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WITH THE EDGE

## **February 13 – Matthew 27:1-31**

*Reread Matthew 27:29*

Before Jesus was killed, the soldiers and people around mocked Jesus. They made fun of him and spit on him and tortured him. All this was done even though Jesus was perfect and didn't do anything wrong. Jesus never once complained!

When do you find yourself complaining?

How can you stop complaining?

## **February 14 – Matthew 27:32-66**

*Reread Matthew 27:54*

After Jesus died, the people and the guards had a different reaction to who they thought Jesus was. It is important for every person to recognize who Jesus is before it's too late.

How does knowing who Jesus is, change the way you live today?

## **February 15 – Matthew 28**

*Reread Matthew 28:19-20*

Jesus is alive! And he has a mission for the disciples and all of his followers. He wants us to make more disciples for him! How are you doing this?

Are you talking to your friends about Jesus?

Write down 3 names of people you want to talk about Jesus with!

## **February 16 – Mark 1:1-22**

*Reread Mark 1:13*

Right after Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit moves him to go out to the wilderness. While there, Satan does his best to make Jesus sin (We know more about this from Matthew 4).

How does Satan tempt you to sin?

What can you do to fight this temptation?

## **February 17 – Mark 1:23-45**

*Reread Mark 1:24*

It is interesting that even demons and unclean spirits recognize that Jesus is God, and they are afraid. They ask if they will be destroyed by him. We know that they demons believe that Jesus is the Messiah (James 2:19), so what is the difference between their belief, and the belief a Christian is supposed to have?

Have you ever thought of that before?

## **February 18 – Mark 2**

*Reread Mark 2:14*

Jesus called many different kinds of men to become his disciples. They were not all just fishermen! Jesus is interested in having all kinds of people follow, serve, and love him! Do you ever think you can't follow God as much as other people because of your background? Look to Levi, whose new name is Matthew (yes the one that wrote the book). Jesus can use all kinds of people for him. How can he use you for him today?

How can you make Jesus look good today?

## **February 19 – Mark 3:1-21**

*Reread Mark 3:20-21*

*Jesus was very busy with the crowds, so busy that he barely found time to eat. His family was concerned about him and tried to take him away from the people.*

*Has there ever been a time where you served God and it meant missing a meal or not being home?*

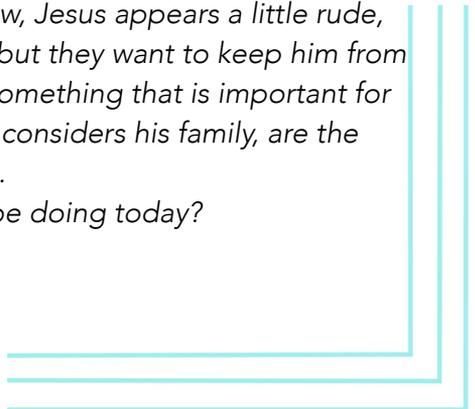
*What are some situations where God's needs are more important than anything else?*

## **February 20 – Mark 3:22-35**

*Reread Mark 3:33-35*

*Jesus' family is on the scene once again, and this time, it just says they want to see him. Now, Jesus appears a little rude, not wanting to see his family, but they want to keep him from obeying God. Then, he says something that is important for us. He says that the people he considers his family, are the ones who do what God wants.*

*What does God want you to be doing today?*



## **February 21 – Mark 4:1-20**

*Reread Mark 4:20*

Jesus tells a large crowd the parable about a person who plants seeds, then explains it to the inner group of disciples. The seed he is talking about is the word of God. The “soils” are the different kinds of people that hear God’s word and the gospel. The fourth soil is the person who hear the word of God and does it. Jesus compared doing good things for God to “bearing” a lot of fruit! He says here that some bear 30 times, some bear 60 times, and some bear 100 times as much as was planted. How can you spread the word of God?

Where are you able to talk to people about Jesus?

## **February 22 – Mark 4:21-43**

*Reread Mark 4:40*

*The disciples are caught in a storm on the sea. They find Jesus sleeping, and they ask him if he cares that they are “perishing” or about to die! They think they are going to sink and drown. Jesus first calms the waters with a few little words, then points his attention to the disciples. He is upset with them. He asks why they are afraid of dying (the son of God is on the boat, after all). The point of this whole account is that the disciples lacked faith in God. When is it hard for you to trust God?*

Why is it hard for you to trust that God is in control?

## **February 23 – Mark 5:1-20**

*Reread Mark 5:19-20*

Jesus had just healed this man from demons, and sent them into a herd of pigs. He then commands the man who was healed to go and tell people all that Jesus did for him. It says he went to the Decapolis (an area of ten cities) and told people all about what Jesus did for him. What has Jesus done for you?

Who will you tell about it?

## **February 24 – Mark 5:21-43**

*Reread Mark 5:34*

As Jesus was headed to heal the daughter of an important man named Jarius, a woman approached Jesus in the crowd and wanted to be healed of a long term problem she had. Jesus knew that she had touched his clothes, so he wants her to identify herself. When she came and told Jesus the whole truth, he tells her that her faith has made her well. Jesus made her well, but she put her trust in the right person. What do you need to put your trust in Jesus for?

## **February 25 – Mark 6:1-32**

*Reread Mark 6:18*

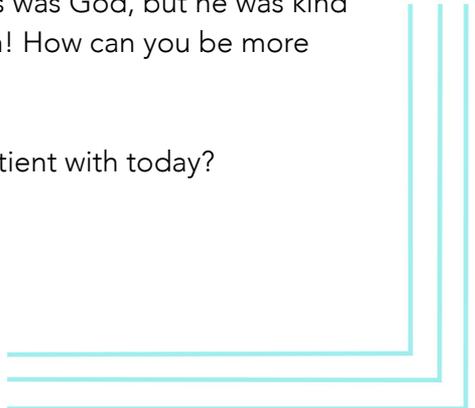
John the Baptist was a man who stood up for the truth, even to the King Herod. In our day, people are very slow to obey God, just as Herod was then. Standing up for God cost John a lot. What will it cost you to stand up for God's truth?

## **February 26 – Mark 6:33-56**

*Reread Mark 6:54-56*

There were times when Jesus was tired. He had just been on a boat and been going from town to town. Jesus rarely got a break. Wherever he went, he healed the sick and had compassion on the people. Jesus was God, but he was kind every time someone came to him! How can you be more compassionate like Jesus?

Who do you need to be more patient with today?



## **February 27 – Mark 7:1-13**

*Reread Mark 7:6*

Jesus tells the people that he knows their hearts, and he isn't impressed. He knows that many of them obey some of the rules, but they don't really love God.

Do you feel like complaining when God tells you to do things in his word?

When it is hard for you to love God with your obedience?

## **February 28 – Mark 7:14-8:10**

*Reread Mark 7:21-22*

When most people talk about "the heart," they assume that people's hearts are good! That is NOT what Jesus thinks. He tells us that our hearts are full of all kinds of evil.

Why is it hard to fight this evil?

Which of the sins listed do you struggle with the most?

## **February 29 – Happy Leap Day!**

*(There is no new Bible reading today)*

Out of all the verses you know or have memorized, which one is your favorite? Look it up and write it down! Spend today thinking about it and memorizing it!

## **March 1 – Mark 8:11-38**

*Reread Mark 8:36*

Jesus asks a big question that every person needs to answer with their actions. The “world” and everything in it looks pretty good most of the time (money, success, popularity, fame). Every person needs to choose between God and the world. The Bible makes it clear you cannot choose both.

Why is it more important to choose God and have your soul saved, than gain all that you can in the world?

## **March 2 – Mark 9:1-29**

*Reread Mark 9:2-3*

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain and did something amazing before them. He took on his glory, that is, heavenly glory! He shone like a light! That is who Jesus really is: He is God. That means we need to treat his words just as we would treat God's. They should direct our actions.

What command of Jesus is hard for you to follow?

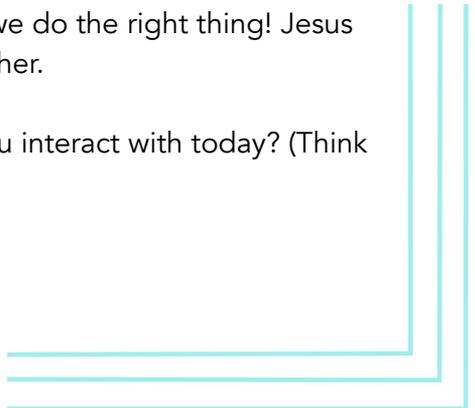
How does knowing that Jesus is God make it easier for you to obey?

## **March 3 – Mark 9:30-50**

*Reread Mark 9:41*

All throughout the Bible, we see that God cares about what we do. He wants to reward us when we do the right thing! Jesus wants his people to serve each other.

How can you serve the people you interact with today? (Think your siblings/parents/teachers)



## **March 4 – Mark 10:1-31**

*Reread Mark 10:21-22*

This young man had a lot to give up for Jesus, and he went away sad because he was not willing to give it up.

What are things you like to do, places you like to go, people you like to hang out with, that you know God wouldn't want you to?

It is hard to give things up for God, but it is for our own good. Are YOU willing to give those things up to serve God better?