



The Story & Way of Jesus

Not Who We Expected

Mark 6:45-52

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Mark 1:35 [ESV]

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Mark 14:32 [ESV]

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

Mark 6:48–50 [ESV]

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Exodus 33:18–22 [ESV]

Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”

Exodus 34:6 [ESV]

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

Job 9:2, 5-11 [ESV]

Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God?...He who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger, who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number. Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him.

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