

GRAMMAR

When we report what other people have said, we have to change the tenses, and sometimes use some other words.

Direct speech	Reported speech
'She works in the shop'	She told them that she worked in a shop
'I'm studying the Bible'	He said that he was studying the Bible
'I've finished studying'	She told us that she had finished studying
'I rejected Jesus'	He said that he had rejected Jesus
'At the time, I was wasting my money on drugs'	She said that at that time, she had been wasting her money on drugs.

The word 'that' in the reported speech is often omitted.

- 9 In Mark 10, various people are speaking:
What adjective would you use to describe each of them?
(An adjective is used to describe something)

The Pharisees _____

Jesus _____

The rich young man _____

The disciples _____

Peter _____

James and John _____

Bartimaeus _____

- 10 Complete the following table:

Direct speech	Reported speech
Bartimaeus: "Son of David, have mercy on me!"	
The people: "Be quiet!"	
Jesus: "Let him come"	
The people: "Be comforted: come, he has sent for you"	
Jesus: "What would you have me do to you?"	
Bartimaeus: "Master, make me able to see"	
Jesus: "Go on your way; your faith has made you well."	