

The Great Commission

Gospel of Mark

*destruction of
the devil's
works*



Mark 1:23-26

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Mark 16:15-18

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

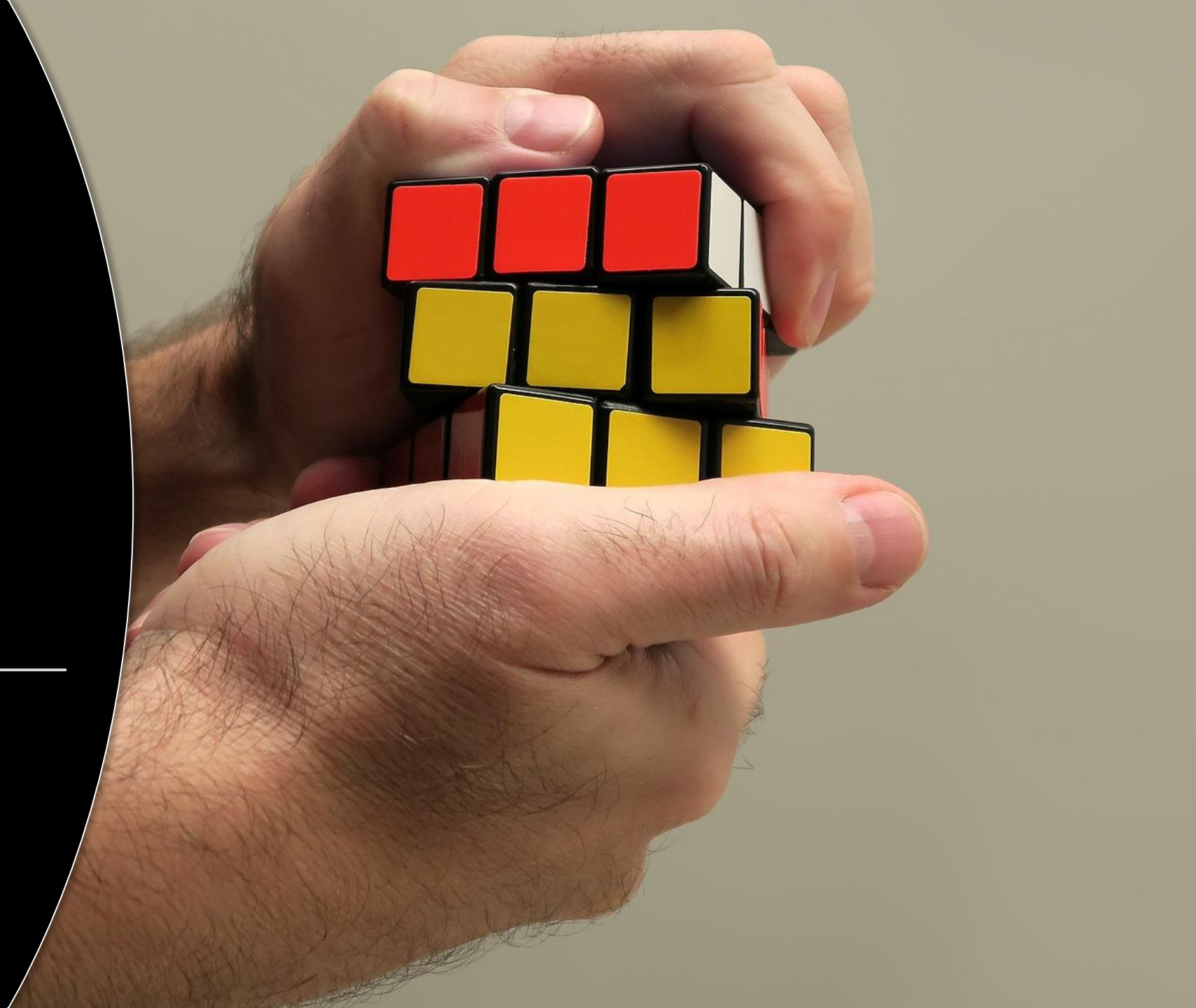
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¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

1 John 3:8

⁸ He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

*the Mark 16
'problem'*



[The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20]

There are over 5000 manuscripts of the NT. These manuscripts were copied from the original documents to ensure the original text wasn't lost.

When we look at the manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, more than 99 percent of them contain Mark 16:9–20

Mark 16:9-20 is quoted as authoritative by the early church Father, Irenaeus in his theological work, 'Against Heresies' as early as AD 180

There are effectively just two manuscripts that omit Mark 16:9-20



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Signs following

