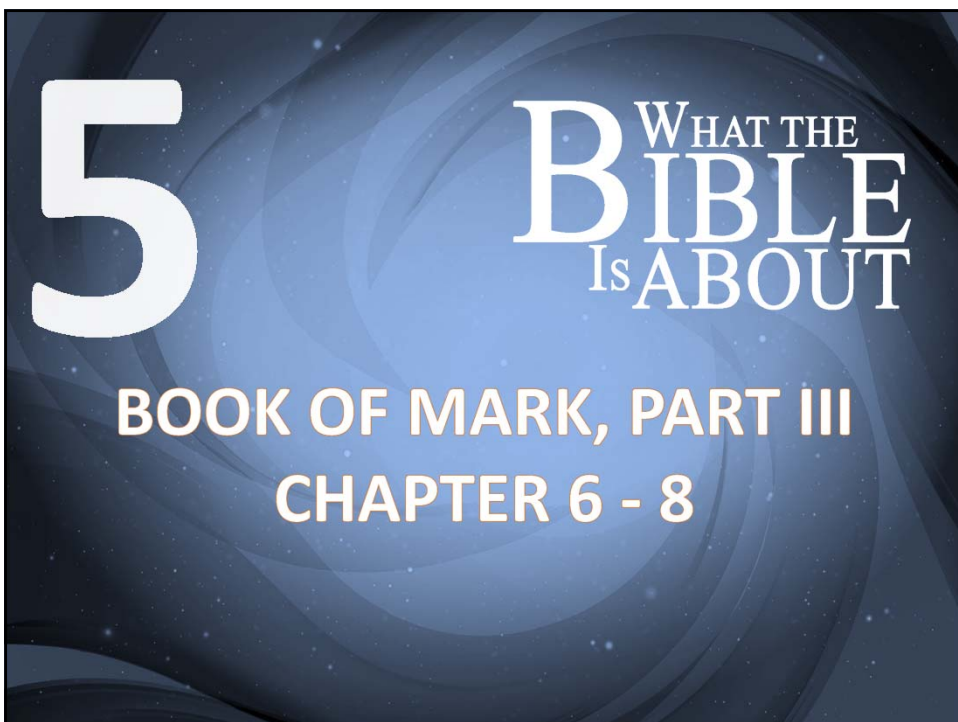




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**BOOK OF MARK, PART III  
CHAPTER 6 - 8**





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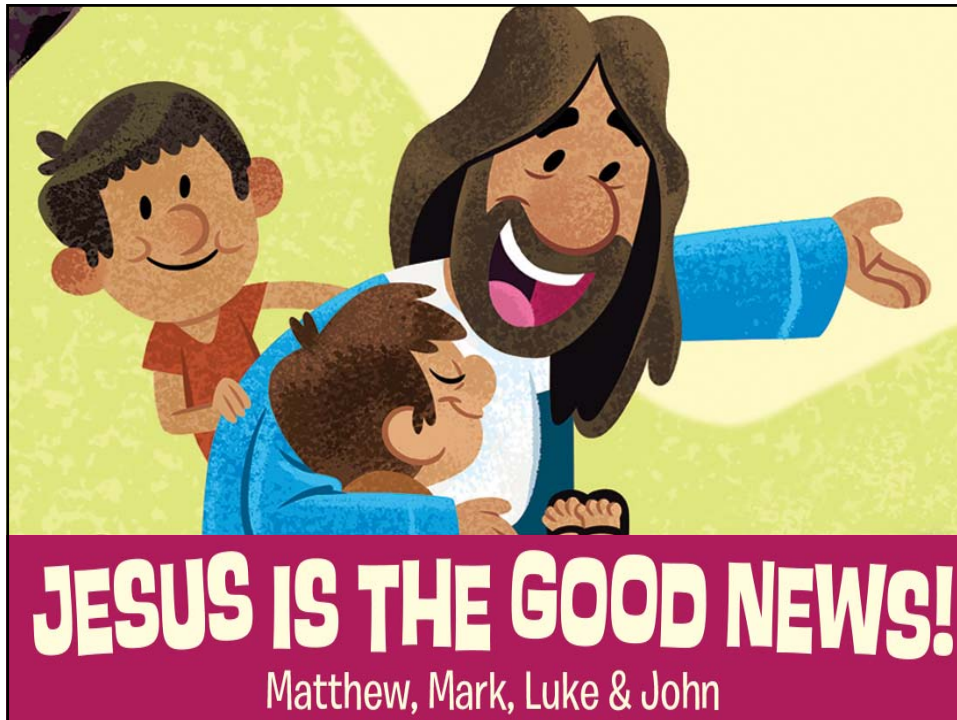
<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

<sup>2</sup> By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

<sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4



**When a famous person dies, three phases**

- Initial news is about what he did.

MARK

- Then interest is on what he said.

MATTHEW *preaching* LUKE *parables*

- Finally, understand who he was!

JOHN

**Four perspectives provide a full picture**

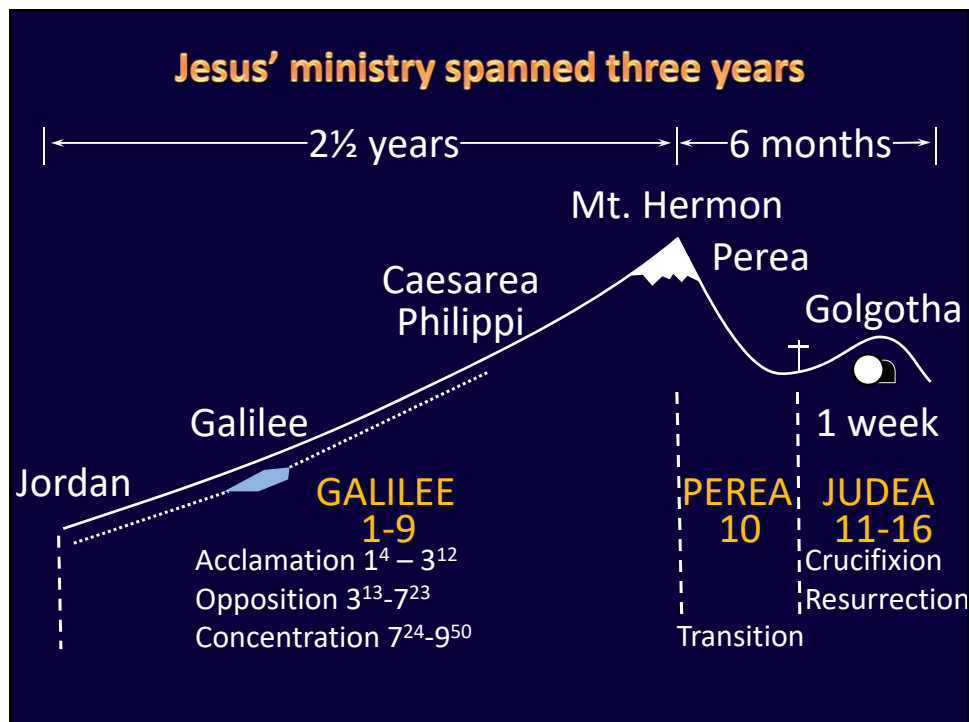
<p>Matthew</p> <p>Presents Jesus as the King of the Jews</p>	<p>Mark</p> <p>Presents Jesus as the Suffering Servant</p>
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"The gospel is  
**neither a discussion  
nor a debate.**

"It is an **announcement!**"

Dr. Paul S. Rees

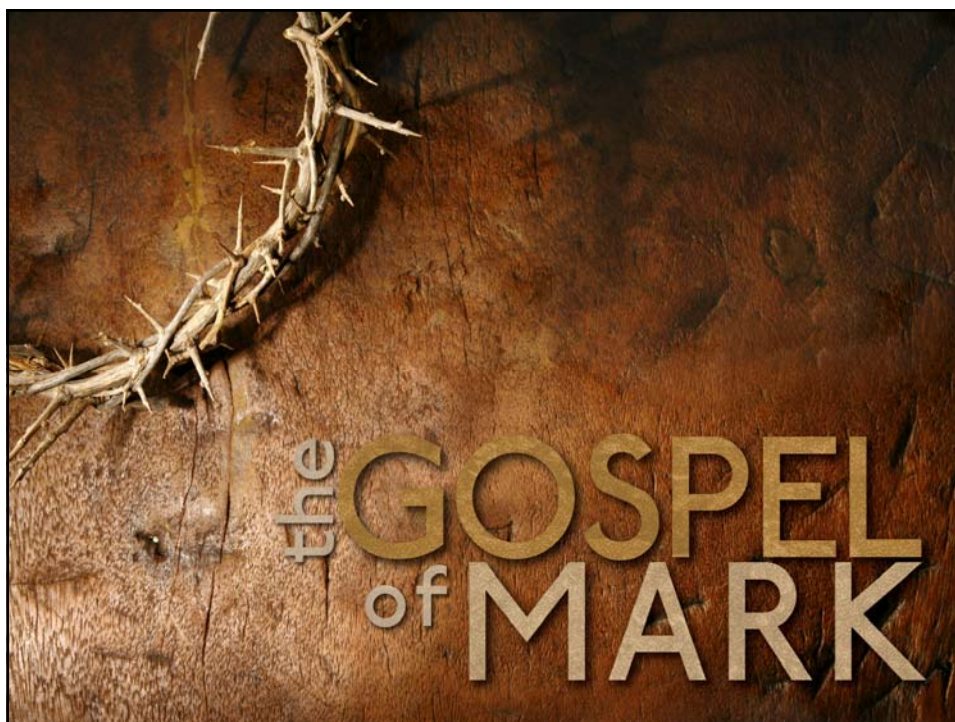
- The Gospel was a spoken record...
- Meant to be read aloud!



### Key Verse in the book of Mark

"For even the Son of man came  
**not to be ministered unto,**  
 but to minister, and to  
**give his life**  
**a ransom for many."**

Mark 10:45



## Mark 6

### Unbelief in Nazareth

<sup>1</sup> Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup> And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

<sup>3</sup> Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him.

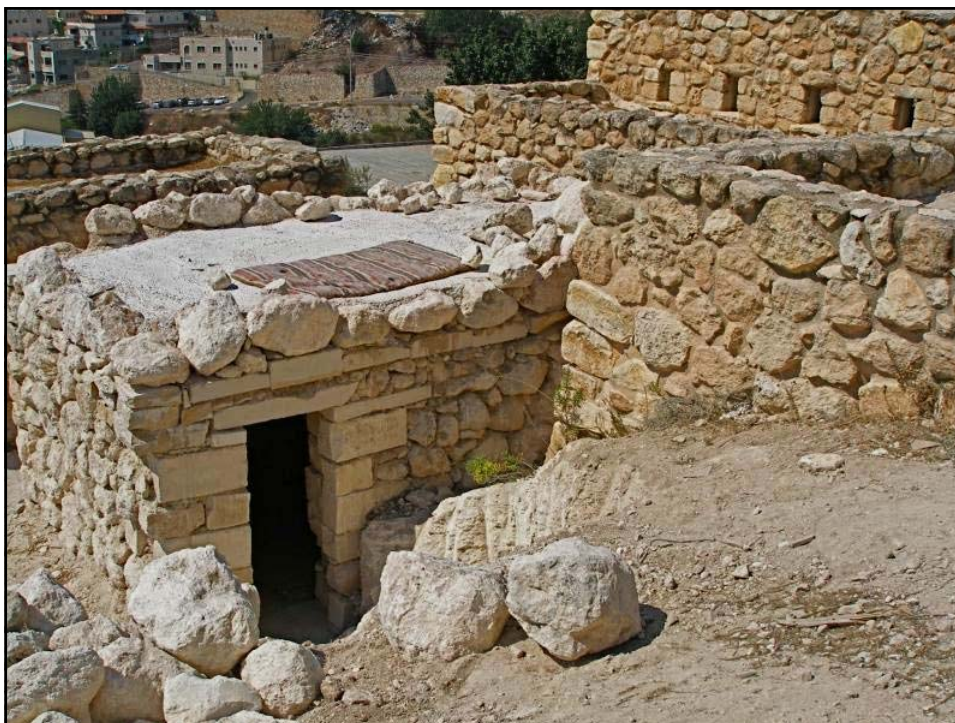
<sup>4</sup> But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

<sup>5</sup> Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.











### Six apostolic teams preach and heal in Galilee

<sup>7</sup> And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

<sup>8</sup> He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts-- <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

<sup>10</sup> Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.

<sup>11</sup> And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

<sup>12</sup> So they went out and preached that people should repent.

<sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

### King Herod's reaction

<sup>14</sup> Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup> Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."

<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!"

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

<sup>19</sup> Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup> Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup> He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup> So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" <sup>25</sup> Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup> And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

<sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.



<sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

<sup>31</sup> And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. <sup>32</sup> So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

<sup>33</sup> But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him.

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

<sup>35</sup> When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.

<sup>36</sup> Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

<sup>37</sup> But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?" <sup>38</sup> But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

<sup>39</sup> Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. <sup>41</sup> And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. <sup>42</sup> So they all ate and were filled.

<sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.



<sup>45</sup> Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. <sup>46</sup> And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.

<sup>47</sup> Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land.

<sup>48</sup> Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

<sup>49</sup> And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; <sup>50</sup> for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>51</sup> Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. <sup>52</sup> For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there.

<sup>54</sup> And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him,

<sup>55</sup> ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was.

<sup>56</sup> Wherever He entered into villages, cities, or in the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.







## Mark 7

<sup>1</sup> Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. <sup>3</sup> For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

<sup>5</sup> Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

<sup>6</sup> He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>7</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

<sup>8</sup> "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

<sup>9</sup> He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

<sup>11</sup> But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"--' (that is, a gift to God), <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, <sup>13</sup> making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

<sup>14</sup> When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. <sup>16</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

<sup>17</sup> When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable.

<sup>18</sup> So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"

<sup>20</sup> And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup> thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

### **Travel to Syrian Phoenicia**

<sup>24</sup> From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup> For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

<sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

<sup>28</sup> And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

<sup>29</sup> Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

<sup>30</sup> And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

### **Travel to Decapolis**

<sup>31</sup> Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

<sup>32</sup> Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue.

<sup>34</sup> Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it.

<sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## Mark 8

<sup>1</sup> In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar."

<sup>4</sup> Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"

<sup>5</sup> He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." <sup>6</sup> So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude.

<sup>7</sup> They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. <sup>8</sup> So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments.

<sup>9</sup> Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, <sup>10</sup> immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

### **Travel to western shore of the Sea of Galilee**

<sup>11</sup> Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. <sup>12</sup> But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."

<sup>13</sup> And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side.

<sup>14</sup> Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

<sup>16</sup> And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread."

<sup>17</sup> But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

They said to Him, "Twelve."

<sup>20</sup> "Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"

And they said, "Seven."

<sup>21</sup> So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"

<sup>22</sup> Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

24 And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

25 Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

26 Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

### **Travel to Caesarea Philippi**

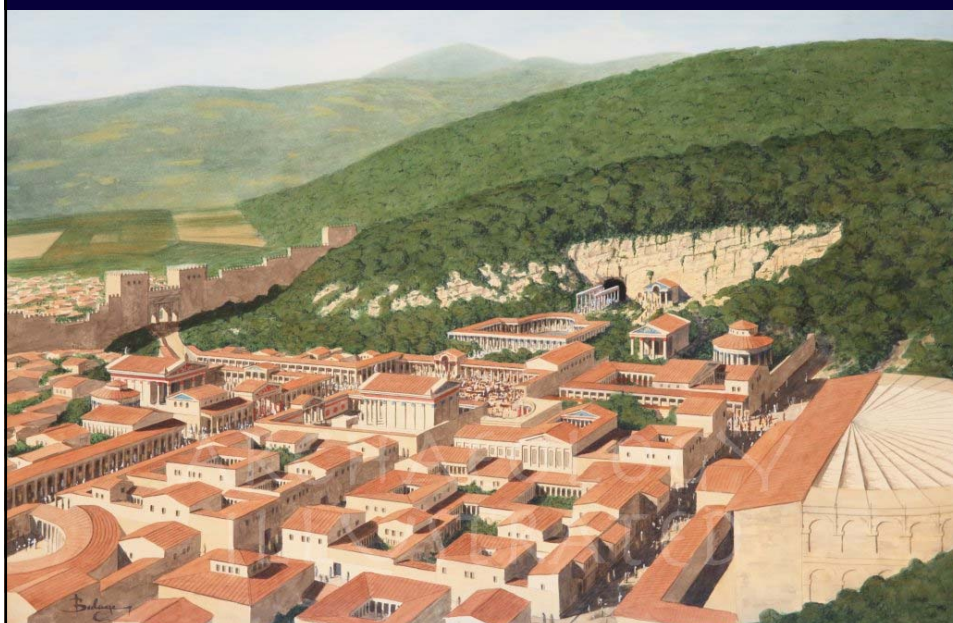
27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"

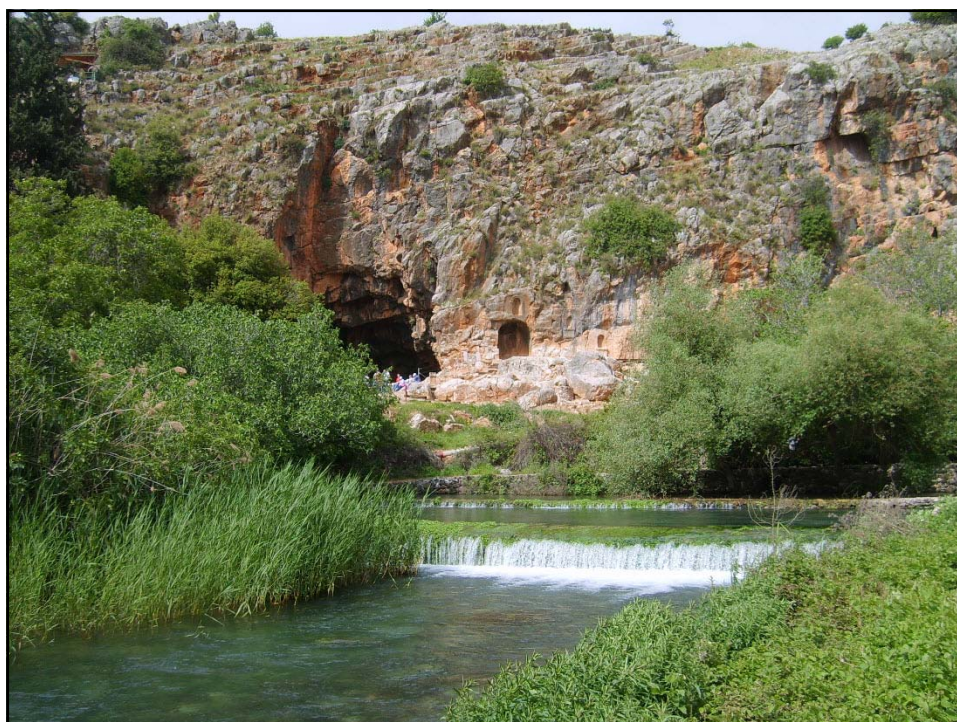
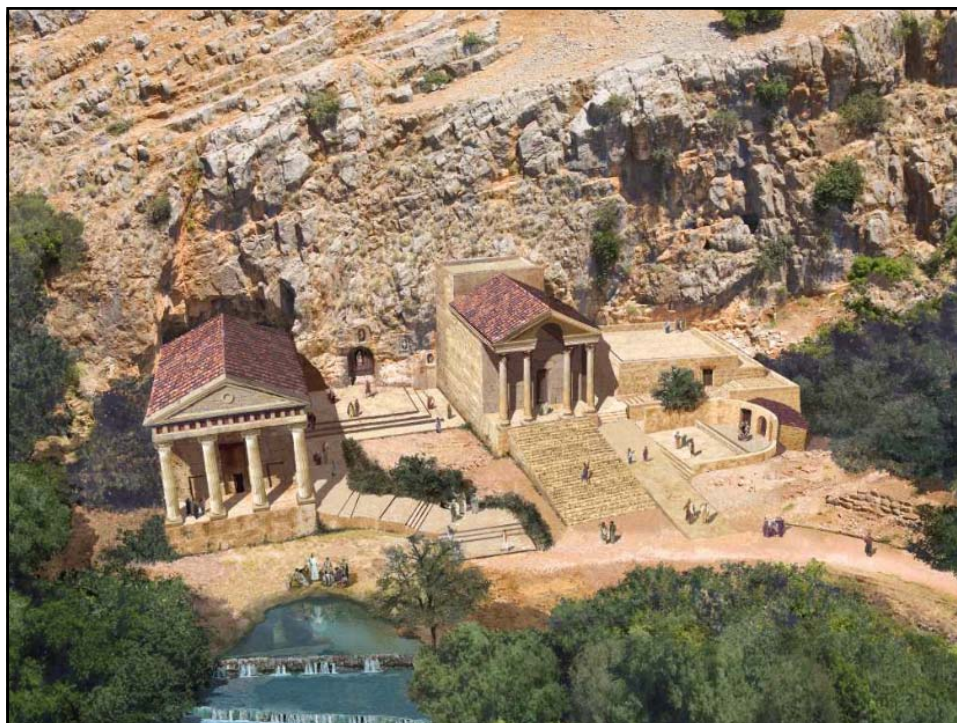
28 So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

30 Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

### **Caesarea Philippi and Mount Hermon**





<sup>31</sup> And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.\*

<sup>32</sup> He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup> But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

<sup>34</sup> When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

<sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."\*





## Mark 9

<sup>1</sup> And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."\*