## The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 393 Scriptures

This is Section AJ of a multi-part instruction. Holy Spirit was first introduced in the book of Genesis as the Third Person of the Godhead, Elohim. Throughout the Old Testament, you can see the empowerment of Holy Spirit demonstrated. This fixes our focus, not on our own power or might, but by the Spirit of the Lord Most High. Holy Spirit fills us to overflowing so we can expect Him to come in like a flood to make miraculous changes in the world through us.

Holy Spirit supervened Mary's womb by impregnating her with Jesus. Our Heavenly Father, Abba anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit and dunamis power. Then Abba accompanied Jesus as He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil during His earthly ministry. Jesus baptizing you with Holy Spirit and the fire of God grants you an unfair advantage to fulfill your destiny on earth.

Jesus introduced Holy Spirit as the One to lead God's succession plan on earth after His ascension. Jesus commissioned the Body of Christ to do the same works He performed on earth giving us our invitation to inherit and inhabit His anointing. Jesus also promised the Body of Christ that greater works will even be performed because of the presence and power of Holy Spirit upon us so we are filled with the fullness of God. You are a habitation of God through Holy Spirit where Jesus Christ lives in your heart by faith. That's how the Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out will become a heaven-born reality.

# AS JESUS DECREED, YOU CAN DO THE SAME MIRACULOUS WORKS HE DID ON EARTH AND GREATER WORKS WITH HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU EXERCISE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS

Isaiah 61:1-3, King James Version

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GoD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; <sup>2</sup>To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

<sup>3</sup> To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Acts 10:38, King James Version

<sup>38</sup> How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

John 14:12, Contemporary English Version

<sup>12</sup> I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.

Matthew 3:15-17, J.B. Phillips New Testament

# **John baptises Jesus**

John tried to prevent him. "I need you to baptise me", he said. "Surely you do not come to me?" But Jesus replied, "It is right for us to meet all the Law's demands—let it be so now." <sup>16-17</sup>Then John agreed to his baptism. Jesus came straight out of the water afterwards, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting upon him. And a voice came out of Heaven saying, "This is my dearly-loved son, in whom I am well pleased."

From AI web search: The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove at His baptism, an event recorded in all four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). This signified the Spirit's empowerment for Jesus' public ministry and was accompanied by a voice from heaven declaring Him to be God's beloved Son. The dove has since become a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Biblical Accounts**

The event is described in these passages: Matthew 3:16–17, Mark 1:10–11, Luke 3:22, and John 1:32–34.

Key Details from the Gospel Accounts

- **Timing:** It happened during Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist.
- Form of the Spirit: The Holy Spirit was seen descending in a bodily form, or visibly as a dove.
- **Divine Voice:** A voice from heaven, identified as God the Father, proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased".
- **Symbolism:** The dove is a symbol of purity, peace, and gentleness in Scripture and represents the Holy Spirit's presence and anointing of Jesus.

Significance of the Event

**Empowerment for Ministry:** The descent of the Spirit marked the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and signified His empowerment by God to carry out His mission.

**Identification of Jesus:** John the Baptist later testified that he saw the Spirit descend and remain on Jesus, confirming Jesus as the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

**Foundation for Pentecost:** This event laid the foundation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on believers at Pentecost, establishing a connection between Jesus' glorification and the Spirit's presence in the Church.

Matthew 10:7-8, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

<sup>7</sup> And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

<sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.

Matthew 8, Contemporary English Version

#### Jesus Heals a Man

(Mark 1.40-45; Luke 5.12-16)

8 As Jesus came down the mountain, he was followed by large crowds.

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a man with leprosy<sup>[a]</sup> came and knelt in front of Jesus. He said, "Lord, you have the power to make me well, if only you wanted to." <sup>3</sup> Jesus

put his hand on the man and said, "I want to! Now you are well." At once the man's leprosy disappeared. <sup>4</sup> Jesus told him, "Don't tell anyone about this, but go and show the priest that you are well. Then take a gift to the temple just as Moses commanded, and everyone will know that you have been healed."

[b]

## Jesus Heals an Army Officer's Servant

## (Luke 7.1-10; John 4.43-54)

When Jesus was going into the town of Capernaum, an army officer came up to him and said, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is at home in such terrible pain that he can't even move." <sup>7</sup> "I will go and heal him," Jesus replied. <sup>8</sup> But the officer said, "Lord, I'm not good enough for you to come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. <sup>9</sup> I have officers who give orders to me, and I have soldiers who take orders from me. I can say to one of them, 'Go!' and he goes. I can say to another, 'Come!' and he comes. I can say to my servant, 'Do this!' and he will do it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was so surprised that he turned and said to the crowd following him, "I tell you in all of Israel I've never found anyone with this much faith! <sup>11</sup> Many people will come from everywhere to enjoy the feast in the kingdom of heaven with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>12</sup> But the ones who should have been in the kingdom will be thrown out into the dark. They will cry and grit their teeth in pain." <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the officer, "You may go home now. Your faith has made it happen." Right then his servant was healed.

# **Jesus Heals Many People**

## (Mark 1.29-34; Luke 4.38-41)

<sup>14</sup> Jesus went to the home of Peter, where he found that Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with fever. <sup>15</sup> He took her by the hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up and served Jesus a meal. <sup>16</sup> That evening many people with demons in them were brought to Jesus. And with only a word he forced

out the evil spirits and healed everyone who was sick. <sup>17</sup> So God's promise came true, just as the prophet Isaiah had said, "He healed our diseases and made us well."

## Some Who Wanted To Go with Jesus

#### (Luke 9.57-62)

<sup>18</sup> When Jesus saw the crowd, <sup>[C]</sup> he went across Lake Galilee. <sup>19</sup> A teacher of the Law of Moses came up to him and said, "Teacher, I'll go anywhere with you!" <sup>20</sup> Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens, and birds have nests. But the Son of Man doesn't have a place to call his own." <sup>21</sup> Another disciple said to Jesus, "Lord, let me wait till I bury my father." <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead." <sup>[d]</sup>

## **A Storm**

## (Mark 4.35-41; Luke 8.22-25)

<sup>23</sup> After Jesus left in a boat with his disciples, <sup>24</sup> a terrible storm suddenly struck the lake, and waves started splashing into their boat. Jesus was sound asleep, <sup>25</sup> so the disciples went over to him and woke him up. They said, "Lord, wake up! Save us before we drown!" <sup>26</sup> But Jesus replied, "Why are you so afraid? You surely don't have much faith." Then he got up and ordered the wind and the waves to calm down. And everything was calm.
<sup>27</sup> The men in the boat were amazed and said, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him.

## Two Men with Demons in Them

## (Mark 5.1-20; Luke 8.26-39)

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had crossed the lake, he came to shore near the town of Gadara<sup>[e]</sup> and started down the road. Two men with demons in them came to him from the tombs.<sup>[f]</sup> They were so fierce that no one could travel that way. <sup>29</sup> Suddenly they shouted, "Jesus, Son of God, what do you want with

us? Have you come to punish us before our time?" <sup>30</sup> Not far from there a large herd of pigs was feeding. <sup>31</sup> So the demons begged Jesus, "If you force us out, please send us into those pigs!" <sup>32</sup> Jesus told them to go, and they went out of the men and into the pigs. All at once the pigs rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. <sup>33</sup> The people taking care of the pigs ran to the town and told everything, especially what had happened to the two men. <sup>34</sup> Everyone in town came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged him to leave their part of the country.

#### **Footnotes**

- a. <u>8.2</u> *leprosy:* In biblical times the word "leprosy" was used for many different kinds of skin diseases.
- b. <u>8.4</u> everyone will know that you have been healed: People with leprosy had to be examined by a priest and told that they were well (that is "clean") before they could once again live a normal life in the Jewish community. The gift that Moses commanded was the sacrifice of some lambs together with flour mixed with olive oil.
- c. <u>8.18</u> saw the crowd: Some manuscripts have "large crowd." Others have "large crowds."
- d. <u>8.22</u> *let the dead bury their dead:* For the Jewish people a proper burial of their dead was a very important duty. But Jesus teaches that following him is even more important.
- e. 8.28 Gadara: Some manuscripts have "Gergesa." Others have "Gerasa."
- f. <u>8.28</u> tombs: It was thought that demons and evil spirits lived in tombs and in caves that were used for burying the dead.

## Matthew 9, Contemporary English Version

#### Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk

#### (Mark 2.1-12; Luke 5.17-26)

**9** Jesus got into a boat and crossed back over to the town where he lived. [a] <sup>2</sup> Some people soon brought to him a man lying on a mat because

he could not walk. When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the man, "My friend, don't worry! Your sins are forgiven." <sup>3</sup> Some teachers of the Law of Moses said to themselves, "Jesus must think he is God!" <sup>4</sup> But Jesus knew what was in their minds, and he said, "Why are you thinking such evil things? <sup>5</sup> Is it easier for me to tell this man his sins are forgiven or to tell him to get up and walk? <sup>6</sup> But I will show you that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins here on earth." So Jesus said to the man, "Get up! Pick up your mat and go on home." <sup>7</sup> The man got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw this, they were afraid [b] and praised God for giving such authority to people.

#### **Jesus Chooses Matthew**

## (Mark 2.13-17; Luke 5.27-32)

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was leaving, he saw a tax collector<sup>[©]</sup> named Matthew sitting at the place for paying taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and went with him. <sup>10</sup> Later, Jesus and his disciples were having dinner at Matthew's house.<sup>[d]</sup> Many tax collectors and other sinners were also there. <sup>11</sup> Some Pharisees asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and other sinners?" <sup>12</sup> Jesus heard them and answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others.' I didn't come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners."

# **People Ask about Going without Eating**

## (Mark 2.18-22; Luke 5.33-39)

<sup>14</sup> Some followers of John the Baptist came and asked Jesus, "Why do we and the Pharisees often go without eating,<sup>[e]</sup> while your disciples never do?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus answered: The friends of a bridegroom aren't sad while he is still with them. But the time will come when he will be taken from them. Then

they will go without eating. <sup>16</sup> No one uses a new piece of cloth to patch old clothes. The patch would shrink and tear a bigger hole. <sup>17</sup> No one pours new wine into old wineskins. The wine would swell and burst the old skins. <sup>[f]</sup> Then the wine would be lost, and the skins would be ruined. New wine must be put into new wineskins. Both the skins and the wine will then be safe.

# A Dying Girl and a Sick Woman

# (Mark 5.21-43; Luke 8.40-56)

<sup>18</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, an official came and knelt in front of him. The man said, "My daughter has just now died! Please come and place your hand on her. Then she will live again." <sup>19</sup> Jesus and his disciples got up and went with the man. <sup>20</sup> A woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and barely touched his clothes. <sup>21</sup> She had said to herself, "If I can just touch his clothes, I will be healed." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned. He saw the woman and said, "Don't worry! You are now healed because of your faith." At that moment she was healed. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus went into the home of the official and saw the musicians and the crowd of mourners, <sup>[g]</sup> <sup>24</sup> he said, "Get out of here! The little girl isn't dead. She is just asleep." Everyone started laughing at Jesus. <sup>25</sup> But after the crowd had been sent out of the house, Jesus went to the girl's bedside. He took her by the hand and helped her up. <sup>26</sup> News about this spread all over that part of the country.

#### **Jesus Heals Two Blind Men**

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus was leaving that place, two blind men began following him and shouting, "Son of David, <sup>[h]</sup> have pity on us!" <sup>28</sup> After Jesus had gone indoors, the two blind men came up to him. He asked them, "Do you believe I can make you well?" "Yes, Lord," they answered. <sup>29</sup> Jesus touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, you will be healed." <sup>30</sup> They were able to see, and Jesus strictly warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> But they left and talked about him to everyone in that part of the country.

## Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Talk

<sup>32</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, some people brought to him a man who could not talk because a demon was in him. <sup>33</sup> After Jesus had forced the demon out, the man started talking. The crowds were so amazed they began saying, "Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel!"<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, "The leader of the demons gives him the power to force out demons."

# **Jesus Has Pity on People**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went to every town and village. He taught in their synagogues and preached the good news about God's kingdom. Jesus also healed every kind of disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them. They were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> He said to his disciples, "A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in."

#### **Footnotes**

- a. 9.1 where he lived: Capernaum (see 4.13).
- b. 9.8 afraid: Some manuscripts have "amazed."
- c. 9.9 tax collector: See the note at 5.46.
- d. 9.10 Matthew's house: Or "Jesus' house."
- e. 9.14 without eating: See the note at 4.2.
- f. 9.17 swell and burst the old skins: While the juice from grapes was becoming wine, it would swell and stretch the skins in which it had been stored. If the skins were old and stiff, they would burst.
- g. 9.23 the crowd of mourners: The Jewish people often hired mourners for funerals.
- h. <u>9.27</u> Son of David: The Jewish people expected the Messiah to be from the family of King David, and for this reason the Messiah was often called the "Son of David."

## Matthew 14:13-36, Contemporary English Version

## **Jesus Feeds Five Thousand**

## (Mark 6.30-44; Luke 9.10-17; John 6.1-14)

place where he could be alone. But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw the large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick. <sup>15</sup> That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This place is like a desert, and it's already late. Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food." <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?" <sup>17</sup> But they said, "We have only five small loaves of bread<sup>[b]</sup> and two fish." <sup>18</sup> Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him, <sup>19</sup> and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and handed it to his disciples, and they gave it to the people. <sup>20</sup> After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers. <sup>21</sup> There were about 5,000 men who ate, not counting the women and children.

## **Jesus Walks on the Water**

## (Mark 6.45-52; John 6.15-21)

At once, Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and start back across the lake. But he stayed until he had sent the crowds away. Then he went up on a mountain where he could be alone and pray. Later in the evening, he was still there. He will be boat was a long way from the shore. It was going against the wind and was being tossed around by the waves. A little while before morning, Jesus came walking on the water toward his disciples. He was a ghost. They were terrified and started screaming. At once, Jesus said to them, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "Lord, if it really is you, tell me

to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come on!" Jesus said. Peter then got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward him. <sup>30</sup> But when Peter saw how strong the wind was, he was afraid and started sinking. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. <sup>31</sup> At once, Jesus reached out his hand. He helped Peter up and said, "You surely don't have much faith. Why do you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> The men in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You really are the Son of God!"

## **Jesus Heals Sick People in Gennesaret**

## (Mark 6.53-56)

<sup>34</sup> Jesus and his disciples crossed the lake and came to shore near the town of Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> The people found out he was there, and they sent word to everyone who lived in this part of the country. So they brought all the sick people to Jesus. <sup>36</sup> They begged him just to let them touch his clothes, and everyone who did was healed.

#### **Footnotes**

- a. 14.13 crossed Lake Galilee: To the east side.
- b. <u>14.17</u> small loaves of bread: These would have been flat and round or in the shape of a bun.
- c. 14.22 back across the lake: To the west side.

# Matthew 15:21-39, Contemporary English Version

## A Woman's Faith

#### (Mark 7.24-30)

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left and went to the territory near the towns of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> Suddenly a Canaanite woman<sup>[a]</sup> from there came out shouting, "Lord and Son of David,<sup>[b]</sup> have pity on me! My daughter is full of demons." <sup>23</sup> Jesus did not say a word. But the woman kept following along and shouting, so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away. <sup>24</sup> Jesus said, "I was

sent only to the people of Israel! They are like a flock of lost sheep." <sup>25</sup> The woman came closer. Then she knelt down and begged, "Please help me, Lord!" <sup>26</sup> Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs." <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>27</sup> "Lord, this is true," the woman said, "but even puppies get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table." <sup>28</sup> Jesus answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want." At that moment her daughter was healed.

# **Jesus Heals Many People**

<sup>29</sup> From there, Jesus went along Lake Galilee. Then he climbed a hill and sat down. <sup>30</sup> Large crowds came and brought many people who were paralyzed or blind or lame or unable to talk. They placed them, and many others, in front of Jesus, and he healed them all. <sup>31</sup> Everyone was amazed at what they saw and heard. People who had never spoken could now speak. The lame were healed, the paralyzed could walk, and the blind were able to see. Everyone was praising the God of Israel.

## **Jesus Feeds Four Thousand**

## (Mark 8.1-10)

Jesus called his disciples together and told them, "I feel sorry for these people. They have been with me for three days, and they don't have anything to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry. They might faint on their way home." <sup>33</sup> His disciples said, "This place is like a desert. Where can we find enough food to feed such a crowd?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus asked them how much food they had. They replied, "Seven small loaves of bread<sup>[d]</sup> and a few little fish." <sup>35</sup> After Jesus had told the people to sit down, <sup>36</sup> he took the seven loaves of bread and the fish and gave thanks. He then broke them and handed them to his disciples, who passed them around to the crowds.

<sup>37</sup> Everyone ate all they wanted, and the leftovers filled seven large baskets.

<sup>38</sup> There were 4,000 men who ate, not counting the women and children.

<sup>39</sup> After Jesus had sent the crowds away, he got into a boat and sailed across the lake. He came to shore near the town of Magadan. [9]

#### **Footnotes**

- a. 15.22 Canaanite woman: This woman was not Jewish.
- b. 15.22 Son of David: See the note at 9.27.
- c. <u>15.26</u> feed it to dogs: Some Jewish people referred to Gentiles as dogs.
- d. 15.34 small loaves of bread: See the note at 14.17.
- e. 15.39 Magadan: The location is unknown.

Matthew 17:14-21, Contemporary English Version

# Jesus Heals a Boy

# (Mark 9.14-29; Luke 9.37-43a)

<sup>14</sup> Jesus and his disciples returned to the crowd. A man knelt in front of him <sup>15</sup> and said, "Lord, have pity on my son! He has a bad case of epilepsy and often falls into a fire or into water. <sup>16</sup> I brought him to your disciples, but none of them could heal him." <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "You people are too stubborn to have any faith! How much longer must I be with you? Why do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy here." <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus spoke sternly to the demon. It went out of the boy, and right then he was healed. <sup>19</sup> Later the disciples went to Jesus in private and asked him, "Why couldn't we force out the demon?" <sup>20-21</sup> Jesus replied: It is because you don't have enough faith! But I can promise you this. If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell this mountain to move from here to there. And it would. Everything would be possible for you.<sup>[a]</sup>

#### **Footnotes**

a. <u>17.20,21</u> for you: Some manuscripts add, "But the only way to force out that kind of demon is by praying and going without eating."

Matthew 17:24-26, Contemporary English Version

# **Paying the Temple Tax**

When Jesus and the others arrived in Capernaum, the collectors for the temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Does your teacher pay the temple tax?" <sup>25</sup> "Yes, he does," Peter answered. After they had returned home, Jesus went up to Peter and asked him, "Simon, what do you think? Do the kings of this earth collect taxes and fees from their own people or from foreigners?" [a] <sup>26</sup> Peter answered, "From foreigners." Jesus replied, "Then their own people [b] don't have to pay.

#### **Footnotes**

- a. <u>17.25</u> from their own people or from foreigners: Or "from their children or from others."
- b. <u>17.26</u> From foreigners ... their own people: Or "From other people ... their children.

Matthew 12:22-23, Contemporary English Version

## Jesus and the Ruler of the Demons

(Mark 3.20-30; Luke 11.14-23; 12.10)

<sup>22</sup> Some people brought to Jesus a man who was blind and could not talk because he had a demon in him. Jesus healed the man, and then he was able to talk and see. <sup>23</sup> The crowds were so amazed they asked, "Could Jesus be the Son of David?"<sup>[a]</sup>

#### **Footnotes**

a. <u>12.23</u> Could Jesus be the Son of David: Or "Does Jesus think he is the Son of David?" See the note at 9.27.

Matthew 20:29-34, Contemporary English Version

#### Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

## (Mark 10.46-52; Luke 18.35-43)

Jericho. <sup>30</sup> Two blind men were sitting beside the road. And when they heard that Jesus was coming their way, they shouted, "Lord and Son of David, <sup>[a]</sup> have pity on us!" <sup>31</sup> The crowd told them to be quiet, but they shouted even louder, "Lord and Son of David, have pity on us!" <sup>32</sup> When Jesus heard them, he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>33</sup> They answered, "Lord, we want to see!" <sup>34</sup> Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. At once they could see, and they became his followers.

#### **Footnotes**

a. 20.30 Son of David: See the note at 9.27.

Matthew 21:18-27, Contemporary English Version

# Jesus Puts a Curse on a Fig Tree

# (Mark 11.12-14,20-24)

<sup>18</sup> When Jesus got up the next morning, he was hungry. He started out for the city, <sup>19</sup> and along the way he saw a fig tree. But when he came to it, he found only leaves and no figs. So he told the tree, "You will never again grow any fruit!" Right then the fig tree dried up. <sup>20</sup> The disciples were shocked when they saw how quickly the tree had dried up. <sup>21</sup> But Jesus said to them, "If you have faith and don't doubt, I promise you can do what I did to this tree. And you will be able to do even more. You can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. <sup>22</sup> If you have faith when you pray, you will be given whatever you ask for."

Mark 16:14-16, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

reclined at table; and He reproved *and* reproached them for their unbelief (their lack of faith) and their hardness of heart, because they had refused to believe those who had seen Him *and* looked at Him attentively after He had risen [falfrom death]. 15 And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach *and* publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole [b]human race]. 16 He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved [fc]from the penalty of eternal death]; but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned.