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On the road with Jesus

When Jesus was on this earth about 2000 years ago, twelve men had the privilege of traveling with him for three and a half years. They accompanied him on his journeys, experienced his love for people, listened to his incomparable sermons, marveled at his miracles ... simply shared their entire lives with him. The Gospels tell of these gripping experiences and how Jesus made a lasting difference in the lives of his followers. Just as it was then, it is possible today to get to know Jesus, to live with Him, and it is still as exciting today to „be on the road“ with HIM as it was back then. What does this look like in the 21st century? The text passages from the Gospel of Mark should help to find answers to this question. It is best to first discover the texts for yourself personally and then share the results with others in a group.

The Gospel of Mark was written by John Mark, the nephew of Barnabas. He was a co-worker of the apostle Peter who, as an eyewitness, knew firsthand what it meant to be on the road with Jesus.

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When Jesus takes my hand

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. **30** Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. **31** So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. **32** That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon-possessed. **33** The whole town gathered at the door, **34** and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. **35** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36** Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37** and when they found him, they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!' **38** Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.' **39** So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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Not afraid of close contact

40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.'

41 Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!'

42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning:

44 'See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.'

45 Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

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Well grounded?

3 'Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.' **9** Then Jesus said, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.' **14** The farmer sows the word. **15** Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. **16** Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **17** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **18** Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; **19** 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. **20** Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'

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When the water is up to my neck

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' 41 They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'

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Are you ready for a new chapter?

1 They went across the lake to the region of the Ger-asenes. 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no-one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No-one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!' 8 For Jesus had said to him, 'Come out of this man, you impure spirit!' 9 Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'My name is Legion,' he replied, 'for we are many.' 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. 11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons begged Jesus, 'Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.' 13 He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. 14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been pos-sessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. 18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.' 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

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Touch your savior!

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered round him while he was by the lake. **22** Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. **23** He pleaded earnestly with him, 'My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.' **24** So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed round him. **25** And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. **26** She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' **29** Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. **30** At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned round in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothes?' **31** 'You see the people crowding against you,' his disciples answered, 'and yet you can ask, "Who touched me?"' **32** But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33** Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.' **35** While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher anymore?' **36** Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.' **37** He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. **38** When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. **39** He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' **40** But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!'). **42** Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. **43** He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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Jesus goes through the storm to be with me

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. 47 Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, 50 because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' 51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. 53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried those who were ill on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed those who were ill in the market-places. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

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How do I achieve true greatness of character?

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' **34** But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. **35** Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.' **36** He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, **37** 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.' **38** 'Teacher,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.' **39** 'Do not stop him,' Jesus said. 'For no-one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, **40** for whoever is not against us is for us. **41** Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. **42** 'If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

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What am I missing?

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. ‘Good teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ **18** ‘Why do you call me good?’ Jesus answered. ‘No-one is good – except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.”[2]’ **20** ‘Teacher,’ he declared, ‘all these I have kept since I was a boy.’ **21** Jesus looked at him and loved him. ‘One thing you lack,’ he said. ‘Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ **22** At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. **23** Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!’ **24** The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, ‘Children, how hard it is[3] to enter the kingdom of God!’ **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ **26** The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, ‘Who then can be saved?’ **27** Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’

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Close to the kingdom of God

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' **29** 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.[3]" **30** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.' **32** 'Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. **33** To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.' **34** When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And from then on no-one dared ask him any more questions.

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A gift that touches Jesus

35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, 'Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David?' **36** David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: 'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.' " **37** David himself calls him "Lord". How then can he be his son?' The large crowd listened to him with delight. **38** As he taught, Jesus said, 'Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, **39** and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. **40** They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.' **41** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. **42** But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence. **43** Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. **44** They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.

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Through the crisis with Jesus

1 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' **2** 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.' **3** As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, **4** 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?' **5** Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that no-one deceives you. **6** Many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and will deceive many. **7** When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. **8** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth-pains. **9** 'You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. **10** And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. **11** Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. **12** 'Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. **13** Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. **14** 'When you see "the abomination that causes desolation" standing where it^[1] does not belong – let the reader understand – then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **15** Let no-one on the house top go down or enter the house to take anything out. **16** Let no-one in the field go back to get their cloak. **17** How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! **18** Pray that this will not take place in winter, **19** because those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now – and never to be equalled again. **20** 'If the Lord had not cut short those days, no-one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. **21** At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Messiah!" or, "Look, there he is!" do not believe it. **22** For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **23** So be on your guard; I have told you everything in advance.

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24 'But in those days, following that distress, ' "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." 26 'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. 28 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour no-one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!" '

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Ideas for study the bible

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