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| Panel | Passage Title | Factoid orLiterary Clue | Quote from the text | For Reflection |
| **Mark 1:1-13** **The Beginning: In the Desert**  |
| 1 | 1:1 The story begins . . . | ★ Good news = gospel★ Christ = the anointed one (king) | The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God . . . | As you follow the story of Jesus in Mark’s Gospel, think about why it’s called “good news.” |
| 2 | 1:2-8John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus.**STATION: BAPTISMAL STAND IN THE WILDERNESS** | ★ the wilderness = a place of testing and growing; a place to meet God or the devil. | [John the Baptist] I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. | Can you name other wilderness experiences in the Bible and in your life?  |
| 3 | 1:9-11John baptizes Jesus. | R**IPPING OPEN THE HEAVENS** | [God]You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. | Why do you think Jesus was baptized?What happens to the heavens in this scene? Keep an eye out for when something else gets ripped apart in Mark’s Gospel. |
| 4 | 1:12-13Jesus is tempted in the wilderness. | **IMMEDIATELY**★ the wilderness = a place to meet God or the devil |  |  |
| **Mark 1:14–8:26****Jesus’ Ministry in Galilee**  |
| 5 | 1:14-15The ministry in Galilee begins.**MAP OF GALILEE** | ★ Galilee = the northern region of what had been the territory of ancient Israel. At the time of Jesus it was settled by many different peoples and ruled by Herod Antipas, who governed on behalf of the Romans. | [Jesus] The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. |  |
| 6  | 1:16-20Jesus calls fishermen to be disciples. | **IMMEDIATELY** | [Jesus]Follow me and I will make you fish for people. | If you were busy doing your thing, making a living, would you drop everything and follow Jesus? |
| 7 | 1:21-28Jesus casts out an unclean spirit from a man in Capernaum. | **DEMONS****IMMEDIATELY** | [Jesus] Be silent, and come out of him! | What is an unclean spirit? Name something evil that you wish God would get rid of. |
| 8 | 1:29-34Jesus heals at Simon’s house. | **Sshh…** **DEMONS** | [NO QUOTE BUBBLE]Jesus would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him. | Why do you think Jesus doesn’t want the demons to speak? |
| 9  | 1:35-39Jesus goes to a deserted place to pray.**STATION:****A PLACE APART TO PRAY** |  |  | Do you ever need a quiet place to pray?How about right now? |
| 10 | 1:40-45Jesus touches and heals a man with leprosy. | ★ **leprosy** = a word for many kinds of skin disease. According to Jewish Law, touching a person with leprosy could make a person ritually unclean.**IMMEDIATELY****Boundary Crossing****Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet**  | [Jesus]Be made clean! | In these next five stories, where and how does Jesus cross the line?Keep a look out for how many times Jesus is willing to touch or be touched by those who are regarded as outsiders or unclean. |
| 11 | 2:1-11Jesus heals a paralyzed man and forgives his sins, while some scribes look on. | ★ **scribes** = religious scholars of the Jewish faith and teachers of Scripture.**IMMEDIATELY****Boundary Crossing** | [JESUS] Son, your sins are forgiven . . . stand up, take your mat, and go home.[Scribes] Who can forgive sins but God alone? | What boundary does Jesus cross in this scene? |
| 12 | 2:13-17Jesus calls the tax collector Levi to follow him and goes to his house to eat with other tax collectors and sinners. | ★ **tax collectors** = men who collected taxes from their own people to hand over to the Romans. They were very unpopular and considered outsiders.**Boundary Crossing** | [Jesus] Follow me.[Scribes]Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners? |  |
| 13  | 2:18-22Jesus explains why his disciples are not fasting. | ★ **fasting** = not eating food for a certain period of time for religious reasons.**Boundary Crossing** | [People]Why don’t your disciples fast like John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees? | What are some of your reasons for not doing what is expected? |
| 14 | 2:23—3:6On the Sabbath, Jesusdefends picking grain and heals a man with a withered hand. | ★ Sabbath = the day of rest observed by the Jewish people. It was set aside for the flourishing of life. All workers rest. ★ Pharisees = Religious leaders who taught the importance of following God’s laws.**IMMEDIATELY****Boundary Crossing** | [Jesus]The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.[Jesus] Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill? | When do you care more about following the spirit behind the rules than the rules themselves?How has Jesus crossed the line for you? |
| 15 | 3:7-12Jesus teaches and heals many by the lake. | **Demons****Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet**  | [Jesus] Don’t make this known to anyone! | What’s with the gag order? |
| 16  | 3:13-19Jesus appoints his twelve disciples . |  | [Jesus]Proclaim the message and cast out demons. |  |
| 17 | 3:20-30The scribes accuse Jesus of having the demon Beelzebul. | ★ Beelzebul (Satan) = ruler of the demons  | [Jesus]How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself that house will not be able to stand. |  |
| 18  | 3:31-35Who is Jesus’ family? |  | [Jesus]Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. | How do you define family? |
| 19 | 4:1-20Jesus tells a parable about a sower and explains the purpose of parables. | ★ **sower** = a person who plants seeds in a field★ **parable** = story/example from everyday life. They connect with real people and challenge our common understanding of things.**IMMEDIATELY X 3** | [Jesus]The sower sows the word. Those who are good soil hear the word and accept it, and bear fruit. | What can keep God’s word from growing in your life? |
| 20 | 4:21-25The lamp and the bushel basket. |  | [Jesus]Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket . . . and not on the lampstand? |  |
| 21 | 4:26-34Jesus tells more parables about seeds. | ★ **mustard** = an invasive species of weed that farmers don’t want. | [Jesus]The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that grows to be the biggest of shrubs. | How is the Kingdom of God like an unwanted weed that spreads like crazy and gives shelter to birds?  |
| 22 | 4:35-41Jesus calms a bad storm. | ★ The **Sea of Galilee** is 13 miles long and 8 miles wide. Lake Erie is 100 times larger.**West side =** place of Judeans (insiders)**East side =** Greeks, Romans, and Gentiles (outsiders) | [Disciples]Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?[Jesus]Peace! Be Still![Disciples]Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? | Have you ever asked a question like the question the disciples ask Jesus? How do you find calm when your life is chaotic? |
| 23 | 5:1-20Jesus casts a demon called Legion out of a man and into a herd of pigs in the country of the Gerasenes. | ★ **Legion** = a Roman military unit of 6000 soldiers.★ **pigs** = unclean animals according to Jewish religion.**IMMEDIATELY****Boundary Crossing** | [Jesus]Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you. | Notice the name of the demon. Why does the name of the demon matter to how you hear this passage?  |
| 24 | 5:21-43Jesus restores the life of a little girl, daughter of Jairus, and heals a woman with severe bleeding. | ★ **Jairus** is the leader of a Synagogue.★ **a purity law** = touching someone who was bleeding could make a person ritually unclean.**IMMEDIATELY (3x)****Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet** **Boundary Crossing** | [Jairus]Please heal my little daughter who is dying.”[Jesus] Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”[Jesus] Little girl, get up! | Who in these stories are people of faith? What makes them faithful? Do you know people like them? |
| 25 | Mark 6:1-6The people from his home synagogue in Nazareth are offended by Jesus’ teaching. | ★ **Nazareth** = a small town in Galilee where Jesus grew up. | [Crowd]Where did he get all this?[Jesus]Prophets are not without honor, except in their home town.” | Think about people in your own community. Do you feel supported by them or kept in a box? |
| 26  | 6:6-13Jesus sends out his disciples in pairs to cast out unclean spirits. | Demons | Jesus: “If any place will not welcome you . . . leave and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” | Have you ever had to depend on the hospitality of strangers? What happened? |
| 27 | 6:14-29King Herod has John the Baptist arrested and beheaded. | ★ **King Herod** = Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee and Perea.**IMMEDIATELY (2x)** |  | People in power have been beheading innocent people for a long time. What does this mean to you? |
| 28 | 6:30-44Jesus miraculously feeds a crowd of over five thousand people with two fish and five loaves. |  |  [no quote bubble]. . . Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. | What do you think about when you hear these words? |
| 29 | 6:45-52Jesus walks on the water to get into the disciples’ boat and calm a storm. | ★ When Jesus says “It is I” it is like saying “I AM” which is the name used to identify God in the book of Exodus.**IMMEDIATELY (2x)** | [Jesus]Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid. | Who or what are you afraid of? When do you need to hear a calming word from Jesus? |
| 30 | 6:53-56Jesus heals sick people in Gennesaret. | ★ **Gennesaret** = an area near the northwest corner of the Sea of Galilee.**Boundary Crossing** |  |  |
| 31 | 7:1-23Some Pharisees and scribes criticize Jesus’ disciples for eating without properly washing their hands. | ★ **purity law** = hand washing was to be done before eating to make sure that nothing unclean would touch the food. **Boundary Crossing** | [Jesus] It’s what comes out of a person that defiles . . . Evil things like murder, envy, slander, and pride come from within, and they defile a person. | Is it more important to be clean outside or inside? Why? |
| 32 | 7:24-30Jesus heals the daughter of a Gentile woman in the region of Tyre. | ★ Tyre = a city in a non-Jewish (Gentile) region north and west of Galilee. ★ Being called a dog is a bad insult.**IMMEDIATELY****Boundary Crossing****Demon** | [Jesus] Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.[The woman] Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.[Jesus]For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.  | Are there people you know who get treated like dogs? Have you learned from them? |
| 33 | 7:31-37Jesus heals a deaf man near the Sea of Galilee in the region of the Decapolis. | ★ Miracles = signs Jesus did to reveal God’s power and compassion.**IMMEDIATELY****Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet**  | [Jesus]Be opened![Jesus to the crowd] Don’t tell anyone about this healing! | What chains are broken when Jesus heals us and we suddenly hear?Has Jesus ever healed you by opening your ears? |
| 34 | 8:1-10Jesus miraculously feeds four thousand people. | **IMMEDIATELY** | [Disciples]How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert? |  |
| 35 | 8:11-13The Pharisees test Jesus by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. |  | [Jesus]Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation. |  |
| 36 | 8:14-21Jesus questions his disciples who don’t seem to understand what is happening. |  | [Jesus]Do you not yet understand? | In what way is Jesus the question to all our answers? |
| 37 | 8:22-26Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida and sends him home. | ★ Bethsaida = a village near the west side of Lake Galilee.**Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet**  | [Blind man]I can see people, but they look like trees walking.[Jesus]Go home. Do not even go into the village. | Watch forthenext time Jesus heals a blind person and what happens in between. |
| **Mark 8:27–10:52** **Jesus’ Journey Turns Toward Jerusalem**  |
| 38 | 8:27-30Jesus asks the disciples who people think he is. | **Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet**  | [Jesus]Who do people say that I am?[Peter] “You are the Messiah.”[Jesus] “Don’t tell anyone.” | If Jesus asked you who he was, how would you answer him? |
| 39  | 8:31—9:1**Jesus tells his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer and die and be raised after three days.** | ★ **Son of Man** = a name Jesus uses for himself, especially when talking about his coming suffering and death. This title is found in both Psalm 8 and the book of Daniel (7:13-14).**Passion Prediction –** **a cross** **Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet**  | [Jesus]If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. | What does it mean to follow Jesus? Watch for other times when Jesus predicts his death.  |
| 40  | 9:2-8Peter, James, and John see Jesus changed (transfigured) in front of them. | ★ Important things happen on mountains in the Bible, like Moses receiving the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. | [God]This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him! | Look back in the story. Where did we hear these words from God earlier? |
| 41  | 9:9-13The disciples ask Jesus about Elijah. | **Hush.. Quiet.. Sshh… Don’t tell… yet --- Yellow** | [Jesus]Tell no one what you have seen, until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. | Look back at all the yellow signs that say **“SSHH.”** Why do you think Jesus tells people this? |
| 42 | 9:14-29Jesus heals a boy who has an unclean spirit. | **IMMEDIATELY (3x)****Boundary Crossing****Demon** | [Jesus]You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you to come out of him, and never enter him again! |  |
| 43  | **9:30-32****Jesus tells his disciples again that the Son of Man is to be killed and then rise after three days.** | .**Passion Prediction – a cross** | [Jesus]The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands. |  |
| 44 | 9:33-37The disciples argue about which one of them is the greatest. |  | [Jesus]Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.[Jesus]Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me . . .  | Why do you think the disciples didn’t like Jesus’ answer? What about you? |
| 45 | 9:38-41John tells Jesus about someone casting out demons in Jesus’ name. | **Demons** | [Jesus]Whoever is not against us is for us. |  |
| 46  | 9:42-49Jesus gives a warning about being a poor example for little ones. |  | [Jesus] If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe, it would be better if a great millstone were hung around your neck and your were thrown into the sea. |  |
| 47 | 10:1-12Jesus answers questions about divorce. | ★ The Jewish teachers had different opinions about the proper grounds for divorce. Some said a man could divorce his wife for almost any reason.  | [Jesus]Whoever divorces and marries another commits adultery. | When divorce was too easy, were some women and children left unprotected? In what situations might divorce be a good choice? |
| 48  | 10:13-16Jesus blesses some little children. | ★ Children were not “coddled” in the ancient world. They had no rights and very little standing. They were vulnerable. | [Jesus]Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. | Who are the “little ones” in your life and community? What is it to become like a little child? |
| 49  | 10:17-31Jesus tells a rich man what he must do to inherit eternal life. |  | [Jesus]You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. | This man loves his stuff. “Jesus, looking at the him, loved him.”Can you love your stuff and still be faithful? Why does Jesus love this man? What are we called on to leave behind? |
| 50  | **10:32-34****Jesus reminds his disciples on the road to Jerusalem that the Son of Man will be handed over to suffer and die.** | **Passion Prediction – a cross** | [Jesus]See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes. | Notice the **passion sign.** How many times does Jesus tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem to suffer and die?Why do you think this is important? |
| 51 | 10:35-45James and John request special places of honor at Jesus’ side. | ★ **Slaves** and **servants** were common in the ancient world of Jesus. In the time of the Roman Empire 10-15% of the population were slaves. | [Jesus]Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant. And whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. | What do you think Jesus means about being great?How will you live out Jesus’ words in Detroit?  |
| 52 | 10:46-52Jesus heals a blind man named Bartimaeus who calls Jesus “Son of David.” | **IMMEDIATELY**★ Many people believed that the messiah had to be a descendant from the family of King David, whom God promised would rule forever. Jesus’ father was a descendant of King David. | [Jesus]Go; your faith has made you well. | Do you remember the last time Jesus healed a blind person? What did Jesus predict between these two healings? |
| **Mark 11:1–13:37** **Jesus in Jerusalem and the Temple**  |
| 53 | 11:1-11Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a colt to the sound of cheering crowds. | ★ Powerful rulers and armies often marched into a city to display power. Jesus, like King David before him, rode in on a small donkey, symbolizing a different kind of power.★ **Jerusalem** = the central city of the Jewish religion. **IMMEDIATELY (2x)** | [Crowd] Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! | What did Jesus say earlier that he had come to do in Jerusalem?How is Jesus’ march into Jerusalem redefining power? |
| 54 | 11:12-19Jesus drives a bunch of money changers and merchants out of the courtyard of the temple. | ★ The temple in Jerusalem was the main place of worship for the Jewish people. Just outside the temple, money changers and merchants set up tables to exchange coins and sell doves for sacrifices. | [Jesus]My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. But you have made it a den of robbers. | What do you think may need to be challenged or changed in the church today?  |
| 55 | 11:20-25Jesus teaches lessons about faith, prayer, and forgiveness beside the withered fig tree. |  | [Jesus]Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone. | What do you think about Jesus’ words about prayer? What questions or thoughts do you have about prayer? |
| 56 | 11:27-33The chief priests, scribes, and elders question where Jesus gets his authority to do what he does and says. | ★ **Chief priests** = those who supervised the work of other priests at the temple in Jerusalem.★ **Elders** = authorities on the traditional interpretation and application of the Jewish law. | [Jewish religious leaders]By what authority do you do these things?[Jesus]Did the baptism of John come from heaven or was it of human origin? Answer me. [Jewish leaders]*grumble ?* | Who in your world has authority? Are they always right?Where does true authority come from? |
| 57  | 12:1-12Jesus tells a parable about how some wicked people renting land killed the landowner’s son. | **Passion Prediction – a cross ??** | [Jesus]Have you not read this scripture: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?’ |  |
| 58 | 12:13-17Jesus answers a question about paying taxes. | ★ **Roman denarius** = a silver coin that depicted the head of Roman ruler Tiberias Caesar. The denarius equaled the amount of a laborer’s pay for one day. | [Jesus]Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s. | Here Jesus seems to be supporting the emperor. How do you interpret Jesus’ words?  |
| 59 | 12:18-27 Jesus responds to the Sadducees’ trick question concerning marriage in the resurrection.  | ★**Sadducees** = a group that opposed the Pharisees and elders; they followed only the first five books of the Hebrew Scripture (the Torah) and didn’t believe in life after death.  | [Jesus] For when [people] rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. |  |
| 60 | 12:28-34Jesus answers the scribes’ question about which commandment is most important. | ★Jesus quotes the*Shema* (“Hear, O Israel”) in Deuteronomy 6:4-5, which calls the people to love God. He also quotes Leviticus 19:18: love your neighbor as yourself. | [Jesus]You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . soul . . . mind . . . and strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. | How is loving your neighbor like loving God?  |
| 61 | 12:35-44Jesus teaches in the temple. He speaks harsh words about the scribes and points to a poor widow’s offering. | ★ **temple tax** = the leaders of the temple expected all Jewish people, even poor widows, to contribute. | [Jesus]Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in market-places.[Jesus]Out of her poverty, this poor widow has put in everything she had to live on. | Why do you think Mark puts these two stories next to each other? |
| 62 | 13:1-8Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. | ★ Many people in Jesus’ day put their faith in the temple and all it represented. About 40 years after Jesus was crucified, the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem in 70 ad. | [Jesus]Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down. |  |
| 63 | 13:9-23 Jesus warns about how the disciples and others in Judea will face persecution and suffering. |  | [Jesus]You will be hated by all because of my name. | Have you heard about people in the world today who have faced persecution and suffering because of their faith?If so, pray for them. |
| 64 | 13:24-37Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man and tells his disciples to be watchful at all times. |  | [Jesus] Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.[Jesus] But about the day or hour no one knows . . . Beware, keep alert! | Look back and find another place Jesus talks about the Son of Man.What does staying alert look and feel like? |
| **Mark 14:1–15:47****Jesus’ Journey to the Cross**  |
| 65 | 14:1-2The chief priests and scribes meet to decide when to arrest and kill Jesus. | ★ The Festival of Unleavened Bread and Passover were a yearly combined celebration recalling the time when the people of Israel were slaves in Egypt. | [Chiefs priest and scribes]We can’t arrest him] during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people. | Why do you think these leaders want to get rid of Jesus? |
| 66 | 14:3-9 A woman pours costly oil on Jesus at a house in Bethany. | ★The oil poured on Jesus’ head was called **nard**, an expensive ointment used in perfumes and medicines. The oil was worth 300 denarii, or the equivalent of a day’s pay for 300 workers. When rulers were crowned they were sometimes anointed, and anointing a body before burial was common. **PASSION PREDICTION** | [Jesus]She has performed a good service for me . . . she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. | Some people wanted the oil sold in order to help the poor. Would you have agreed with them? Why or why not? |
| 67 | 14:10-11The disciple Judas Iscariot tells the chief priests that he will betray Jesus to them. | . |  | Why would one of the disciples betray Jesus?Have you ever been betrayed? |
| 68 | 14:12-25Jesus eats the Passover meal with his disciples.  | ★ **Passover** = the Jewish celebration based on Exodus 12 when the Israelite people killed a lamb and put its blood on the doorposts of houses, so the angel of death that came to Egyptian homes would “pass over” their houses. | [Jesus]Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.[Jesus]Take, this is my body; this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. | Have you ever been betrayed?Where might you hear this in a worship service? |
| 69 | 14:26-31Jesus tells Peter that Peter will deny him three times before the night is over. |  | [Jesus]Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times. |  |
| 70 | 14:32-42Distressed and deeply grieved, Jesus prays at Gethsemane, while the disciples lay sleeping. |  | [Jesus]Father, for you all things are possible: remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want but what you want. | What you hear Jesus wrestling with in his prayer?What you wrestle with in your prayers? |
| 71 | 14:43-52Judas leads a crowd with chief priests, scribes, and elders to Jesus and betrays him by kissing him. | **IMMEDIATELY**★Rabbi = teacher. Judas called Jesus “Rabbi” when he betrayed him. | [Jesus]Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? . . . But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”[without bubble]A certain young man was following Jesus. |  |
| 72 | 14:53-65Jesus is brought to face the high priest and the council of chief priests and elders. | ★ **High Priest** = the main priest in charge of the temple activities.★ **Sanhedrin** = a council made up of the Jewish religious authorities that included chief priests, elders, and scribes. They assembled to pass judgment on Jesus. | [High Priest]Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?[Jesus]I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power. | Has anyone ever questioned your beliefs or your identity? What happened? |
| 73 | 14:66-72The disciple Peter denies that he knows Jesus three times. |  | [Servant girl]You also were with Jesus.[Peter] I do not know the man you are talking about. | How is Peter like and unlike Judas? How are we like both?  |
| 74 | 15:1-5The council brings Jesus to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. | ★ **Pontius Pilate** = a Roman official known as a prefect. He was the government official in charge of Judea from 26–36 ad/ce. | [Pilate]Are you the King of the Jews?[Jesus] You say so. |  |
| 75 | 15:6-15The crowd demands that Pilate release the prisoner Barabbas and have Jesus crucified. | ★ **Barabbas** = a well-known political rebel who was willing to use violence against the Roman government. In Aramaic, his name means “son of the father.” | [Pilate]What do you wish me to do with this man you call King of the Jews?[Crowd]Crucify him! | In what ways are we like the crowd?How often do we join the crowd even when we disagree? |
| 76 | 15:16-20Some soldiers put a purple robe and a crown of thorns on Jesus and make fun of him. | ★ Purple was considered a color for royalty.  | [Soldiers]Hail, King of the Jews! | As Christians our king’s crown is made of thorns instead of gold. What does this mean for us? |
| 77 | 15:21-32Jesus is led to the place called Golgotha and nailed to a cross that stood between the crosses of two thieves. | ★ **Golgotha** = a high place just outside the Jerusalem walls; the name means “place of the skull.” | [on the art]The King of the Jews | Jesus is abandoned at the cross by all his friends and followers. Have you ever felt abandoned? |
| 78 | 15:33-38Jesus cries out from the cross and then breathes his last and dies. The temple curtain is ripped from top to bottom. |  ★ When Jesus cried out to God from the cross, he was quoting Psalm 22:1  | [Jesus]My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? | Now Jesus feels abandoned by God. Is there a time when you have felt this way? Look back and find another place when something is ripped open. |
| 79 | 15:39-41As Jesus dies alone, a Roman centurion watches and makes a remarkable confession. | ★ **Centurion** = a commanding officer in the Roman army.Shh symbol with X through it. | [Centurion]Truly, this man was God’s Son! | Look back at all the places where the yellow **SSHH** sign appears. This time the centurion is not silenced. What feels different about this time?  |
| 80Mark 15:42-47 | 15:42-47Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin gets permission from Pilate to give Jesus a proper burial in a tomb. |  |  | As a Jewish leader, why was Joseph’s request to give Jesus a proper burial risky for his reputation? |
| **Mark 16:1-8****The Empty Tomb**  |
| 81 | 16:1-8aA young man dressed in white tells the women who come to the tomb that Jesus has been raised from death. |  | [Man in white robe] He has been raised; he is not here. . . . Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee.[not in quote bubble]So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. | Are you surprised Mark’s Gospel ends this way? Why?**STATION****END OF MARK** |
| 82 | The Gospel of Mark: The NeverEnding Story | ★ The short ending to Mark (16:8b) only appears in one African Latin manuscript dated around 400 ad/ce.★ Another ending (16:9-20), more like the ending in other Gospels, was added later. | [image of open book with]left pages right page | Jesus is risen. The tomb is empty. And now the story continues with Jesus’ followers. How will you add to this never-ending story? |