

Peter Remembers — Texts #5

Justin Martyr, *First Apology* 66 — The apostles, in the memoirs (ἀπομνημονεύμασιν) composed by them, which are called εὐαγγελία, have thus delivered unto us what was enjoined upon them; that Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks (εὐχαριστήσαντα), said, “This do in remembrance of me (εἰς τὴν ἀνάμνησίν μου), this is my body”; and that, after the same manner, having taken the cup and given thanks (εὐχαριστήσαντα), he said, “This is my blood,” and gave it to them alone.

Justin Martyr, *First Apology* 67— And on the day called Sunday (τῆ τοῦ ἡλίου λεγομένη ἡμέρα), all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs (τὰ ἀπομνημονεύματα) of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits . . .

John 14 ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the παράκλητος (Vg *advocata*), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach (διδάξει) you all things, and bring to your remembrance (ὑπομνήσει ὑμᾶς) all things that I said to you. . . **15** ²⁶ “But when the παράκλητος (Vg *advocata*) comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Papias of Hierapolis, in Eusebius of Caesarea, *Church History* 3.39.15 - This also the Elder [St John?] said: “Mark, having become the interpreter of Peter (ἑρμάνευτῆς Πέτρου γενόμενος), wrote down accurately, though not in order, whatsoever he remembered (ἐμνημόνευσεν) of the things said or done by Christ. For he neither heard the Lord nor followed him, but afterward, as I said, he followed Peter, who adapted his teaching to the needs of his hearers, but with no intention of giving a connected account of the Lord’s discourses, so that Mark committed no error while he thus wrote some things as he remembered (ἀπεμνημόνευσεν) them. For he was careful of one thing, not to omit any of the things which he had heard, and not to state any of them falsely.” These things are related by Papias concerning Mark.

Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against the Heresies* 5.33.4 — And these things are borne witness to in writing by Papias, the hearer of John, and a companion of Polycarp, in his fourth book; for there were five books compiled (συντεταγμένα) by him.

The Anti-Marcionite Prologues - Mark held forth (*adservit*), who was also named stubby-fingers (*colobodactylus*), because he had short fingers in comparison to the length of the rest of his body. He was a disciple and interpreter of Peter (*discipulus et interpret fuit Petri*), whom he followed just as he heard him report. When he was requested at Rome by the brethren, he briefly wrote this gospel in the regions of Italy. When Peter heard this, he approved and affirmed it by his own authority for the reading of the church. In truth, after the departure of Peter (*post discessum Petri*), he himself, taking up this gospel which he had composed, went away into Egypt and, having been ordained as the first bishop of

Alexandria, proclaiming Christ, he established the church there. It was of such teaching and purity of life that it compels all followers of Christ to imitate its example.

Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against the Heresies* 3.1.2 - After their [Peter's and Paul's] departure (ἔξοδον), Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter (ὁ μαθητὴς καὶ ἑρμηνευτὴς Πέτρου), also handed down to us in writing what had been preached by Peter.

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Mark 6 ³¹ And he said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place (εἰς ἔρημον τόπον) and rest a while” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. ³² So they departed to a deserted place (εἰς ἔρημον τόπον) in the boat by themselves.

³³ But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to him.

³⁴ And Jesus, when he disembarked, saw a great multitude

and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd (ποιμένα). So he began to teach them many things.

1 Peter 2 ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the shepherd and bishop (ποιμένα καὶ ἐπίσκοπον) of your souls.

1 Peter 5 ² Shepherd (ποιμάνετε) the flock of God which is among you, serving as bishops (ἐπίσκοποῦντες), not by compulsion but graciously, not for dishonest gain but eagerly, ³ not being overlords of those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd (ἀρχιποίμενος) appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

John Remembers:

John 6 ¹ After these things

Jesus went over the “Sea of Galilee,” that is, “of Tiberias.”

² Then a great multitude followed him, because they saw his signs which he performed on those who were diseased.

³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat with His disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

⁵ Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and, seeing a great multitude coming toward him,

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Mark 6 ³⁵ When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place (Ἐρημός ἐστὶν ὁ τόπος), and already the hour is late.
³⁶ Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread, for they have nothing to eat.”
³⁷ But he answered and said to them, “You give them something to eat.”

And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?”

³⁸ But he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.”

³⁹ Then he commanded them to make them all sit down in groups (σμπόσια σμπόσια) on the green grass.

⁴⁰ So they sat down in ranks (πρᾶσιαι πρᾶσιαι), in hundreds and in fifties.

⁴¹ And having taken (λαβὼν) the five loaves and the two fish, and having looked up to heaven, he said the blessing (εὐλόγησεν) and broke (κατέκλασεν) the loaves, and gave (ἔδίδου) them to his disciples to set before them and the two fish he divided among them all.

⁴² So they all ate and were filled.

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he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”
⁶ But this he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.
⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ⁹ “There is a lad here who has

five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.”

Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹ And Jesus took (ἔλαβεν) the loaves, and when

he had given thanks (εὐχαριστήσας)

he gave (διέδωκεν) them to the disciples, and the disciples to those seated, and likewise of the fish,

as much as they wanted.

Mark 14 ²² And as they were eating, Jesus, having taken (λαβὼν) bread, said the blessing (εὐλογήσας), broke (ἔκλασεν) it and gave (ἔδωκεν) it to them and said, “Take, ¹¹eat; this is my body.”

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⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish.

⁴⁴ Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

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John 6 ¹² So when they were filled, He said to his disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”

¹³ Therefore they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”