

# The Book of Mark

## Chapter 1

1. How does Mark describe the Gospel in verse 1?
2. According to verse 5, what did those who came to John do in addition to being baptized?
3. Have you been baptized since you made a decision to follow Jesus?
4. Jesus faced temptation from the devil, to see how He combatted it see Matthew chapter 4.
5. Because the Kingdom of God is at hand, what should we do?
6. Notice how people responded to Jesus
  - a. The fishermen
  - b. Those in the Synagogue
  - c. Peter's mother in law
  - d. The Leper
7. How are you responding to the invitation that Jesus has given to follow Him?

## Chapter 2

1. What was Jesus doing in the crowded room in Capernaum?
2. How did the friends get the paralytic to Jesus?
3. What does that say to you about bringing friends to hear the Word of God?
4. Pray about whom to invite to church with you this weekend. Call them right now.
5. Who did Levi invite to his home to hear Jesus?
6. The new wine and old wineskins seems to speak about God's desire to do new things in new ways. Pray for CCVB concerning how God may want use us in a new way.
7. Have you ever read what David did? Take a few minutes to read the story recorded in 1 Samuel 21.

## Chapter 3

1. Jesus asks the man with the withered hand to do 2 things. What are they?
2. What do we learn about obeying Jesus from the fact that Jesus asked this man to do what he could not do?
3. Why do you think Jesus would forbid the unclean spirits from declaring who he is?
4. Look carefully at the calling of the 12, what were they called to do?
5. What lessons do we learn from Jesus' statement that a house divided against itself cannot stand?
6. Take some time to pray for unity in CCVB
7. Jesus states that His real family is the ones who are obeying Him. The first step in obedience is the surrender of your life to Christ as king. Take a moment to offer yourself as a living sacrifice.

## Chapter 4

1. This is one of the greatest stories Jesus ever told. Take a few moments to examine the components. What does each represent?
  - a. The Sower
  - b. The seed
  - c. The wayside
  - d. The birds
  - e. The stony ground
  - f. The scorching sun
  - g. The thorns
  - h. The good soil

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- i. The fruit produced
2. Jesus speaks about our ears, he tells us to use them to listen to His Word and to be careful what other things we listen to. Is there anything that you need to stop listening to? Perhaps things that are filling you with, fear, anxiety, anger, despair. Replace those things with listening to the Word and worship.
3. What difficulty do the disciples face at the end of the chapter?
4. What do they do when they are afraid?

## Chapter 5

1. Describe the man who came to Jesus.
2. How would you react if you saw this same man?
3. Describe him after his encounter with Jesus.
4. Pray for those you know whose lives are messed up. Pray for them to have an encounter with Jesus that changes their lives. If they live nearby, invite them to join you at church.
5. Verse 19, Jesus sends this man out as a missionary. What does that say about who God uses?
6. How is Jesus delayed on route to Jairus' house?
7. What do you learn about prayer from the woman with the issue of blood?
8. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, only believe" how will trust in God's promises relieve you of fear?

## Chapter 6

1. What did the citizens of Nazareth think about who Jesus was?
2. How did that hinder them from experiencing Him?
3. Are there any wrong thoughts that you have about Jesus that are hindering you from experiencing His work in your life?
4. Why do you think that Jesus sent them out in pairs?
5. Why did Herod arrest John?
6. Why did he have him killed?
7. Verse 31, Jesus invites the disciples to "rest" the story tells of thousands gathering together in need. What does that say about ministry?

## Chapter 7

1. What complaint did the Pharisees have against Jesus and His disciples?
2. According to verse 6, what were the people doing wrong?
3. Take some time for self-examination. Are you in any way guilty of verse six?
4. Jesus makes it clear that spiritually speaking we are not defiled by what we eat but that sin comes from within. Look at the list in verse 21-22, are there any things that you need to confess and repent of?
5. What do you learn about Jesus from the stories of healing at the end of chapter 7?

## Chapter 8

1. How does Jesus feel about the multitude?
2. Who did use to minister to the multitude?
3. How do you think Jesus might want to use you today to minister to others?

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4. What lesson do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to learn from the feeding of the multitudes?
5. How is the healing of the blind man different than other healings Jesus performed?
6. What does that teach about God's methods?
7. From verse 34, what are the requirements for being a disciple of Jesus?
8. Have you obeyed verse 34? If not, why not? Take a closer look at verses 36-37.
9. Take some time to pray that you would be able to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.

## Chapter 9

1. What promise does Jesus give to the disciples in verse 1?
2. How is that promise fulfilled in the following verses?
3. Describe the events atop the mountain.
4. I confess I sometimes feel like Peter wanting to stay on the mountaintop. Keep in mind that God used this event in his life and that those intimate experiences with Jesus are designed to make us more useful as we go down the mountains to serve the Lord.
5. What great promise is given in verse 23?
6. What promises do you need to believe God for today? Take some time to focus on the promises of God rather than the promises of your circumstances.
7. The disciples were trying to figure out how to get to the top in Jesus' kingdom. Who does Jesus say is first in His kingdom?
8. In verse 42, what are we warned against?
9. Is there any behavior that you are committing that makes it hard for the people in your sphere of influence to be a follower of Jesus?
10. What does Jesus compare us to in verse 49? Why do you think He makes the comparison?

## Chapter 10

1. According to verse one, what was the custom of Jesus?
2. What principle for marriage can you detect in verses 5-9?
3. What do we learn about divorce from verse 5, 11-12?
4. Jesus seems very excited to have the children come to Him. How do you think you can encourage young people to come to Christ?
5. If Jesus were addressing you and your relationship with God, is there anything that you think He would say is "lacking"? Whatever that is take some time right now in prayer to determine to deal with it.
6. In verse 27, what does Jesus say is impossible for men but made possible by God?
7. Take a few minutes to meditate on the promise found in verses 29-30.
8. According to Jesus why did He come?
9. How would you respond to the question Jesus asked Bartimaeus?

## Chapter 11

1. According to verse 6, why were the disciples successful on the mission Jesus sent them on?
2. What does the word "hosanna" mean?
3. What was Jesus expecting to find on the fig tree? Why?
4. What do you think Jesus is expecting to find in your life?
5. Why was Jesus so upset at the events that were taking place in the Temple?
6. What do we learn about forgiveness from Verses 25-26?

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7. Is there ANYONE who you are holding a grudge against, who you are unwilling to forgive? Take some time to pray for them and for you.
8. The religious leaders were unwilling to answer the question because of the fear of people. What are you unwilling to do because you are afraid of others?
9. Ask God to help you fear Him more than you fear people of acceptance.

## Chapter 12

1. Why did the vinedressers want to kill the heir?
2. Is there any part of your life where you are unwilling to let Jesus have authority?
3. Are you rendering to God the things that belong to God?
4. According to verse 24, why were the Sadducees mistaken regarding the afterlife?
5. What is the greatest commandment?
6. How are you obeying it?
7. Look for ways today to show love within your sphere of influence.
8. How is it possible that the widow put more in the offering than anyone else?

## Chapter 13

1. What does Jesus say about the massive stones of the Temple?
2. What questions did the disciples have for Jesus?
3. How does the world we live in today compare to the world Jesus describes in Mark 13?
4. What are we told to do in verse 23 in light of these warnings?
5. What promise does Jesus give in verse 31?
6. What are we told to do in verse 33, in light of these warnings?
7. What are we warned against doing in verse 36? What do you think that means?

## Chapter 14

1. Why were the religious leaders hesitant to arrest Jesus during the feast?
2. What do you learn about worship from the actions of the woman at Simon's house?
3. Judas is a sad story. Perhaps what makes it even sadder is how often his story is repeated. People rejecting Jesus for some other gain. Examine your own life. Is there anything in the way of you following Jesus completely?
4. Communion is a time to reflect upon the death of Jesus and the results for us. Set aside time today to partake of communion. Reflect upon the cross and spend some time communing with Jesus. Perhaps gather your immediate family to partake with you.
5. Jesus warns Peter of his coming fall. As you read through the chapter look for anything that Peter did or failed to do that helped to cause his fall.
6. What do you learn from Jesus' prayer in the garden?
7. Many scholars think that the young man mentioned in verse 51 was actually Mark as a teenager.
8. What promise does Jesus give to the Sanhedrin?

## Chapter 15

1. Jesus is taken from the Jewish authorities to the Roman authorities because the Jews did not have the right of capital punishment. If they wanted Jesus to be publically shamed the religious leaders must convince Rome that Jesus has committed crimes worthy of death.
2. How does Jesus respond to the accusation of being "King of the Jews?"
3. Who does the crowd choose to have released?
4. What strikes you about their choice?

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5. Take some time to carefully examine the suffering that Jesus endured. Make a list of all the physical beatings He endured.
6. Look up crucifixion to understand more what Jesus endured for us.
7. Think about the statement, “save yourself, and come down from the cross” Why are you glad Jesus did not do as they asked?
8. What happened after Jesus breathed His last?
9. What do you think gave Joseph the courage to openly be known as a follower of Jesus?

## Chapter 16

1. Describe the events of that first Easter morning.
2. Who did Jesus choose to be the first messengers of the resurrection?
3. How does that encourage you to be used by the Lord to share the message of salvation?
4. What is the command given in verse 15?
5. How are you involved in fulfilling that command?
6. How are you encouraged to tell others about Jesus by what is recorded in verse 20?