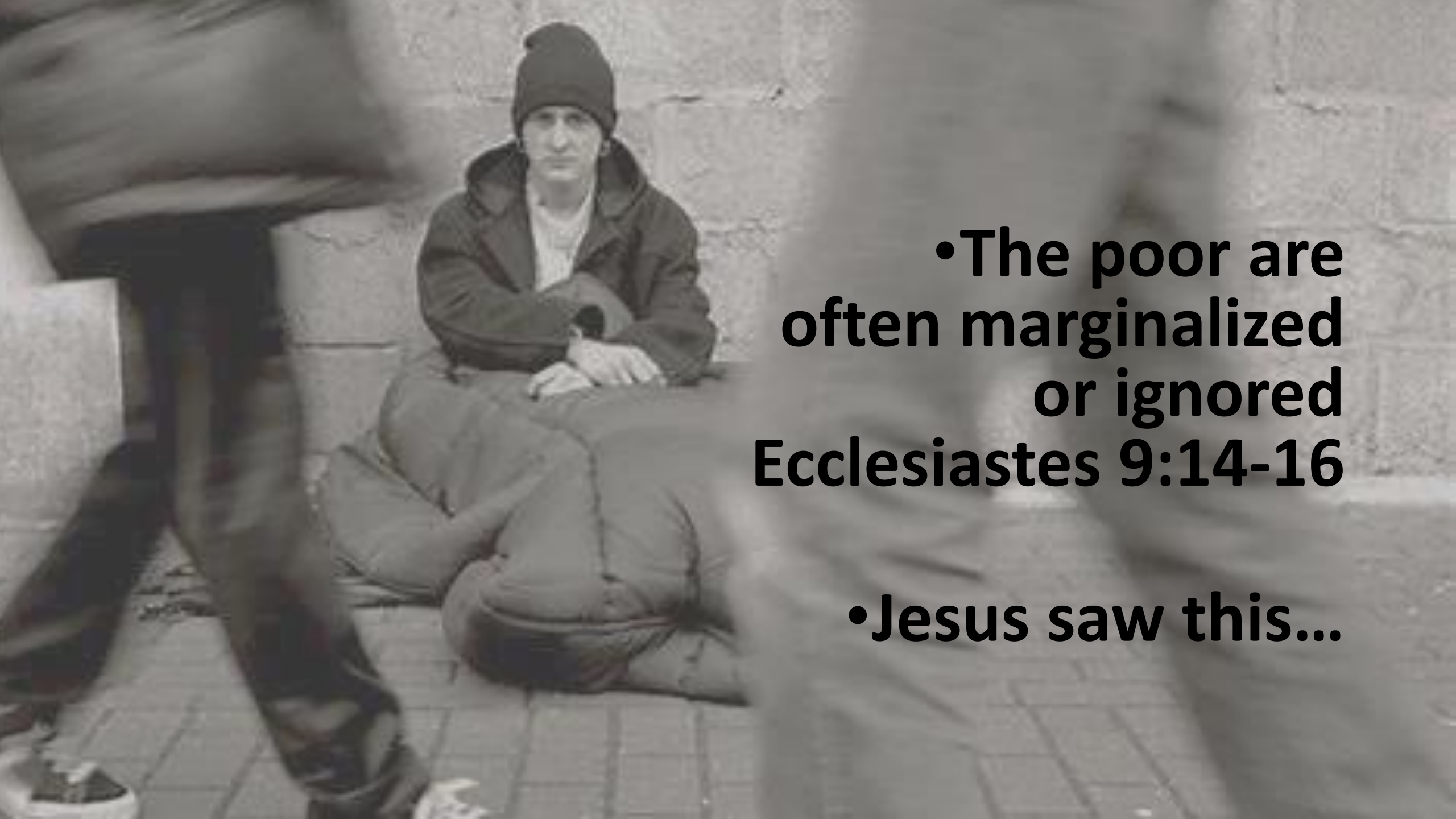


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His mission. Our focus.

Jesus Mission and Poverty
Mark 14:1-7



**•The poor are
often marginalized
or ignored
Ecclesiastes 9:14-16**

•Jesus saw this...




Jesus Begins His Ministry

- Isaiah said He would preach the good news, Luke 4:18-19
 - To those at the ***bottom*** of the social pyramid –
 - Poor people,
 - Women,
 - Samaritans,
 - Lepers,
 - Prostitutes,
 - Tax collectors
 - To those at the ***pinnacle***
 - He preached the ***same message to all***

God's Abiding Instructions

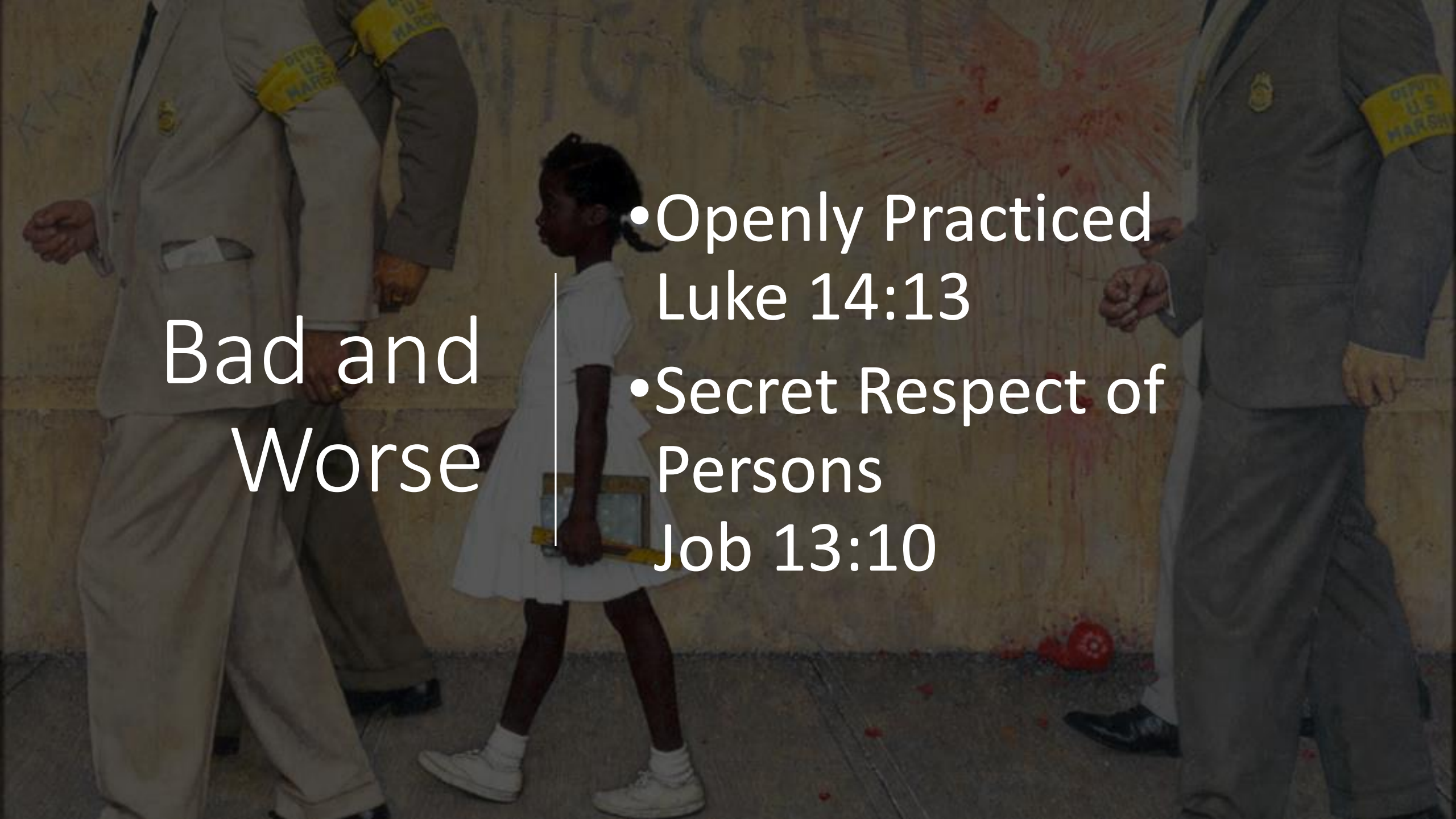
- Do not take advantage of the poor man, Exodus 23:6
- Do not give advantage to the poor man
 - Proverbs 24:23
 - Judge the rich and poor equally (do not favor the poor)
Exodus 23:3;
Leviticus 19:15;
Deuteronomy 1:17, 16:19
- Become like God,
Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- Hold men accountable,
II Thessalonians 3:10

Things that Can't Coexist, James 2:1-7



Who's your
favorite?

- Respect of persons
 - Literally “lift up the face” (ISBE)
 - Frequently used of a suppliant “receive him with favor”
 - Came to mean “to accept the person instead of the cause” or “show partiality”
- The faith of Jesus
 - Samaritan woman John 4
 - Cornelius (Greek) accepted
 - Claims of favored status by Jews, Romans 2:1-11



Bad and
Worse

- Openly Practiced
Luke 14:13
- Secret Respect of
Persons
Job 13:10

- **Matthew 23:31-46**
- **Ephesians 4:28**
- **Galatians 6:10**
- **Mark 14:3-6**

