thing. What do you think?" "He must die!" they answered. Then they *spit* in his face. They hit him... Others slapped him. They said, "*Prophesy* to us, Christ! Who hit you?"

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10. The Crucifixion of Jesus

Music: "Alas and did my Saviour bleed"

Bible: Luke 23:32-47¹

cross (十字架)
skull (髑髏地)
criminal (犯人)
cast lots (拈鬮)
paradise (樂園)
noon (午正)

Crucifixion scene: Jesus was then led away to be killed. [32] Two other men were also led out with Jesus to be killed. Both of them had broken the law. The soldiers brought them to the place called "The *Skull*". There they nailed Jesus to the *cross*. He hung between the two *criminals*. One was on his right and one was on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." The soldiers divided up his clothes by *casting lots*. The people stood there watching. The rulers even made fun of Jesus. They said, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him. They offered him wine vinegar. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." A written sign had been placed above him. It read, "This is the king of the Jews." **Two criminals** [39] One of the criminals hanging there made fun of Jesus. He said, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself! Save us!" But the other criminal scolded him. "Don't you have any respect for God?" he said. "Remember, you are under the same sentence of death. We are being punished fairly. We are getting just what our actions call for. But this man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "What I'm about to tell you is true. Today you will be with me in *paradise*."

Jesus Dies [44] It was now about *noon*. The whole land was covered with darkness until three o'clock. The sun had stopped shining. The temple curtain was torn in two. Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my very life." After he said this, he took his last breath.

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MUSIC

I WONDER AS I WANDER, OUT UNDER THE SKY¹

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky
How Jesus the Savior, did come for to die
For poor orn'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky

When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of Gods angels in heav'n for to sing
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Collected in Murphy, North Carolina in July 1933 by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980), a leading American folksong collector. He published it in his 1934 *Songs of the Hill-Folk*. It is often referred to as a traditional Appalachian carol. Niles writes about getting the song: "I Wonder As I Wander grew out of three lines of music sung for me by a girl who called herself Annie Morgan. The place was Murphy, North Carolina, and the time was July, 1933. The Morgan family, revivalists all, were about to be ejected by the police, after having camped in the town square for some little time, coking, washing, hanging their wash from the Confederate monument and generally conducting themselves in such a way as to be classed a public nuisance. Preacher Morgan and his wife pled poverty; they had to hold one more meeting in order to buy enough gas to get out of town. It was then that Annie Morgan came out--a tousled, unwashed blond, and very lovely. She sang the first three lines of the verse of "I Wonder As I Wander". At twenty-five cents a performance, I tried to get her to sing all the song. After eight tries, all of which are carefully recorded in my notes, I had only three lines of verse, a garbled fragment of melodic material--and a magnificent idea. With the writing of additional verses and the development of the original melodic material, "I Wonder As I Wander" came into being. I sang it for five years in my concerts before it caught on. Since then, it has been sung by soloists and choral groups wherever the English language is spoken and sung.



I won-der as I wan-der out un-der the sky, How Je-sus the Sav-ior did



come for to die. For poor on-'ry peo-ple like you and like I. I



won-der as I wan-der out un-der the sky.

1 http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/i_wonder_as_i_wander.htm

AMAZING GRACE

Words: John Newton (1779), Music: New Britain, James P. Carrell and David S. Clayton (1831)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

wretch (没用的人)
blind (眼瞎)

I CANNOT TELL¹

Words: W. Fullerton 1929 (Fullerton came to Christ after hearing Charles Spurgeon preach.) Music: Irish folk song

I cannot tell why He Whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world is come.

shepherd (牧羊人)
wanderer (流浪漢)
manger (飼槽)
Bethlehem (伯利恒)
labor (劳动)

²
I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the brokenhearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world is here.

suffer (遭受)
brokenhearted (心碎)
lurking (潛伏的)
burden (負擔)

ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOUR BLEED

Words: Isaac Watts (1707), Tune: Martyrdom, Hugh Wilson, 1800

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

bleed (流血)
sovereign (君主)
sacred (神聖的)
worm (蠕蟲)

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

crimes (罪行)
groan (呻吟)
pity (哀憐)

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died,
For man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give my self away
'Tis all that I can do.

grief (哀情)
ne'er = never
'Tis = it is

1 Music and words downloaded from http://www.ccel.org/cceh/cceh_sht.htm and <http://www.cyberhymnal.org>

CHINESE TRANSLATION

1. Preparing the Way

Luke 1#26-40 到了第六個月，天使加百列奉神的差遣往加利利的一座城去（這城名叫拿撒勒），到一個童女那裡，是已經許配大衛家的一個人，名叫約瑟。童女的名字叫馬利亞；天使進去，對他說：「蒙大恩的女子，我問你安，主和你同在了！」馬利亞因這話就很驚慌，又反復思想這樣問安是什麼意思。天使對他說：「馬利亞，不要怕！你在神面前已經蒙恩了。你要懷孕生子，可以給他起名叫耶穌。他要為大，稱為至高者的兒子；主神要把他祖大衛的位給他。他要作雅各家的王，直到永遠；他的國也沒有窮盡。」馬利亞對天使說：「我沒有出嫁，怎麼有這事呢？」天使回答說：「聖靈要臨到你身上，至高者的能力要蔭庇你，因此所要生的聖者必稱為神的兒子（或作：所要生的，必稱為聖，稱為神的兒子）。況且你的親戚以利沙伯，在年老的時候也懷了男胎，就是那素來稱為不生育的，現在有孕六個月了。因為，出於神的話，沒有一句不帶能力的。」馬利亞說：「我是主的使女，情願照你的話成就在我身上。」天使就離開他去了。那時候，馬利亞起身，急忙往山地裡去，來到猶大的一座城；進了撒迦利亞的家，問以利沙伯安。

2. Birth of Jesus

Luke 2#1-7 當那些日子，該撒亞古士督有旨意下來，叫天下人民都報名上冊。這是居里扭作利亞巡撫的時候，頭一次行報名上冊的事。眾人各歸各城，報名上冊。約瑟也從加利利的拿撒勒城上猶太去，到了大衛的城，名叫伯利恆，因他本是大衛一族一家的人，要和他所聘之妻馬利亞一同報名上冊。那時馬利亞的身孕已經重了。他們在那裡的時候，馬利亞的產期到了，就生了頭胎的兒子，用布包起來，放在馬槽裡，因為客店裡沒有地方。

Luke 2:8-15 在伯利恆之野地裡有牧羊的人，夜間按著更次看守羊群。有主的使者站在他們旁邊，主的榮光四面照著他們；牧羊的人就甚懼怕。那天使對他們說：「不要懼怕！我報給你們大喜的信息，是關乎萬民的；因今天在大衛的城裡，為你們生了救主，就是主基督。你們要看見一個嬰孩，包著布，臥在馬槽裡，那就是記號了。」忽然，有一大隊天兵同那天使讚美神說：在至高之處榮耀歸與神！在地上平安歸與他所喜悅的人（有古卷：喜悅歸與人）！眾天使離開他們，升天去了。牧羊的人彼此說：「我們往伯利恆去，看看所成的事，就是主所指示我們的。」

3. Baptism of Jesus

4. First Miracle of Jesus

John 2:1-11 第三日，在加利利的迦拿有娶親的筵席，耶穌的母親在那裡。耶穌和他的門徒也被請去赴席。酒用盡了，耶穌的母親對他說：「他們沒有酒了。」耶穌說：「母親（原文作婦人），我與你有什麼相干？我的時候還沒有到。」他母親對用人說：「他告訴你們什麼，你們就做什麼。」照猶太人潔淨的規矩，有六口石缸擺在那裡，每口可以盛兩三桶水。耶穌對用人說：「把缸倒滿了水。」他們就倒滿了，直到缸口。耶穌又說：「現在可以舀出來，送給管筵席的。」他們就送了去。管筵席的嘗了那水變的酒，並不知道是那裡來的，只有舀水的用人知道。管筵席的便叫新郎來，對他說：「人都是先擺上好酒，等客喝足了，才擺上次的，你倒把好酒留到如今！」這是耶穌所行的頭一件神蹟，是在加利利的迦拿行的，顯出他的榮耀來；他的門徒就信他了。

5. Power and Authority: To Heal Sickness and Forgive Sin

Mark 4:1-12 耶穌又在海邊教訓人。有許多人到他那裡聚集，他只得上船坐下。船在海裡，眾人都靠近海，站在岸上。耶穌就用比喻教訓他們許多道理。在教訓之間，對他們說：「你們聽啊！有一個撒種的出去撒種。撒的時候，有落在路旁的，飛鳥來吃盡了；[5] 有落在土淺石頭地上的，土既不深，發苗最快，[6] 日頭出來一曬，因為沒有根，就枯乾了；有落在荊棘裡的，荊棘長起來，把他擠住了，就不結實；又有落在好土裡的，就發生長大，結實有三十倍的，有六十倍的，有一百倍的」；又說：「有耳可聽的，就應當聽！」無人的時候，跟隨耶穌的人和十二個門徒問他這比喻的意思。耶穌對他們說：「神國的奧秘只叫你們知道，若是對外人講，凡事就用比喻，[12] 叫他們看是看見，卻不曉得；聽是聽見，卻不明白；恐怕他們回轉過來，就得赦免。」

6. Teaching of Jesus

Mark 4:26-34 又說：「神的國如同人把種撒在地上。黑夜睡覺，白日起來，這種就發芽漸長，那人卻不曉得如何這樣。地生五穀是出於自然的：先發苗，後長穗，再後穗上結成飽滿的子粒；穀既熟了，就用鐮刀去割，因為收成的時候到了。」又說：「神的國，我們可用什麼比較呢？可用什麼比喻表明呢？好像一粒芥菜種，種在地裡的時候，雖比地上的百種都小，但種上以後，就長起來，比各樣的菜都大，又長出大枝來，甚至天上的飛鳥可以宿在他的蔭下。」耶穌用許多這樣的比喻，照他們所能聽的，對他們講道。若不用比喻，就不對他們講；沒有人的時候，就把一切的道講給門徒聽

7. Power and Authority: To Control the Natural World

Mark 4:34-41 [35] 當那天晚上，耶穌對門徒說：「我們渡到那邊去吧。」門徒離開眾人，耶穌仍在船上，他們就把他一同帶去；也有別的船和他同行。忽然起了暴風，波浪打入船內，甚至船要滿了水。耶穌在船尾上，枕著枕頭睡覺。門徒叫醒了，說：「夫子！我們喪命，你不顧嗎？」耶穌醒了，斥責風，向海說：「住了吧！靜了吧！」風就止住，大大的平靜了。耶穌對他們說：「為什麼膽怯？你們還沒有信心嗎？」他們就大大的懼怕，彼此說：「這到底是誰，連風和海也聽從他了。」

8. Power and Authority: To Control the Spiritual World

Mark 5:1-20 他們來到海那邊格拉森人的地方。耶穌一下船，就有一個被污鬼附著的人從墳塋裡出來迎著他。那人常住在墳塋裡，沒有人能捆住他，就是用鐵鍊也不能；因為人屢次用腳鐐和鐵鍊捆鎖他，鐵鍊竟被他掙斷了，腳鐐也被他弄碎了；總沒有人能制伏他。他晝夜常在墳塋裡和山中喊叫，又用石頭砍自己。[6] 他遠遠的看見耶穌，就跑過去拜他，大聲呼叫說：「至高神的兒子耶穌，我與你有什麼相干？我指著神懇求你，不要叫我受苦！」是因耶穌曾吩咐他說：「污鬼啊，從這人身上出來吧！」[9] 耶穌問他說：「你名叫什麼？」回答說：「我名叫『群』，因為我們多的緣故」；就再三的求耶穌，不要叫他們離開那地方。[11] 在那裡山坡上，有一大群豬吃食；鬼就央求耶穌說：「求你打發我們往豬群裡，附著豬去。」耶穌准了他們，污鬼就出來，進入豬裡去。於是那群豬闖下山崖，投在海裡，淹死了。豬的數目約有二千。[14] 放豬的就逃跑了，去告訴城裡和鄉下的人。眾人就來，要看是什麼事。[15] 他們來到耶穌那裡，看見那被鬼附著的人，就是從前被群鬼所附的，坐著，穿上衣服，心裡明白過來，他們就害怕。[16] 看見這事的，便將鬼附之人所遇見的和那群豬的事都告訴了眾人；眾人就央求耶穌離開他們的境界。[18] 耶穌上船的時候，那從前被鬼附著的人懇求和耶穌同在。耶穌不許，卻對他說：「你回家去，到你的親屬那裡，將主為你所做的是何等大的事，是怎樣憐憫你，都告訴他們。」[20] 那人就走了，在低加波利傳揚耶穌為他做了何等大的事，眾人就都希奇。

9. The Arrest and Trial of Jesus

Matthew 26:57-68 拿耶穌的人把他帶到大祭司該亞法那裡去；文士和長老已經在那裡聚會。彼得遠遠的跟著耶穌，直到大祭司的院子，進到裡面，就和差役同坐，要看這事到底怎樣。祭司長和全公會尋找假見證控告耶穌，要治死他。雖有好些人來作假見證，總得不著實據，末後有兩個人前來，說：「這個人曾說：『我能拆毀神的殿，三日內又建造起來。』」大祭司就站起來，對耶穌說：「你什麼都不回答嗎？這些人作見證告你的是什麼呢？」耶穌卻不言語。大祭司對他說：「我指著永生神叫你起誓告訴我們，你是神的兒子基督不是？」[64] 耶穌對他說：「你說的是。然而，我告訴你們，後來你們要看見人子坐在那權能者的右邊，駕著天上的雲降臨。」大祭司就撕開衣服，說：「他說了僭妄的話，我們何必再用見證人呢？這僭妄的話，現在你們都聽見了。你們的意見如何？」他們回答說：「他是該死的。」他們就吐唾沫在他臉上，用拳頭打他；也有用手掌打他的，說：「基督啊！你是先知，告訴我們打你的是誰？」

10. The Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:32-47 又有兩個犯人，和耶穌一同帶來處死。到了一個地方，名叫「髑髏地」，就在那裡把耶穌釘在十字架上，又釘了兩個犯人：一個在左邊，一個在右邊。當下耶穌說：「父啊！赦免他們；因為他們所做的，他們不曉得。」兵丁就拈鬮分他的衣服。百姓站在那裡觀看。官府也嗤笑他，說：「他救了別人；他若是基督，神所揀選的，可以救自己吧！」兵丁也戲弄他，上前拿醋送給他喝，說：「你若是猶太人的王，可以救自己吧！」在耶穌以上有一個牌子（有古卷加：用希利尼、羅馬、希伯來的文字）寫著：「這是猶太人的王。」[39] 那同釘的兩個犯人有一個譏誚他，說：「你不是基督嗎？可以救自己和我們吧！」那一個就應聲責備他，說：「你既是一樣受刑的，還不怕神嗎？我們是應該的，因我們所受的與我們所做的相稱，但這個人沒有作過一件不好的事。」就說：「耶穌啊，你得國降臨的時候，求你記念我！」耶穌對他說：「我實在告訴你，今日你要同我在樂園裡了。」[44] 那時約有午正，遍地都黑暗了，直到申初，日頭變黑了；殿裡的幔子從當中裂為兩半。耶穌大聲喊著說：「父啊！我將我的靈魂交在你手裡。」說了這話，氣就斷了。百夫長看見所成的事，就歸榮耀與神，說：「這真是個義人！」

MAP OF ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

