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Wisdom & guidance (1,3, 6), confirmation (1,4), thanksgiving (5), interceding for his disciples (3,5,7,8), forgiving others (9)

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- Key transition times in his ministry (1,3,4,5,7,8)
- Focus, guidance or clarity about next steps (2,3,6)
- Intercession (5,7)

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