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Passages from Mark Omitted by Luke

According to the dominant source theories, the author of Luke's Gospel drew much of his material from the Gospel of Mark but chose not to use certain passages.

Omitted also by Matthew	Part of "Great Omission" or "Little Omission"*	Mark	Description
X		3:21	Jesus's family comes to seize him
X		4:26–29	Parable of seed growing secretly
	X	6:47–52	Jesus walks on water
	X	6:53–56	Healings in Gennesaret
	X	7:1–23	Eating with defiled hands
	X	7:24–30	Teaching on defilement
X	X	7:31–37	Healing of deaf man
	X	8:1–10	Feeding of the four thousand
	X	8:11–13	Pharisees ask for a sign
	X	8:14–21	Discourse on bread and leaven
X	X	8:22–26	Healing of blind man of Bethsaida
		9:9–13	Elijah must come first
	X	9:41–48	Reward and punishment
	X	9:49–50	On being salty
	X	10:–12	On marriage and divorce
		10:35–40	Question from the sons of Zebedee
		11:12–14	Cursing of the fig tree

		11:20–25	Lesson of the fig tree
		14:3–9	Anointing in Bethany (but see Luke 7:36–50)
		15:16–20	Mocking of Jesus by soldiers
* “Great Omission” = Mark 6:45–8:26; “Little Omission” = Mark 9:41–10:12. Since Luke omits everything from these sections of Mark, some scholars wonder if his copy of Mark was defective.			