

## **MARK**

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart."

## **Course Text: Mark**

"Although the Gospel of Mark does not name its author, it is the unanimous testimony of early church fathers that Mark was the author. He was an associate of the Apostle Peter, and evidently his spiritual son (1 Peter 5:13). From Peter he received first-hand information of the events and teachings of the Lord, and preserved the information in written form.

"It is generally agreed that Mark is the John Mark of the New Testament (Acts 12:12). His mother was a wealthy and prominent Christian in the Jerusalem church, and probably the church met in her home. Mark joined Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but not on the second because of a strong disagreement between the two men (Acts 15:37-38). However, near the end of Paul's life he called for Mark to be with him (2 Timothy 4:11).

"Whereas Matthew is written primarily to his fellow Jews, Mark's gospel appears to be targeted to the Roman believers, particularly Gentiles. Mark wrote as a pastor to Christians who previously had heard and believed the Gospel (Romans 1:8). He desired that they have a biographical story of Jesus Christ as Servant of the Lord and Savior of the world in order to strengthen their faith in the face of severe persecution and to teach them what it meant to be His disciples." From: gotquestions.org

### **Suggested methodology:**

- 1. Let the students have a copy of the lesson well before the class meets. (Perhaps the previous meeting) Encourage everyone to look at page 13 before they start, so that they can fill in some of those blanks as they go.
- 2. The students read the Bible book and answer the questions in this lesson before the group meets.
- 3. At the class meeting allow time for greetings and fellowship. (Save most of this for the end)
- 4. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
- 5. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
- 6. Discuss the questions and answers on page 13. Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers, when provided, are just one opinion; you may have a better answer. It might be good to establish the norm that only those who have actually read the book should discuss it aloud.
- 7. Discuss whatever other questions people have on their mind about the Mark.
- 8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
- 9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, this class is expected to take about two hours.

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## Mark Chapters 1-3

Please read the following scriptures and answer the associated questions.

- [1A] Mark 1:1-8 The one mightier than John would Baptize with what?
- [1B] Mark 1:9-13 In what form did the Spirit appear descending on Jesus?
- [1C] Mark 1:14-20 How long after being called did James and John respond?
- [1D] Mark 1:21-28 Why did His teaching amaze them?
- [1E] Mark 1:29-39 What did Simon's mother-in-law do after being healed?
- [1F] Mark 1:40-45 Did the leper obey Jesus?
- [1G] Mark 1:2-3 Compare Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 40:3 and Mark 1:2-3. What did you learn?
- [2A] Mark 2:1-5 How did they bring the paralyzed man to Jesus?
- [2B] Mark 2:6-12 What did He want them to know?
- [2C] Mark 2:13-17 What do sick people need?
- [2D] Mark 2:18-22 Where and when is fasting not practiced?
- [2E] Mark 2:23-28 The Sabbath rest was created for whose benefit?
- [2F] Mark 2:5-9 Which is easier healing someone or forgiving them? (Mark 2:5-9 & Isaiah 43:25) So what?
- [3A] Mark 3:1-6 What were Jesus emotions?
- [3B] Mark 3:7-12 What did those with unclean spirits call Jesus?
- [3C] Mark 3:13-19 Who were the sons of Thunder?
- [3D] Mark 3:20-27 What happens to a house that is divided against itself?
- [3E] Mark 3:28-35 Who does Jesus count has family members?
- [3F] Mark 3:16-17 What nickname do you suppose Jesus would give you?



A hole was ripped in Roy's roof to lower the paralytic to Jesus. Unfortunately Roy's homeowners insurance did not carry an'in case of Messianic healings' clause. Mk 2:1-5

## ------ ANSWERS ------

## Mark Chapters 1-3

Remember your answers do not have to match word for word. You just need to have the same idea.

- [1A] Mark 1:1-8 The one mightier than John would Baptize with what? The Holy Spirit Mk 1:8
- [1B] Mark 1:9-13 In what form did the Spirit appear descending on Jesus? A dove Mk 1:10
- [1C] Mark 1:14-20 How long after being called did James and John respond? Immediately Mk 1:20
- [1D] Mark 1:21-28 Why did His teaching amaze them? He taught with authority Mk 1:22
- [1E] Mark 1:29-39 What did Simon's mother-in-law do after being healed? Waited on them Mk 1:31
- [1F] Mark 1:40-45 Did the leper obey Jesus? No Mk 1:44-45
- [1G] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [2A] Mark 2:1-5 How did they bring the paralyzed man to Jesus?

## On a stretcher through a hole they dug in the roof

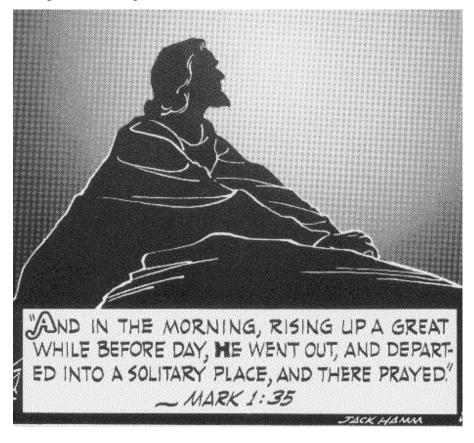
- [2B] Mark 2:6-12 What did He want them to know? That He had authority to forgive sins Mk 2:10
- [2C] Mark 2:13-17 What do sick people need? A doctor Mk 2:17
- [2D] Mark 2:18-22 Where and when is fasting not practiced? At a wedding feast Mk 2:19-20
- [2E] Mark 2:23-28 The Sabbath rest was created for whose benefit?

Man's Mk 2:27 (See 1 Samuel 21:1-6)

- [2F] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [3A] Mark 3:1-6 What were Jesus emotions? Anger and grief Mk 3:5
- [3B] Mark 3:7-12 What did those with unclean spirits call Jesus? Son of God Mk 3:11
- [3C] Mark 3:13-19 Who were the sons of Thunder? James and John Mk 3:17
- [3D] Mark 3:20-27 What happens to a house that is divided against itself?

It falls, it can not stand Mk 3:26

- [3E] Mark 3:28-35 Who does Jesus count has family members? Those who obey God Mk 3:35
- [3F] Just a question to provoke thought.



## **Mark Chapters 4-6**

Please read the following scriptures and answer the associated questions.

- [4A] Mark 4:1-12 What kinds of soil were there?
- [4B] Mark 4:13-20 What was compared to weeds and thorns?
- [4C] Mark 4:21-25 Where is a lamp not placed?
- [4D] Mark 4:26-29 Does a farmer have to understand how the seeds produce crops in order to be a farmer?
- [4E] Mark 4:30-34 What large plant has very small seeds?
- [4F] Mark 4:35-41 What did Jesus say to calm the storm?
- [4G] Mark 4:10-12 Compare Isaiah 6:9-13; Isaiah 43:8; Jeremiah 5:21; Ezekiel 12:2 and Mark 4:10-12. What did you learn?
- [5A] Mark 5:1-13 When told to identify himself the unclean spirit gave what name?
- [5B] Mark 5:14-20 According to Jesus who helped the man become normal again?
- [5C] Mark 5:21-24 Who was Jesus following?
- [5D] Mark 5:25-34 What did the woman do right before she was healed?
- [5E] Mark 5:35-43 Did the little girl die?
- [5F] Mark 5:12-13 Does this passage mean that the Lord hears and answers the prayers of demons?
- [6A] Mark 6:1-6 What were the names of Jesus' brothers?
- [6B] Mark 6:6-13 Where were the twelve to stay in each town?
- [6C] Mark 6:14-32 Herod was worried Jesus was who?
- [6D] Mark 6:33-44 How much food did they have to start with?
- [6E] Mark 6:45-52 Where did Jesus walk that usually doesn't get that kind of traffic?
- [6F] Mark 6:53-56 What did the sick touch to get healing and relief?
- [6G] Mark 6:46 When was the last time you went off by yourself to pray? When will the next time be?

## WHEN FEAR KNOCKS... HEH HEH! I ALWAYS DO WELL AT THIS HOUSE! BEAT IT, YA BUM! WHEN DID THEY GET THIS BUTLER?

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

- MARK 4:40 NIV

## ------ ANSWERS -----

## **Mark Chapters 4-6**

Remember your answers do not have to match word for word. You just need to have the same idea. [4A] Mark 4:1-12 What kinds of soil were there?

roadside, rocky or shallow, weed or thorn infested, and good

[4B] Mark 4:13-20 What was compared to weeds and thorns?

Deceitfulness of riches, worries, and desires for unnecessary things Mk 4:18-19

- [4C] Mark 4:21-25 Where is a lamp not placed? Under a basket or bed
- [4D] Mark 4:26-29 Did a farmer have to understand how the seeds produce crops in order to be a farmer? No
- [4E] Mark 4:30-34 What large plant has very small seeds? Mustard
- [4F] Mark 4:35-41 What did Jesus say to calm the storm? Hush, be still Mk 4:39
- [4G] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [5A] Mark 5:1-13 When told to identify himself the unclean spirit gave what name? Legion Mk 5:9
- [5B] Mark 5:14-20 According to Jesus who helped the man become normal again? The Lord Mk 5:19
- [5C] Mark 5:21-24 Who was Jesus following? Jairus, a synagogue official
- [5D] Mark 5:25-34 What did the woman do right before she was healed? Touched Jesus' cloak Mk 5:27
- [5E] Mark 5:35-43 Did the little girl die? No Mk 5:39
- [5F] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [6A] Mark 6:1-6 What were the names of Jesus' brothers? James, Joses, Judas and Simon Mk 6:3
- [6B] Mark 6:6-13 Where were the twelve to stay in each town? The first house that accepted them
- [6C] Mark 6:14-32 Herod was worried Jesus was who? John the Baptist resurrected Mk 6:16
- [6D] Mark 6:33-44 How much food did they have to start with? Five loaves of bread and two fish Mk 6:38
- [6E] Mark 6:45-52 Where did Jesus walk that usually doesn't get that kind of traffic? The surface of the sea
- [6F] Mark 6:53-56 What did the sick touch to get healing and relief? The fringe of Jesus' cloak Mk 6:56
- [6G] Just a question to provoke thought.



but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

- Mark 4:19 NIV

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## **Mark Chapters 7-9**

Please read the following scriptures and answer the associated questions.

- [7A] Mark 7:1-13 Who prophesied about hypocrites?
- [7B] Mark 7:14-23 Where do evil thoughts come from?
- [7C] Mark 7:24-30 Who eats the crumbs?
- [7D] Mark 7:31-37 Who did all things well?
- [7E] Mark 7:27-29 How did the woman's argument convince Jesus to heal her daughter?
- [8A] Mark 8:1-13 How much food did they have to start with?
- [8B] Mark 8:14-26 What was the same about the two miracles of feeding thousands?
- [8C] Mark 8:27-33 What were the prevailing theories of Jesus' identity?
- [8D] Mark 8:34-38 What must we do if would follow Jesus?
- [8E] Mark 8:22-26 Unlike every other miracle of Jesus this one required two steps instead of one. Why?
- [9A] Mark 9:1-13 Who appeared and spoke with Jesus?
- [9B] Mark 9:14-29 What is possible to him who believes?
- [9C] Mark 9:30-37 What had they been discussing on the way?
- [9D] Mark 9:38-50 What is worse than being forcibly drowned?

stay the same.

[9E] Mark 9:23 If this is true why don't we all have perfect health and great wealth?

# Jesus, thy servants.. eateth with unwashed hands! What are 'they' doing in our church? Lentury Century HYPOCRITES.. Then and Now. Mark 7:1-5 The more things change.. the more they

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## **Mark Chapters 7-9**

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[7A] Mark 7:1-13 Who prophesied about hypocrites? <u>Isaiah</u> Mk 7:6-7 (See Isaiah 29:13)

[7B] Mark 7:14-23 Where do evil thoughts come from? The hearts of men Mk 7:21

[7C] Mark 7:24-30 Who eats the crumbs? The dogs under the table Mk 7:28

[7D] Mark 7:31-37 Who did all things well? Jesus Mk 7:37

[7E] Just a question to provoke thought.

[8A] Mark 8:1-13 How much food did they have to start with? Seven loaves of bread and a few small fish Mk 8:5-7

[8B] Mark 8:14-26 What was the same about the two miracles of feeding thousands?

They ended up with more than they started with Mk 8:19-20

[8C] Mark 8:27-33 What were the prevailing theories of Jesus' identity?

John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the prophets Mk 8:28 ... but Peter called Jesus "The Christ."

[8D] Mark 8:34-38 What must we do if would follow Jesus? Deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow

[8E] Just a question to provoke thought.

[9A] Mark 9:1-13 Who appeared and spoke with Jesus? Elijah and Moses Mk 9:4

[9B] Mark 9:14-29 What is possible to him who believes? All things Mk 9:23

[9C] Mark 9:30-37 What had they been discussing on the way? Who was the greatest Mk 9:34

[9D] Mark 9:38-50 What is worse than being forcibly drowned?

The consequences of causes children to waiver in their belief Mk 9:42

[9E] Just a question to provoke thought.



and they brought to Jesus a deaf man, and Jesus healed him. Mark 7:32-37

## Mark Chapters 10-13

Please read the following scriptures and answer the associated questions.

- [10A] Mark 10:1-12 Who should separate what God has joined together?
- [10B] Mark 10:13-16 Who prevented children from approaching Jesus?
- [10C] Mark 10:17-31 Jesus lists 6 commandments. How many of them were from the Ten Commandments?
- [10D] Mark 10:32-45 What did James and John request?
- [10E] Mark 10:46-52 What did Bartimaeus do when he regained his sight?
- [10F] Mark 10:48 Why do suppose they were telling Bartimaeus to be quiet? What would you have done if you were there?
- [11A] Mark 11:1-14 Where did Jesus spend the night?
- [11B] Mark 11:15-26 Who did Jesus' say the temple belonged to?
- [11C] Mark 11:27-33 Who did the chief priests, scribes and elders fear?
- [11D] Mark 11:13-14, 20-21 What do these passages mean?
- [12A] Mark 12:1-12 What happened to the rejected stone?
- [12B] Mark 12:13-17 Who questioned Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- [12C] Mark 12:18-27 Who is God the God of?
- [12D] Mark 12:28-40 How much should you love your neighbor?
- [12E] Mark 12:41-44 How much did the widow put in?
- [12F] Mark 12:37 What is the answer to Jesus question in this verse?
- [13A] Mark 13:1-13 Before the end of time what must be preached to all nations?
- [13B] Mark 13:14-23 What are we to pray? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- [13C] Mark 13:24-37 What will never pass away?
- [13D] What do you believe about the end times?



I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

- MARK 11:22 NIV

## ------ ANSWERS -----

## Mark Chapters 10-13

Remember your answers do not have to match word for word. You just need to have the same idea.

- [10A] Mark 10:1-12 Who should separate what God has joined together? No one Mk 10:9
- [10B] Mark 10:13-16 Who prevented children from approaching Jesus? His disciples Mk 10:13
- [10C] Mark 10:17-31 Jesus lists 6 commandments. How many of them were from the Ten Commandments? Five "Do not defraud" is not.
- [10D] Mark 10:32-45 What did James and John request? Thrones next to Jesus Mk 10:37
- [10E] Mark 10:46-52 What did Bartimaeus do when he regained his sight?

Followed Jesus Mk 10:52 How about you?

- [10F] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [11A] Mark 11:1-14 Where did Jesus spend the night? <u>Bethany</u> Mk 11:11-12 Probably at the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary (John 11:1) but it might have also been at the home of Simon the Leper (Mark 14:3) or some place else.
- [11B] Mark 11:15-26 Who did Jesus' say the temple belonged to? All the nations Mk 11:17
- [11C] Mark 11:27-33 Who did the chief priests, scribes and elders fear? The people Mk 11:32
- [11D] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [12A] Mark 12:1-12 What happened to the rejected stone? It became the chief corner stone
- [12B] Mark 12:13-17 Who questioned Jesus? Pharisees and Herodians Mk 12:13 They hated each other
- [12C] Mark 12:18-27 Who is God the God of?

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the living, not the dead Mk 12:26-27

- [12D] Mark 12:28-40 How much should you love your neighbor? The same as yourself Mk 12:31
- [12E] Mark 12:41-44 How much did the widow put in? Everything Mk 12:44
- [12F] Just a question to provoke thought.
- [13A] Mark 13:1-13 Before the end of time what must be preached to all nations? The gospel Mk 13:10
- [13B] Mark 13:14-23 What are we to pray?

That the events described do not happen in winter Mk 13:18

- [13C] Mark 13:24-37 What will never pass away? The words of Jesus Mk 13:31
- [13D] Just a question to provoke thought.

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson Give away my wealth, then follow you? HA, HA.. very funny, now seriously what should I do?



The 'Rich Young Ruler' debates money management philosophies with Jesus Christ, Matthew 19, Mk 10

## **Mark Chapters 14-16**

Please read the following scriptures and answer the associated questions.

- [14A] Mark 14:1-11 What did the woman do to Jesus?
- [14B] Mark 14:12-21 Which Old Testament feast were they observing?
- [14C] Mark 14:22-31 What did they do just before going to the Mount of Olives.
- [14D] Mark 14:32-42 What did the disciples do while Jesus prayed?
- [14E] Mark 14:43-52 How did Judas betray Jesus?
- [14F] Mark 14:53-65 When asked if He was Christ, did Jesus confirm it or deny it?
- [14G] Mark 14:66-72 What did Peter do after he had denied Jesus three times?
- [14H] Mark 14:13-16 Some think this is evidence of omniscience on the part of Jesus, others that it was simply something Jesus had prearranged because He knew the authorities were looking for Him and he was trying to keep everything secret. What do you think and why?
- [15A] Mark 15:1-15 What guilty man was released instead of the innocent Jesus?
- [15B] Mark 15:16-21 What kind of crown did they put on His head?
- [15C] Mark 15:22-41 What convinced the centurion that Jesus was the Son of God?
- [15D] Mark 15:42-47 Who collected the body of Jesus?
- [15E] Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- [16A] Mark 16:1-13 To whom did Jesus first appear?
- [16B] Mark 16:14-20 Where did Jesus sit down in heaven?
- [16C] What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ mean? (Hint: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58)

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THE PRICE OF BETRAYAL... 30 Pieces of silver bought Judas... INFAMY! Mt. 26:15, Mk 14:10-11

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## **Mark Chapters 14-16**

[14A] Mark 14:1-11 What did the woman do to Jesus?

Anointed His head with perfume of pure nard Mk 14:3

[14B] Mark 14:12-21 Which Old Testament feast were they observing? Passover Mk 14:16

[14C] Mark 14:22-31 What did they do just before going to the Mount of Olives.

Sang a hymn Mk 14:26

[14D] Mark 14:32-42 What did the disciples do while Jesus prayed? Slept Mk 14:37, 40, 41

[14E] Mark 14:43-52 How did Judas betray Jesus? With a kiss Mk 14:44-45

[14F] Mark 14:53-65 When asked if He was Christ, did Jesus confirm it or deny it?

Confirmed it Mk 14:61-62

[14G] Mark 14:66-72 What did Peter do after he had denied Jesus three times. Wept Mk 14:72

[14H] Just a question to provoke thought.

[15A] Mark 15:1-15 What guilty man was released instead of the innocent Jesus?

Barabbas Mk 15:7 & 15

[15B] Mark 15:16-21 What kind of crown did they put on His head? Crown of thorns Mk 15:17

[15C] Mark 15:22-41 What convinced the centurion that Jesus was the Son of God? The way He breathed His last Mk 15:39 Victims of a crucifixion gradually became too tired to breath. Crying with a loud voice right before they died was humanly impossible Mk 15:37

[15D] Mark 15:42-47 Who collected the body of Jesus? Joseph of Arimathea

[15E] A question to provoke thought and prayer.

[16A] Mark 16:1-13 To whom did Jesus first appear? Mary Magdalene Mk 16:9

[16B] Mark 16:14-20 Where did Jesus sit down in heaven? The right hand of God Mk 16:19

[16C] A question to provoke research, thought and prayer.

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



and a number came to make false 'STUPID' claims against Jesus to the counsel and priests. Mk 14:57-59

of questions on the prior pages. Be prepared to discuss them with the class.  ( ) Think & Pray
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(C1) If someone asked you what Mark was about what would you say?  Think & Pray
(C2) How can the lessons of Mark be applied to our own life?  Think & Pray
Think & Truy
(C3) Which verse or passage would you select to memorize from Mark? Why?
Think & Pray

If you have any questions about Mark, now is the time to discuss them with your classmates.

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**(C1) Mark Summary** "This gospel is unique because it emphasizes Jesus' actions more than His teaching. It is simply written, moving quickly from one episode in the life of Christ to another. It does not begin with a genealogy as in Matthew, because Gentiles would not be interested in His lineage. After the introduction of Jesus at His baptism, Jesus began His public ministry in Galilee and called the first four of His twelve disciples. What follows is the record of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. After the Sabbath, early in the morning of the first day of the week, they went to the tomb with burial spices. When they saw the stone had been rolled away, they entered the tomb. It was not the body of Jesus they saw, but an angel robed in white. The joyful message they received was, "He is risen!" They spread the good news of His resurrection. This same message has been broadcast throughout the world in the following centuries down to us today."

http://www.gotquestions.org/Gospel-of-Mark.html

**(C2) Mark Life Application** "Mark presents Jesus as the suffering Servant of God (Mark 10:45) and as the One who came to serve and sacrifice for us, in part to inspire us to do the same. We are to minister as He did, with the same greatness of humility and devotion to the service of others. Jesus exhorted us to remember that to be great in God's kingdom, we must be the servant of all (Mark 10:44). Self-sacrifice should transcend our need for recognition or reward, just as Jesus was willing to be abased as He lay down His life for the sheep."

http://www.gotquestions.org/Gospel-of-Mark.html

## (C3) Something to Remember

Mark 1:11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Mark 10:14-15 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Mark 12:33 and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mark 16:6 And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.