REMEMBER THE MISSION

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⁶ But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: ⁷ "Why does he speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Right away Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were thinking like this within themselves and said to them, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?"

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Jesus' Calling on Earth

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:15

And he said to them, "Let's go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come." - Mark 1:38

The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. - Isaiah 61:1-2a

Mark 2:3-4

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In God's Timing

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon. ² A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the temple.

⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him. - Acts 3:1-2, 9-10

...for His Purpose

When he saw them, he told them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And while they were going, they were cleansed. - Luke 17:14 (cf. Leviticus 14)

Then Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. I know that you always hear me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so that they may believe you sent me." After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out! - John 11:41-43

...and for His Glory

As he was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him." - John 9:1-3

IGNORING THE MISSION

Mark 2:5-7

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The Disbelieving Audience

On one of those days while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea, and also from Jerusalem.

²¹ Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to think to themselves, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone? - Luke 5:17, 21

STICKING TO THE MISSION

Mark 2:8-12

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The King to Come

I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed. - Daniel 7:13-14

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If He had brought us out of Egypt If He had executed justice upon the Egyptians If He had executed justice upon their gods If He had slain their first-born If He had given to us their health and wealth If He had split the sea for us If He had led us through on dry land If He had drowned our oppressors If He had provided for our needs in the wilderness for 40 years If He had fed us manna

The Mission: Defined

You will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 6:7 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 7:5 You will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 7:17 You will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 10:2 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 14:4 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 14:18 You will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 16:12 They will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 29:46

You will know that I am the LORD. - Exodus 31:13

APPLYING

