

Psalm 147:1-11

Praise for God's Care for Jerusalem

147 Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. 4 He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. 6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God upon the lyre!

8 He covers the heavens with clouds, he prepares rain for the earth, he makes grass grow upon the hills, 9 He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens which cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man; 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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Mark 1:29-39

Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

29 And immediately he left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them.

32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together about the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

35 And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed.

36 And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out."

39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.