



**260**  
*Appointments  
With God*

**New Testament in One Year  
Mark  
(Daily Devotion)**

# 260 DAILY DEVOTION SCHEDULE

(MARK: JAN. 2012)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2012 1/1	1/2 Rom 15	1/3 Rom 16	1/4 Mark 1	1/5 Mark 2	1/6 Mark 3	1/7
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## 260 Appointments With God

Walk through the New Testament in One Year

### QUIET TIME - QT 5 x 5

#### WHAT IS QT 5 x 5?

QT – Quiet Time with God

**5** Days of devotion each Week. Use the other two days for make-up or Scripture Meditation:

When you have QT, you spend:

- **5** minutes to quiet down, then read the passage slowly,
- **5** minutes to think over the passage asking the Holy Spirit to show me the relationship between the passage read and my present situation, as well as appropriate response.
- **5** minutes to pray and journaling.

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### 5 SHORT PRAYERS:

Throughout the day, you pray one or more of these 5 prayers:

- God, I belong to you.
- Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.
- Lord, save me.
- Father, I thank you.
- Lord, I love you.

### THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL

*If possible, read the whole chapter to see the full picture of what is happening here. Then focus on the following section.*

## MARK 1

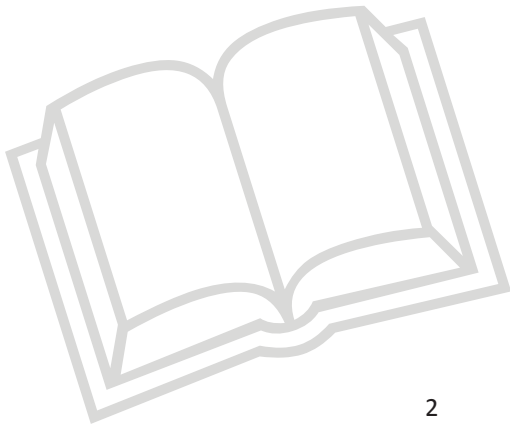
14After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” 16As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 18At once, they left their nets and followed him. 19When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

### MEDITATION

1. Jesus’ disciples didn’t become faith giants once they met Jesus. Their faith and commitment grew step by step, just like all believers. They didn’t understand Jesus’ calling then but they all responded by following Him immediately. Jesus is still calling disciples who have the same urgency for spreading the gospel and following Jesus. Do I hear his calling?
2. Simon, Andrew, James and John left everything that they owned to follow Jesus. What is it that is holding me from following the Lord?
3. Stay silent before the Lord. Think of the obstacles that are holding me back. Write them down one by one. Tell them to the Lord. Wait and listen to what the Lord is speaking. Then, continue this conversation with the Lord throughout the day...

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## MARK 2

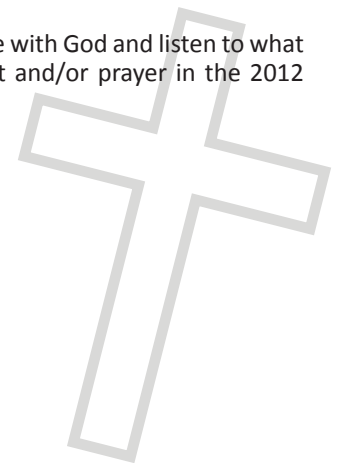
1A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralytic man was lying on. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” 6Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 8Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? 9Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? 10But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . .” He said to the paralytic, 11“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 12He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

### MEDITATION

1. God has called us not only to individual spiritual formation, but to be formed into communities of faith too. We pray for one another and work for the healing and wholeness of others, just as this paralytic’s four friends help him receive the healing he needs.
2. Prayer: Dear Lord, how I desire the mutual love, care and sacrificial support between this paralytic and his friends. I hope that there will be similar relationships between me and my cell members so that we may all receive healings in our body, emotion, spiritual life, daily life.....

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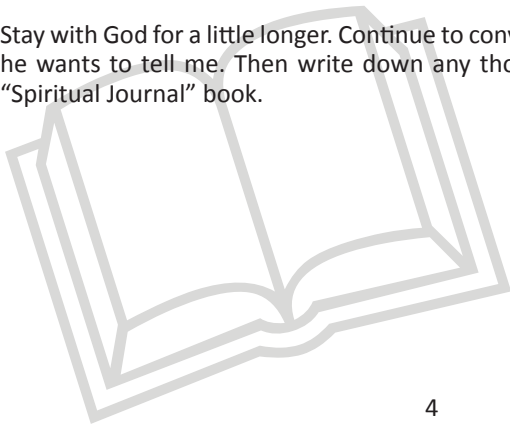
13Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. 14He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach 15and to have authority to drive out demons. 16These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter 17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder); 18Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot 19and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

### MEDITATION

1. We know a few of the more famous (and infamous) disciples, but there are many in this list we know nothing about at all. Though they were also with Jesus for more than three years just as Peter, John and James were. They also received teachings and care from Jesus, were commanded to preach, heal, and cast out demons. However, they remains to be the unnoticed in the Bible and in the church history.
2. In our own discipleship, we may be asked to do some work or to take a stand that gets noticed by others. But often discipleship consists of faithfulness in the small, even mundane acts of Christian service perhaps unnoticed by all except God.
3. Am I aware of any unnoticed servers at church, home, the office or any other places? Look for an opportunity to show appreciation, a smile, or a thank you to these people.
4. Am I willing to be an unnoticed disciple of Christ? Is there any behind-the-scene work that needs to be done? Am I willing to do it? Ask the Lord to give me the willingness to do the not-easily-noticed services faithfully even without people's recognition or appreciation.

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## MARK 4

21He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? 22For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." 24"Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. 25Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

### MEDITATION

1. In Matthew 6:3-4, Jesus taught us: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
2. However, in this paragraph, it is talking about all of our secrets – good and bad – being revealed. What is the connection between keeping good deeds and qualities secret and having all of our secrets revealed? Does this motivate us to be quiet about the good works that we do?
3. Continue the meditation from yesterday to be willing to be a quiet disciple of Jesus. Lord, help me so that I will "not let (my) left hand know what (my) right hand is doing" (Matt 6:3).

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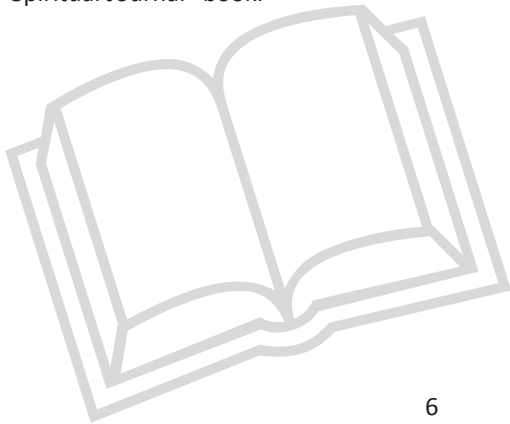
25And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around 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."

### MEDITATION

1. Jesus, on his way to the home of a dying girl, was touched by a woman with chronic bleeding. She spent all she had to search for a cure but to no avail. Then she heard about Jesus, she became convinced that if she could only touch his clothing, she would be healed. And she was healed indeed.
2. Mark is demonstrating to us here that Jesus Christ, ruler of God's kingdom, has power over nature, over demonic power, and over every illness. Knowing Jesus has such power gives us confidence to live by his word, even if he should not choose to heal every believer's disease now.
3. Tell Jesus all of my urgent needs and ask for His healing and help.

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## MARK 6

30The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." 32So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

### MEDITATION

1. When the disciple came back after they finished their assignment, Jesus took them away "to a quiet place and get some rest". This is for them to find spiritual resources to continue effective ministry. The Spiritual Formation Bible has the definition for "Solitude": *the creation of an open, empty space in our lives by purposefully abstaining from interaction with other human beings, so that, freed from competing loyalties, we can be found by God.*
2. Have I arranged "solitude" into my regular routine schedule? How can I "be found by God" in my busy life?
3. Open my agenda to next week or next month. Try to carve out a time (half an hour, or half a day or a whole day). Go to a park, a deserted place, or an indoor place without being disturbed. Stay quiet and alone, and then converse with God.

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## MARK 7

17After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. 18“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? 19For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods “clean.”)

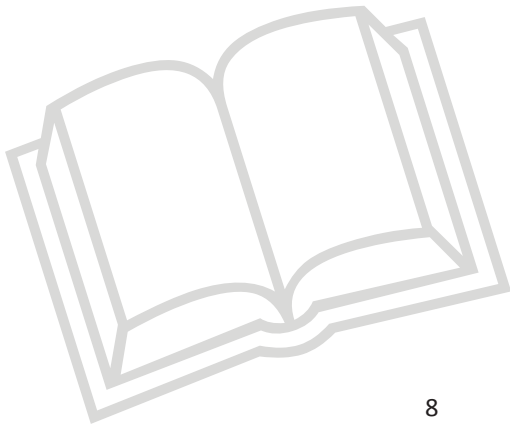
20He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ 21For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’ “

### MEDITATION

1. We are sanctified and become holy not because of our outward behavior, but because Christ has renewed our minds, reformed us in his image. Any evil behavior begins with an idea. If we allow our thought life immersed in desires, jealousy, hatred and bitterness, eventually we will sin.
2. Continue the practice of solitude and silence from yesterday. Take time to rest and to be silent. Ask the Holy Spirit to examine my inner thoughts. Is there a need for cleansing? Pray to God and ask Him to cleanse my inner wickedness.

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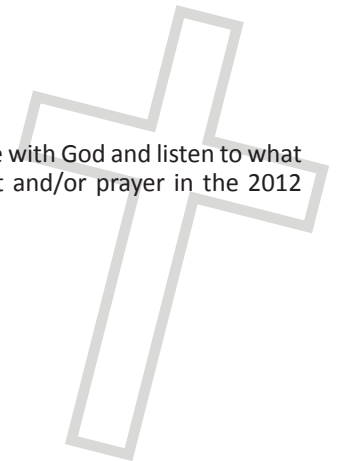
27Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” 28They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” 29“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” 30Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. 31He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” 34Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

### MEDITATION

1. When Peter made this confession of faith “You are the Christ”, he has only taken the first step. The next step is a lifelong journey to live out this confession fully and authentically.
2. That’s the same with us. After our confession of faith, Jesus calls us to live a life to “deny himself and take up his cross and follow” Jesus.
3. In my journey of faith, which step have I taken? Am I still lingering at the first step? Or am I walking toward the goal of being sanctified and made holy? What is it that has kept me from moving ahead? What am I afraid of?
4. Pray for courage and faith to walk on this journey. Ask for God’s guidance that I may willingly follow.

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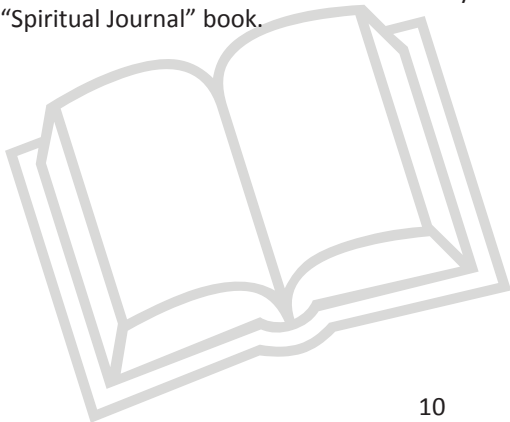
30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. 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.”

### MEDITATION

1. In view of what lay ahead in Jerusalem, Jesus again prepared them by telling them that He would suffer execution and experience resurrection. Rather than discussing Jesus’ coming death and resurrection, the disciples had been arguing about their own futures in the kingdom.
2. All of us struggle with the question of status and identity within a group. Where do I fit? How important am I to this group?  
How does Jesus’ style of success differ from the ideas of success that press on me today?
3. What would it mean for me to reflect vv35-37 in my family? My work? What is the incentive to do so?  
Ask the Holy Spirit to help me to humbly serve others rather than to be served.

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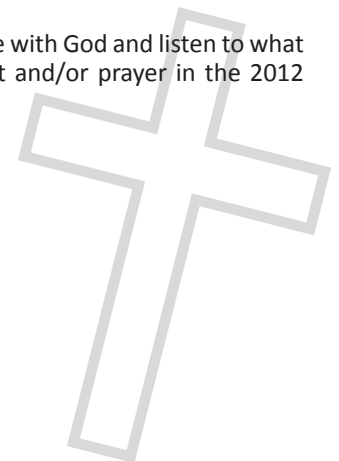
35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” 36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. 37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” 38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” 39 “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### MEDITATION

1. Jesus didn’t laugh or getting angry at James or John, but He did reject their requests. We may want to ask for anything from God, but God wants to give us the best and not just anything we asked for. So, it’s for our good that He may reject our requests.
2. Take a time to reflect. Is there any prayer request of mine that God still hasn’t answered, or has refused? Right now, offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God, for He has or will have given me the best.
3. In the kingdom of Christ, “serving” is the way to success. This is the model Christ left us. Prayer is one of the services for believers. Have I noticed the PGC weekly prayer letter? Lord, help me to pray faithfully daily for pastors, the church, our community, needs of brothers and sister.

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## MARK 11

1As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” 4They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” 6They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

10“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest!” 11Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

### MEDITATION

1. The crowd shouted and waved and praised Jesus as their Messiah – the savior (v9-10). But soon after, they became the crowd that wanted to nail Jesus on the cross. It is easier to follow and praise God when everything seems to be going well, when God is meeting our expectations, and when faith is supported by those all around us. The strength of our faith is tested when all of these supports and assumptions begin to fall away.
2. Has my faith in God been tested through changes of time, location, community?
3. Anyone at church or cell is going through this testing process and has not come out yet? Write down his/her name on this page. Commit to pray for him/her regularly for the whole month. If possible, give him/her a call, write an email or send a card to encourage him/her and to accompany him/her to come through this process.

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## MARK 12

41Jesus 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. 42But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. 43Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

### MEDITATION

1. Jesus warned against those teachers of the Law who paraded themselves openly, whose prayers were a pious show, and whose greed was so great they would “devour widow’s houses”. Such men, Jesus said, “will be punished most severely.” For contrast, Jesus praised a woman who freely placed her last coins in the treasury.
2. What a study in values. The greedy rich man, who always wanted more, and the poor widow willing to give all. The “great man” viewed with respect by society, and the insignificant woman, held in high regard only by God.
3. While I may be neither rich nor poor, my choices are likely to be governed by the values expressed by one of these two. Which of the two will I choose to be most like?

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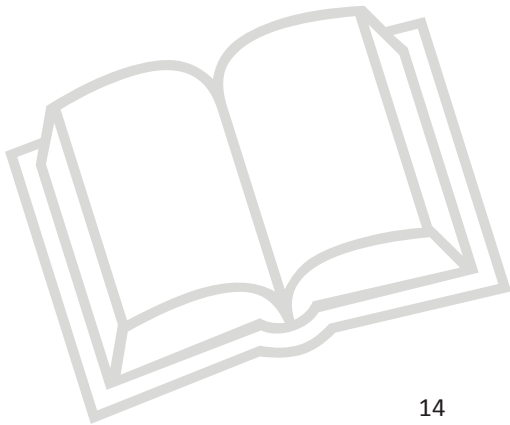
32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert[e]! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells 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 rooster 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!’”

### MEDITATION

1. What is the most exciting thing to me about the second coming? The most depressing? What questions would I like to ask Jesus about it?
2. Read slowly this paragraph. Make this a prayer of anticipation and hope for Christ’s coming again.
3. The truth of the second coming of Christ transformed my whole idea of life; it broke the power of the world and its ambition over me, and filled my life with the most radiant optimism even under the most discouraging of circumstances. – R. A. Torrey

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## MARK 14

3While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. 4Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? 5It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. 6“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. 8She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. 9I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

### MEDITATION

1. When I want to give a special gift to someone I love, which kind of thing do I look for?
2. What can I do for God that would be as lavish? Are there things that keep me from doing it?
3. Continue to reflect on the last question. Allow the Holy Spirit to show me my problems to be generous to God. Wait for God’s direction for me to take the step in overcoming it.

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## MARK 15

33At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.  
34And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
35When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”  
36One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.  
37With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.  
38The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.  
39And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”  
40Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.  
41In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.  
42It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,  
43Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.  
44Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.  
45When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph.  
46So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.  
47Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

### MEDITATION

1. The death of Jesus has been recorded in all four gospels. Different people reacted differently. If I were there in person, what would be my reaction and my emotion?
2. With a prayerful heart, read the following poem slowly. Then, with a grateful heart, read it very slowly as a prayer to God.

*Thou has given so much to me,  
Give me one more thing – a grateful heart.  
Not thankful when it pleases me,  
As if Thy blessings had spare days.  
But such a heart  
Whose pulse may be Thy praise.*

- George Herbert

### PRAYER & JOURNALING:

Stay with God for a little longer. Continue to converse with God and listen to what he wants to tell me. Then write down any thought and/or prayer in the 2012 “Spiritual Journal” book.

## MARK 16

1When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body.  
2Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb  
3and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”  
4But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.  
5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.  
6“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.  
7But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”  
8Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

### MEDITATION

1. Jesus’ resurrection is totally different from what these ladies experienced and expected. Therefore when the angel told them that Jesus was indeed risen from the dead, the ladies were “[t]rembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.”(v8)
2. Often we are just like the women at the tomb. When we experienced God’s wonderful, unexpected work in our lives, we would be totally astounded. This means the end of our familiar life and the beginning of our unknown. No longer am I doing something for God; he is doing something for me. No longer am I drawn by my needs to God; he is drawn by his compassion to me, whether I’m ready for him or not, whether I feel anything for him or not. That means you and I are not in charge; he is
3. There can’t be a resurrection without a death. What area of my life is God perhaps trying to put to death that I am trying to keep alive? What would happen if I relinquished control of it and simply let it die? What new life might come out of it? What new faith? What new hope, new love, new joy?

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