

An open scroll with Hebrew text is the central focus, set against a dark background. To the left, a wooden handle with a fluted design is visible. The scroll is unrolled, showing several lines of text in a traditional Hebrew script. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the scroll and the wood of the handle.

The Gospel of Mark

Chapter 11



The Hour

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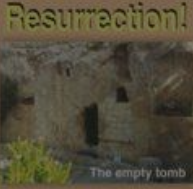

The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified...

²⁷ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

John 12:23-27

- Why this day?

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- Jesus' ministry was centred on this one week in history
- Jesus came to do the will of His Father, to give His life as a ransom for many
- Jesus did not want to be made know throughout His incredible 3 ½ years of ministry until one specific day...
- But on that day (Palm Sunday) He intentionally arranges the whole event!
 - Sending disciples to get a donkey etc.
 - Riding into Jerusalem as a king...
 - Much to the distain of the Jewish leaders!

Palm Sunday

- Jesus now allows Himself to be worshipped as 'Messiah the Prince' on this day (and only on this day).
- Jesus rebuke the Jews for not knowing what day this was?
- Jesus pronounces national blindness upon Israel because they missed '*the time of their visitation*' (Luke 19:44)
 - Blindness that has now lasted 1900 years!

Daniel's 70 Weeks

Command to restore
& build Jerusalem

Messiah the King

483 years

$360d \times 483y = 173,880 \text{ days}$

1st Nisan 445 B.C.

20th yr

Artaxerxes

Longimanus

14th March 445 B.C.

The Triumphant Entry



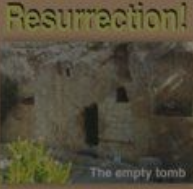


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| NB: "Passover" here is used to denote the 'festival' period commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1. So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast. | Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. | John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; | John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; | John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; | The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"(1 Cor 15:1-4) According to the scriptures ...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover ...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread ...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits | Jerusalem Location of the most important week in human history | | |

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

Mark 11:13-14

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

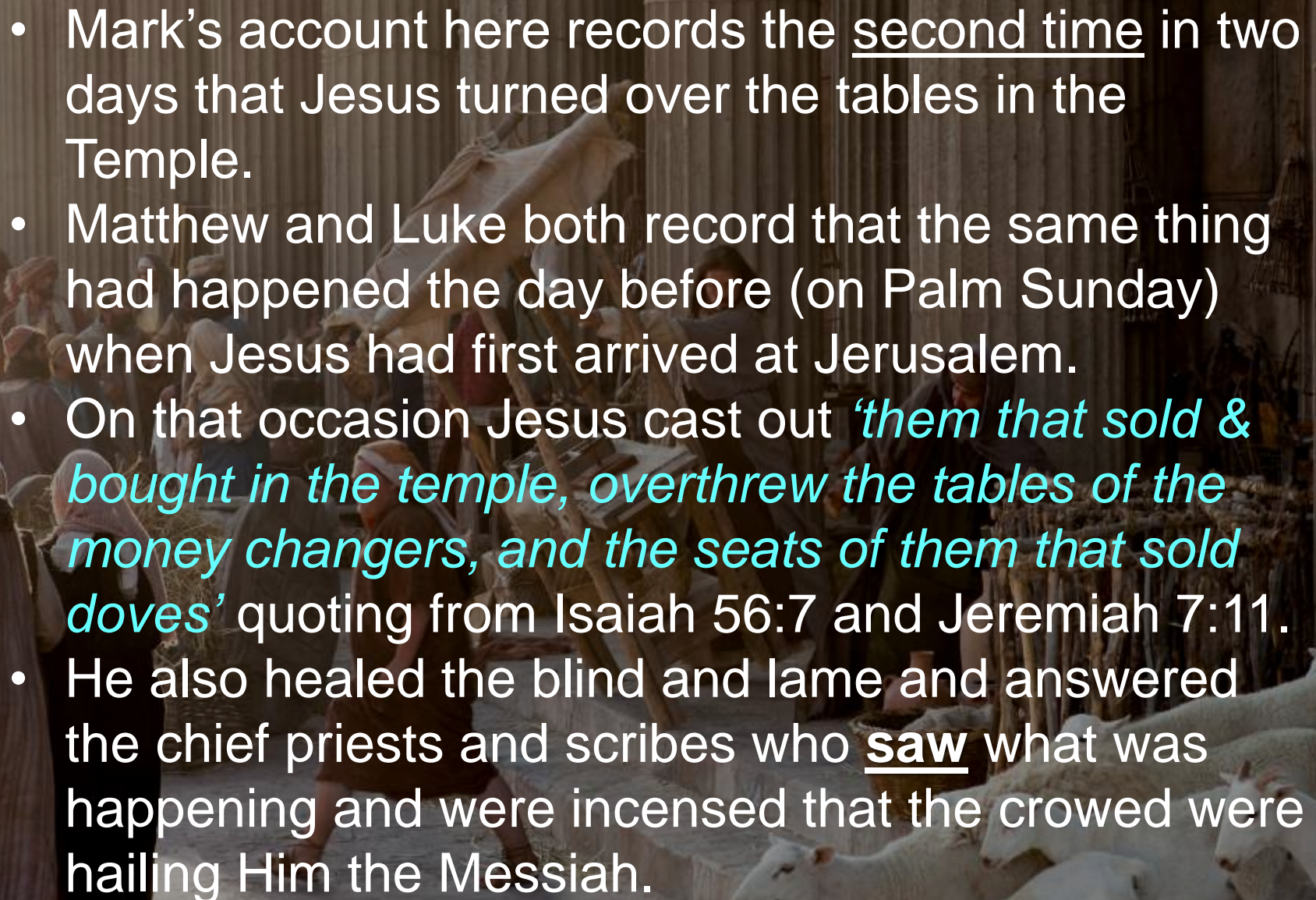
16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

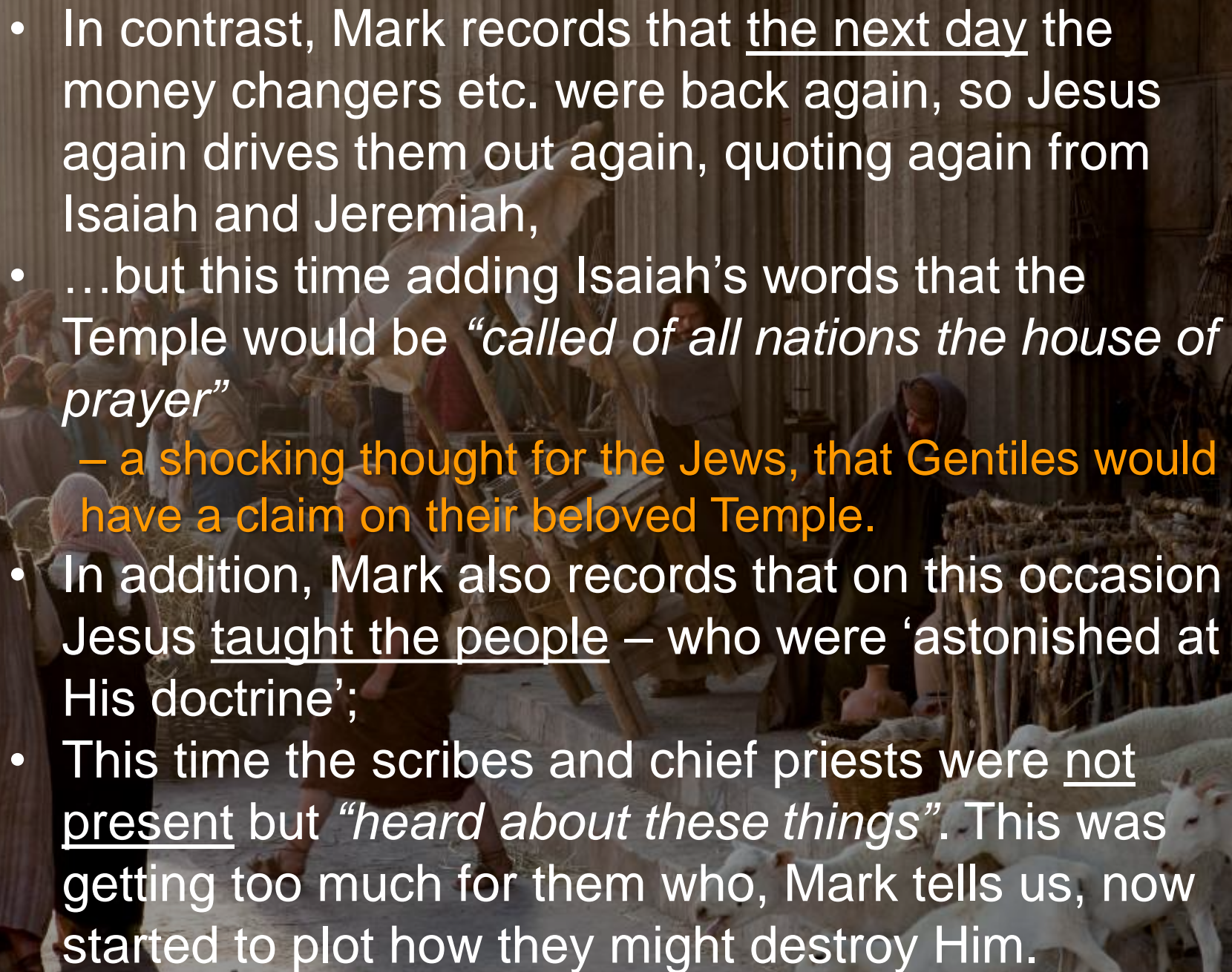
Mark 11:15-16

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

Mark 11:17-18

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- Mark's account here records the second time in two days that Jesus turned over the tables in the Temple.
 - Matthew and Luke both record that the same thing had happened the day before (on Palm Sunday) when Jesus had first arrived at Jerusalem.
 - On that occasion Jesus cast out *‘them that sold & bought in the temple, overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves’* quoting from Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11.
 - He also healed the blind and lame and answered the chief priests and scribes who saw what was happening and were incensed that the crowd were hailing Him the Messiah.

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- A historical reconstruction of a busy market scene, likely inside a temple courtyard. The scene is filled with people in traditional attire, including men in robes and women in head coverings. There are several white goats in the foreground, some standing and some being handled. In the background, there are wooden stalls and structures, possibly for selling goods or animals. The overall atmosphere is one of a bustling, everyday activity.
- In contrast, Mark records that the next day the money changers etc. were back again, so Jesus again drives them out again, quoting again from Isaiah and Jeremiah,
 - ...but this time adding Isaiah's words that the Temple would be "*called of all nations the house of prayer*"
 - a shocking thought for the Jews, that Gentiles would have a claim on their beloved Temple.
 - In addition, Mark also records that on this occasion Jesus taught the people – who were 'astonished at His doctrine';
 - This time the scribes and chief priests were not present but "*heard about these things*". This was getting too much for them who, Mark tells us, now started to plot how they might destroy Him.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

Mark 11:19

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

Mark 11:20-21

The Fig Tree

- It wasn't that the fig tree didn't have figs because it wasn't supposed to.
- The problem is that it *had leaves* but didn't have figs.
- The leaves said, "There are figs here," but the figs weren't there.
- *"There were many trees with only leaves, and these were not cursed. There were many trees with neither leaves nor fruit, and these were not cursed. This tree was cursed because it professed to have fruit, but did not"*.

– David Guzik

A Type of Israel

- Israel is likened to a fig tree in Scripture (Joel 1:7)
- The first time we see Figs they are associated with protection (Gen 3:7 / 1 Kings 4:25 / Micah 4:4)
- Israel's primary calling was to be protection (a covering) for the lineage of the Seed of the Woman
 - Ref Revelation 12
- But Israel (like a Fig) were also to provide sweetness to the world (Judges 9:11 / Hosea 9:10)
- Instead Israel failed to produce the fruit that it should have done (Joel 1:12)

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:22-23

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24

- This promise of God's answer to the prayer made in faith was made to disciples, not to the multitude.
- *“Nor should we interpret this to mean, ‘If you pray hard enough and really believe, God is obligated to answer your prayer no matter what you ask.’ That kind of faith is not faith in God; rather it is nothing but faith in faith, or faith in feelings.”* (Wiersbe)

- 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
- 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25-26

Forgiveness

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

Matthew 18:23-24

Forgiveness

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

Matthew 18:23-24

10,000 Talents?

- 300 Denari = 1 years wage
- 1 Talent = 15 years wages
- 800 talents = yearly tax on Israel by Rome
(Josephus)
- 15 years wages x 10,000
- 150,000 years of labour owed to the king

Forgiveness

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Matthew 18:25-26

Forgiveness

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Matthew 18:25-26

Forgiveness

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:27

- *apoluo* (ap-ol-oo'-o); to free fully,
- Grace

Saved By Grace

- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Forgiveness

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

Matthew 18:28

100 Pence = £15.00

Forgiveness

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

Matthew 18:29-30

Was he legally allowed to do this?

The End of The Law

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth

Romans 10:4

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 3:3

Law or Grace?

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our *debtors*.... ¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:12-15

Forgiveness

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. **32** Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: **33** Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

Matthew 18:31-33

Forgiveness

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 18:34-35

Our Standard

³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: ³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another,** even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Our Rights?

Jesus says we must be prepared to be limited fools in the sight of others, in order to further our spiritual character. If we are willing to give up wrong things only for Jesus Christ, never let us talk about being in love with Him. We say—"Why shouldn't I? there is no harm in it." For pity's sake, go and do it, but remember that the construction of a spiritual character is doomed when once we take that line. Anyone will give up wrong things if he knows how, but are we prepared to give up the best we have for Jesus Christ? The only right a Christian has is the right to give up his rights.

Oswald Chambers, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*

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Asking The Impossible

Jesus Christ demands that the heart of a disciple be fathomlessly pure, and unless He can give me His disposition, His teaching is tantalising. If all He came to do was to mock me by telling me to be what I know I never can be, I can afford to ignore Him, but if He can give me His own disposition of holiness, then I begin to see how I can lay my account with purity. Jesus Christ is the sternest and the gentlest of Saviours.

Oswald Chambers, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*

All About Grace

¹ Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 2:1

All About Grace

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

- 27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,
- 28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

Mark 11:27-28

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

Mark 11:29-30

- *“When Jesus asked them to answer the question regarding John the Baptist, He was not evading their question. If John really was from God, then he was right about Jesus and Jesus was indeed the Messiah. If what John said was true, then Jesus had all authority”.* – **David Guzik**

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mark 11:31-33

A wooden scroll with Hebrew text, partially unrolled, set against a dark background. The scroll is made of light-colored wood and has a handle at the bottom. The text is written in black ink on a light-colored parchment or paper. The scroll is unrolled from the left side, showing several lines of text. The background is dark, making the scroll stand out.

The Gospel of Mark

To be continued...