

Good News!!!

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Mark

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1. As we begin this study of the gospel of Mark, we must remember that Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost, then and now. The theme of God's word is that Jesus loves you and me!!! Take a few minutes to read or listen to Mark 1 read aloud with YouVersion Bible app. Pray asking God to bless your time in His word.
2. Look at the words of Mark 1:1 and then write this verse in your own words.
"The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God."
Beginning-this is the start, the revelation of all that has previously been foretold.
Gospel-the good news
Jesus-the Savior
Christ-Messiah, the Anointed One
Son of God-God incarnate, God with us in flesh.
3. Mark 1:2-8 describe John the Baptist. What do you learn about this man, his lifestyle, his message, and his character from these verses?
4. After reading these first few verses, do you think John the Baptist had a clear understanding of his calling?
5. Do you have a clear understanding of your call? If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, God has a plan and a purpose for you. He has given you influence. What are you doing to fulfill God's plan for your life?
6. Read Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17 and Mark 1:9-11. Look at the map The Holy Land in Jesus Time located at the back of this study guide, underline in green the city of Nazareth, highlight in yellow the area of Galilee and highlight in blue the Jordan River.
7. On the day Jesus was baptized by John what amazing thing happened to confirm his authority?

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8. According to Mark 1:12-13, where did Jesus go next?
9. How long was he there?
10. According to verse 13 this was not some exciting and cool wilderness adventure. Who was present causing anxiety and pain?
11. Why do you believe the author mentions the fact that "wild animals" were also there? Write down some adverbs that might describe this wilderness experience.
12. Read Matthew 4:1-11, what other details about this event can be gleaned from reading Matthew's account? Put the temptations of Christ, detailed in Matthew 4, in your own words.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
13. According to Matthew and Mark, who was sent to minister to Jesus? What does that tell you about his time in the wilderness?

14. Isaiah 53:3 “He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.” Jesus struggled with the same enemy we struggle with; he fully understands our struggles, our pain, and our anxiety. Satan is out to steal, kill and destroy us. Knowing how Jesus overcame can help us when we are being tempted by Satan. According to Matthew 4, how did Jesus overcome the temptations of Satan?

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15. We will look at the imprisonment of John the Baptist in greater detail when we study Mark 6. But for today read Mark 1:14 and Luke 3:19-20. Why is John imprisoned?
16. At this time, the nation of Israel had been divided by the Romans into three regions; Judea to the south, Samaria was the central region, and Galilee the northern region. Using the map in the back of this study guide mark these three areas with a yellow highlighter. As you are studying Mark and a city is mentioned underline it in green on the map.
17. Read Mark 1:16-20, who does Jesus’ meet?
18. What were these men doing before they met Jesus?
19. What was their response to Jesus’ invitation?
20. Locate Capernaum on the map underline in green. What day of the week is noted in Mark 1:21?
21. Where does the text tell us Jesus went that day?
22. What did Jesus do?
23. How was Jesus received by those who heard him speak that day?
24. How was Jesus’ teaching different from the local scribes who normally taught in this synagogue?
25. Someone came in that day and interrupted Jesus’ teaching. Who was it? What did you learn about him?
26. Demons recognize Jesus. They know their fate and find pleasure in disrupting Jesus’ teaching. What truth was displayed for all to see, concerning Jesus and demons from Mark 1:23-28?
27. Read Mark 1:29-34; Jesus leaves the synagogue, where did he go? Who was with him?
28. What did you learn about Simon Peter in these verses?
29. I find it interesting to see what this woman did the minute her health was restored. She began serving. We all get sick or injured from time to time, but when our health is restored what should we do next?

It would be too far to travel to Jerusalem each week to gather for worship. If a community had 10 Jewish men, they could establish a local synagogue where the people could meet to hear the law read, and to be instructed in divine things.

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30. Write out 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Romans 12:1, what do these verses teach concerning our service for God?
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Romans 12:1
31. Read Mark 1:32-34, what do we find Jesus doing?
32. Jesus is setting an example for his followers by continuing to heal and meet needs well into the night. What might this look like for you and your service to the king?
33. What do we find Jesus doing in Mark 1:35?
34. If we are going to faithfully serve our Lord, we should follow his example. What steps do you see for a successful ministry laid out in verse 35?
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
35. According to verses 36-37, why had Jesus' companions been looking for him? Be as specific as possible in your answer.
36. Jesus clarifies his ministry in verse 38, what did he say was his primary purpose?

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37. Mark 1:40-45 tell the story of another amazing miracle. Who was the recipient of this miracle? What facts did you read about this man? How would you describe this man?
38. Look up the word describing Jesus' emotion in Mark 1:41, write a definition. Some translation read Jesus was filled with pity, some compassion, some indignation. This is not a contradiction in the scripture, we can feel several emotions at the same time about the same event. (A student might say, I was happy or relieved the semester was over.) This word is used several times in Mark's gospel. Look up Mark 1:41, 6:34, 8:2, 9:22; what did you learn by studying these verses?
39. Jesus said to the man, "I am willing, be clean!" What do you think these words did, besides the obvious physical healing of the man?
40. Has Jesus ever restored your health, or the health of a loved one, your marriage or the heart of a wayward child, your business, or your reputation? When you found out Jesus was willing to help, that he felt compassion for your need, and pity on your pain, in what ways did that comfort your heart beyond the healing?
41. Why do you believe Jesus asked the man not to say anything about this miracle but to go to the priest and do what was required by the law of Moses to be declared cleansed?

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42. If you would like to read the details of the law of Moses and declaring a person cleansed from leprosy, read Leviticus 14:1-32. Leprosy was a highly contagious disease; from the moment a person was diagnosed they were separated from family and friends. Before they would be allowed to come back into the community there was a procedure to prove they had been healed. All their clothes and their bodies were to be carefully washed and entire body shaved, not once but twice, so none of the disease could linger and enter the community. What do you believe their family and friends would be doing in anticipation of the return of their loved one?
 43. Can you imagine the joy of being healed from this terrible disease? It would be hard to contain your joy and enthusiasm if this miracle had happened to you. What was the result of this man's sharing his blessing?
 44. What was the last blessing you received from God? Naming our blessings should be our daily routine. What does it do in your heart when you begin to focus on the goodness of God, not to the world in general, but to you personally?

