# MARK THE SERVANT'S GOSPEL



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# Text: Mark 1-16

If possible, please read through this book in one sitting before answering the questions.

1. Who is the author of the book of Mark? What do we know about him?

2. What are some common words or phrases seen throughout this gospel?

- 3. How is Jesus depicted in the book of Mark?
- 4. What would you identify as a key verse or passage in the book?

#### Text: Mark 1:1-20

 Who was John? How did the people respond to his message? (Mk 1:1-5)

6. Why was Jesus baptized? (Mk 1:9-11; Matt 3:15)

7. What is the significance of the presence of the Father and Spirit at the baptism of Jesus? (Mk 1:10-11)

8. What did Jesus mean by telling the Peter, Simon, James, and John they would be fishers of men? (Mk 1:17)

#### Text: Mark 1:21-2:28

1. How did the people respond to Jesus' teachings in the synagogue? Why did they respond in this way? (Mk 1:21-22)

2. What did Jesus tell the leper to do? Did the leper do as he was told? What was the result? (Mk 1:43-45)

 What does Jesus say when He sees the faith of the paralytic's friends? Why does He say this? How do the scribes respond? (Mk 2:5-11)

January 12

 What was Jesus' command to Levi? How did Levi respond? (Mk 2:14)

5. How did the scribes and Pharisees react when Jesus ate in Levi's house? (Mk 2:15-16)

 What three illustrations does Jesus use to response to the Pharisees question about fasting? What is Jesus' point? (Mk 2:18-22)

 What was the issue the Pharisees had with Jesus' disciples on the Sabbath? How did Jesus respond to their accusations? (Mk 2:23-28) January 12

### Text: Mark 3:1-35

1. Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus closely? (3:2)

2. How did Jesus react to the Pharisees? (3:3-5)

3. What did the Pharisees do after Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath? Why was this unusual? (3:6)

January 19

4. Why did Jesus select the twelve? (3:14-15)

5. What was the response of Jesus' "own people" when they heard what He was doing? (3:21)

6. What do the Pharisees accuse Jesus of doing? What argument did He use to disprove this? (3:22-30)

7. What does Jesus mean in 3:28-29?

#### January 19

#### Text: Mark 4:1-5:20

 Explain the parable of the sower. What does the seed represent? What do the different soil types represent? What is the application? (4:1-20)

2. Why did Jesus use parables to teach the people? (4:11-12)

3. Why does Jesus explain the parable of the soils in more detail to the apostles? (4:10-13)

4. Explain the parable of the lamp. (4:21-25)

5. Explain the parable of the growing seed. (4:26-29)

6. Explain the parable of the mustard seed. (4:30-32)

 Contrast the scene on the Sea of Galilee before and after Jesus calmed the storm. What effect did this miracle have on the apostles? (4:35-41)

8. Did the demons believe in Jesus in 5:1-13? If so, what response did this faith produce?

January 26

9. What was the response of the demon-possessed man after the demons were excised? How did the people in the area respond? (5:14-20)

# Text: Mark 6:1-56

 How did the people of Nazareth react to Jesus' teachings? (6:1-6)

2. Why could Jesus not do many works in Nazareth? (6:5-6)

3. What was the commission given to the twelve when Jesus sent them out? (6:7-13)

February 2

4. What characteristics do we see in Herod that lead to the events of 6:14-29?

 What did Jesus encourage the apostles to do after they returned from preaching? Why do you think He did this? (6:30-31)

6. What moved Jesus to respond to the multitude in the way that He did and perform the feeding of the 5,000? (6:32-44)

7. Why did Jesus separate Himself from His apostles? What application(s) can we take from this? (6:46)

February 2

8. How did the apostles respond to seeing Jesus walking on the water? (6:48-49)

 What application should the apostles have taken from the feeding that would have helped them during this event? (6:51-52)

## Text: Mark 7:1-8:26

1. What do the Pharisees and scribes see that they take issue with? (7:1-5)

2. What prophet does Jesus quote in response to the question of the Pharisees and scribes? What is His point? (6:6-8)

3. What example does Jesus use to highlight the issue of following the traditions of men? (7:10-13)

4. What is the true source of defilement? (7:14-16)

 Who came to Jesus to be healed? What is unique about her compared to many of the other people Jesus healed? (7:24-26)

 Explain Jesus' statement and the woman's response in 7:27-28.

7. What was the reaction of the disciples with Jesus suggested they should feed the multitude? Should they have responded in this way? (8:4)

February 9

8. How were the Pharisees testing Jesus? What was their motive? Explain Jesus' response to them? (8:11-13)

9. What was Jesus trying to get the apostles to understand in 8:14-21?

#### Text: Mark 8:27-9:13

1. What question did Jesus ask the apostles on the road? What responses did they give? (8:27-28)

2. How did Peter answer the question of Jesus' identity? List some things that may have led to this response. (8:29)

 At this point, what does Jesus begin to prepare His apostles for? How do the apostles respond to Jesus' instruction? (8:31-33; 9:9-10) February 16

4. What are some things people seek to gain at the expense of their souls? What makes the soul so valuable? (8:34-37)

5. What are some ways we may show we are ashamed of Jesus and His words? If uncorrected, what will be the end result of these actions? (8:38)

6. Explain Jesus' statement in 9:1. What is He referring to?

February 16 7. What is the significance of the appearance of Elijah and Moses on the mount of transfiguration? (9:1-7)

8. What does Peter's request on the mount reveal? (9:5-6)

9. What is the significance of the Father's voice on the mountain? (9:7-8)

#### Text: Mark 9:14-10:31

1. What was the reason for the dispute between the scribes and Jesus' apostles? (9:14-18)

2. What did Jesus say was the reason the apostles could not cast out the demon? What does this mean? (9:29)

3. What were the disciples arguing about on the road to Capernaum? (9:33-34)

4. How did Jesus respond when His disciples told Him there were others casting out demons in His name? (9:38-40)

February 23

 What is Jesus' point in His illustrations about sin and hell? (9:43-50)

6. What question does the Pharisees ask in Mark 10:2? Why did they ask Jesus this?

 Why did Moses allow for the men of Israel to divorce their wives? What restrictions were placed upon this? (Mk 9:3-5; Deut 24:1-4)

8. What is Jesus' point in Mark 10:6-12?

February 23

9. What is the rich young ruler seeking? Why does he leave Jesus sorrowful? (Mk 10:17-22)

10. What promise does Jesus give in Mark 10:29-30? What does this mean?

## Text: Mark 10:32-11:26

 What does James and John ask to receive from Jesus? What does this question reveal about their understanding of the teachings of Jesus thus far? (Mk 10:37)

2. What is Jesus' purpose according or Mark 10:45? Taking other passages into consideration, is this a good summary of His purpose?

3. What did Jesus want His disciples to do as they approached Jerusalem? What Old Testament prophecy does this event fulfill? (Mk 11:1-11)

March 1

4. What event occurs the next day on the road from Bethany to Jerusalem? (Mk 11:12-14)

5. What lessons did Jesus teach His apostles by cursing the fig tree? (Mk 11:12-15, 20-24)

 Why does Jesus drive the money changers out of the temple? (11:15-17)

7. How did the scribes and chief priests respond to Jesus' actions in the temple? (Mk 11:18)

March 1

Summarize what Jesus teaches about forgiveness. (Mk 11:25-26)

#### Text: Mark 11:27-12:44

 What question does the chief priests, scribes, and elders ask Jesus when He walks into the temple the next day? Why do you think they asked this? (Mk 11:27-28)

2. How did Jesus answer their question? What was their answer to Him? Why did they answer this way? (Mk 11:29-33)

3. What is the lesson Jesus is teaching in the parable of the vineyard owner? Did the Jewish leaders understand this parable? (Mk 12:1-12)

4. How did the Pharisees and Herodians try to catch Jesus? How did Jesus respond to this question? (Mk 12:13-17)

5. What question did the Sadducees ask Jesus? How does He respond to this question? (Mk 12:18-27)

March 8

6. How does one of the scribes ask Jesus? How does He respond to this question? (Mk 12:28-31)

7. What does these series of questions reveal about the Jewish leaders during this week?

8. What is Jesus pointing out in His question to the Jewish leaders? (Mk 12:35-37)

March 8

9. What comparison is made between the scribes and the poor widow? (Mk 12:38-44)

#### Text: Mark 13:1-14:31

1. What event is Jesus referring to in Mark 13:2?

2. What question does the apostles ask in response? (Mk 13:4)

3. What things will happen before the coming destruction? When will this happen? (Mk 13:5-30)

4. What does Jesus tell His apostles they need to be doing as they look to "that day"? (Mk 13:32-37)

March 15

5. Why did the Jewish leaders fear taking Jesus away by trickery during the Passover Feast? (Mk 14:1-2)

6. What does the change in tactics from Mark 12 reveal about the Jewish leaders? (Mark 14:1)

7. How did the Jewish leaders respond to the news Judas was seeking to betray Jesus? (Mk 14:10-11)

8. What does this event reveal about Judas? (Mk 14:10-11; Matt 27:3-4)

9. Why was the Lord's Supper instituted during the Passover Feast? (Mk 14:22-25)

10. How did Peter and the other apostles respond to Jesus when He foretold of their stumbling? (Mk 14:26-31)

#### Text: Mark 14:32-15:20

1. Summarize what happens as Jesus prays in the garden. (Mk 14:32-42)

 Who came to meet Jesus in the garden? What was Jesus' response to them? Why does He respond in this way? (Mk 14:43, 48-49)

3. What problem did the Jewish leaders encounter as they attempted to try Jesus? (Mk 14:55-56)

4. What question did the high priest ask Jesus? How did He answer? (Mk 14:61-62)

5. What do the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of? (Mk 14:63-64)

 Summarize the events of Peter's denial of Jesus. (Mk 14:66-72)

7. Where did the Jewish leaders take Jesus the next morning? Why did they do this? (Mk 15:1)

 In what way did Pilate try to free Jesus? Why did he do this? (Mk 15:6-14) March 22 9. Why did Pilate crucify Jesus? (Mk 15:15)

### Text: Mark 15:21-16:20

1. Where was Jesus crucified? (Mk 15:22)

2. What time was Jesus placed on the cross? Approximately how long did He hang on the cross? (Mk 15:25, 33)

3. What did the Jewish leaders do while Jesus hung on the cross? (Mk 15:31-32)

4. Who buried Jesus? Who observed this? (Mk 15:42-47)

March 29

5. What day of the week did the women come to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body? (Mk 16:1-2)

6. What did the women see at the tomb on the third day? What did they hear? (Mk 16:1-8)

7. How did the apostles reach to the news from Mary Magdalene? (Mk 16:9-13)

8. How did Jesus respond to this reaction? (Mk 16:14)

March 29

 What commission did Jesus give to His followers? (Mk 16:15-16)

10. What purpose was behind the miraculous gifts the apostles performed? (Mk 16:17-18)