

STUDIES IN MARK

Lesson 1

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MARK 1:1-15



God wanted the Gospel of Mark to be written. He used a man whose name was John Mark to write it for Him. Mark was born in Jerusalem. We do not know his father's name. His mother's name was Mary, (Acts 12:12). In his book, Mark shows Jesus was a Servant of God. A servant is someone who works for a master (boss). Jesus worked for His Father, God. Jesus wants us to work for God also. We are to be "servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5). In Matthew 10:25 it tells us that "**it is enough for the servant to be like his Lord.**" If we want to be like Jesus, we must study the Bible to see what Jesus is like.

READ MARK 1:1-11

In the first 6 verses of Mark, you will find the answers to **fill in the blanks**.

1. In verse 1, who does Mark say he is going to write about? _____ the Son of

2. Hundreds of years before Jesus came to earth as a baby, prophets had said there would be a messenger sent to get the people ready for Him. (Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3). In Mark 1:3 it says this messenger would be "a _____ crying in the wilderness (wild place)."



3. What was the messenger to do? (verse 3)

4. What was the messenger's name? (verse 4)

John the Baptist preached that people must repent. This means that they must turn around and go the other way. If they are living for the devil, they must turn around and live for God. If they had crooked lives, they should live straight lives. If they had been proud, they should be humble. If they were hating people, they should love them instead.

5. Did many people repent when John preached? (verse 5)

6. Verse 5 tells us where these people came from. It says they came from all the land of _____ and the city of _____

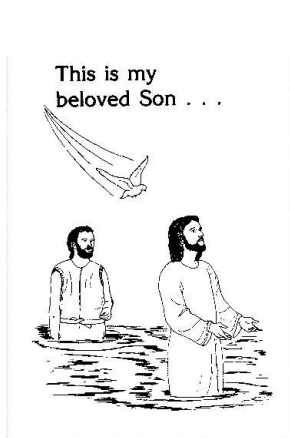


7. When they repented, in what river did John baptize them?
8. Did John the Baptist dress in fine clothes? (verse 6)
9. What did he wear? (verse 6) and
10. Did John eat only rich food? (verse 6) . What did he eat?
and

READ MARK 1:7-9

There are 3 answers for each sentence. **Write the right answer** in the blank.

1. In verse 7, John said he was not good enough to untie Jesus' (coat, shoes, belt)
2. In verse 8, John baptized people with (water, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God)



3. In verse 8, John said Jesus would baptize with (water, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God)
4. Verse 9 says Jesus came to John from the town of (Jerusalem, Bethany, Nazareth)
5. This town was in the country of (Galilee, Judaea, Samaria)
6. John baptized Jesus in (the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the Dead Sea)

READ MARK 1:10-11

Some things happened in these verses. Read them and fill in the blanks.

1. There came a voice from heaven. Whose voice was it?
2. What did the voice say? (verse 11)

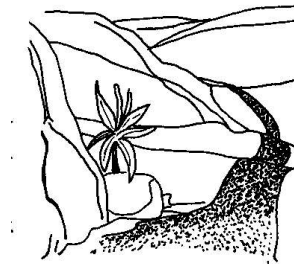


3. When the heavens opened, who came down?
4. What did He look like?
5. What did He do?

Jesus and John the Baptist were cousins. Their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, were cousins. John was only 6 months older than Jesus. He did not know that Jesus was the Son of God till he baptized Him. God told John who Jesus was. John saw the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus. This was one way that God showed John who Jesus really was. (Read John 1:32-34.) John never forgot that day!

READ MARK 1:12,13

1. As soon as Jesus was baptized, where did He go? (verse 12)
2. What happened to Jesus there? (verse 13)
3. Is it a sin to be tempted?
4. Who tempts people?
5. Did Jesus do anything the devil told Him to do?
6. Who was with Jesus in the wilderness? (verse 13)
7. Will the angels help us too when we are tempted? Luke 22:43; Hebrews 1:14



The devil often tempts us. When we do not obey him, we do not sin. Jesus was tempted like us, but He never sinned even once. When we give our hearts to Jesus, He will make us strong when we are tempted.

8. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness?

READ MARK 1:14,15

1. Verse 14 tells us that Jesus preached when He came out of the wilderness.
2. Verse 15 tells us what Jesus preached. What four things did



Jesus preach about?

- a. .
- b. .
- c. .
- d. .

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