

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

THE GOSPELS

MARK

LESSON 12

JESUS CHRIST THE SERVANT OF GOD



"In the morning before the sun was up He prayed," Mark 1:35¹

Jesus healed those who were sick of many kinds of diseases, ...put out many demons. Mark 1:34

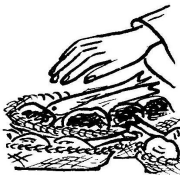
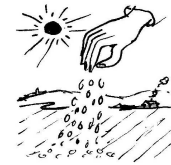
Many people gathered around Jesus, Mark 4:1.



When Jesus saw the people He had loving pity on them, Mark 6:34.

Jesus preached in their synagogues throughout Galilee, Mark 1:39

Jesus taught them many things by parables, Mark 4:2.



Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16.

Jesus fed many people, Mark 8:1-10.

Jesus had no time to eat, Mark 3:20.



Jesus had no time to rest, Mark 6:31-34.

"For Even the Son of Man Came Not to Be Ministered Unto, but to Minister, and to Give His Life a Ransom for Many." Mark 10:45.

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GOSPEL OF MARK

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A. Who wrote the Gospel of Mark.

The Gospel of Mark was written by John Mark. The Bible tells more about John Mark than it tells about Matthew. The mother of John Mark was called Mary, Acts 12:11,12. The disciples often met at John Mark's home. Peter went to John Mark's home after the angel led him out of prison, Acts 12:11,12.

Barnabas was a brother of John Mark's mother, Colossians 4:10. John Mark went with Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary trip. While the three were on the trip, John Mark decided to go home, Acts 12:25; Acts 13:5,13. Paul was not happy that John Mark left them, Acts 15:36-39. Later Paul took John Mark as a worker again, 2 Timothy 4:11.

Many believe that Peter helped John Mark write the book.

One of the early church leaders believed John Mark started the church at Alexandria.

B. When the Gospel of Mark was written.

The Gospel of Mark was written between 60 and 70 A.D.

C. To whom the Gospel of Mark was written.

The Gospel of Mark was written to the Gentiles. John Mark wrote mainly to the Romans. The Gentiles were not interested in how the Old Testament was fulfilled. They were not interested into which family Jesus Christ was born. **The Gentiles were interested in what Jesus Christ could do for them.**

D. The main thought of the Gospel of Mark.

The main thought of the Gospel of Mark is: **Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is**

the Servant of God. Mark shows Jesus Christ as the Son of God by what He did. Mark shows Jesus Christ the Servant of God by the way He lived.

The main word in Mark is “straightway.” Straightway means immediately. The words straightway and immediately are used 36 times in this Gospel. Example: Mark 1:18; 1:21; 2:2.



The Key (main) verse is Mark 10:45.²

“For the Son of Man did not come to be cared for. He came to care for others. He came to give His life so that many could be bought by His blood and be made free from sin.”

There are only a few sermons and parables in the Gospel of Mark. Mark tells about many miracles. He tells about Jesus working. Mark tells about Jesus going back to heaven, and sitting on the right hand of God.

The Gospel of Mark is a book of action. It is like looking through a picture book. Each picture shows what Jesus is doing.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels.

II. OUTLINE OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

- A. Jesus, the working Servant.
 - 1. Jesus prepared for His work, Mark 1:1-20.
 - a. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Mark 1:2-8.
 - b. Jesus, the Worker, was baptized, Mark 1:9-11.
 - c. Jesus, the Worker, was tempted, Mark 1:12,13.
 - d. Jesus, the Worker, chose His disciples, Mark 1:14-20.
 - 2. Jesus showed His power to work, Mark 1:21 - 8:26.
 - a. Jesus showed power over demons and sickness, Mark 1:21-45.
 - b. Jesus showed power to forgive sins, Mark 2:1-12.
 - c. Jesus showed that He is Lord of the Sabbath, Mark 2:12 - 3:6.

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- d. Jesus showed power over demons, Mark 3:7 - 4:34.
 - e. Jesus showed power over His creation, Mark 4:35 - 5:20.
 - f. Jesus showed power over death, Mark 5:21-43.
 - g. Some people doubted the power of Jesus, Mark 6:1-6.
 - h. Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, Mark 6:7-13.
 - i. John the Baptist died, Mark 6:14-29.
 - j. Jesus fed the five thousand, Mark 6:30-44.
 - k. Jesus walked on the water, Mark 6:45-56.
 - l. The Pharisees asked questions, Mark 7:1-23.
 - m. Jesus helped the Gentile woman, Mark 7:24-30.
 - n. Jesus showed His power in miracles, Mark 7:31 - 8:26.
- B. Jesus, the Teacher.
- 1. The great confession, Mark 8:27-30.
 - 2. Jesus taught His disciples, Mark 8:31 - 10:45.
 - 3. Jesus healed the sick, Mark 10:46-52.
- C. Jesus, the King.
- 1. Jesus entered Jerusalem as King, Mark 11:1-11.
 - 2. Work in Jerusalem, Mark 11:12 - 12:44.
- D. Jesus, the Prophet, Mark 13:1-37.
- E. Jesus, the dying Servant.
- 1. Religious leaders planned to take Jesus, Mark 14:1,2,10,11.
 - 2. Jesus worked at Bethany, Mark 14:3-9.
 - 3. Jesus ate the last supper, Mark 14:12-26.
 - 4. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, Mark 14:27-52.
 - 5. Jesus was tried, Mark 14:53 - 15:20.
 - 6. Jesus was crucified, Mark 15:21-41.
 - 7. Jesus was buried, Mark 15:42-47.
- F. Jesus, the living Servant, Mark 16:1-20.

III. LESSONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A. Jesus prepared for His work.

- 1. The way for the worker was prepared, Mark 1:2-8.**

Mark gives a good picture of John the Baptist. He lived in the wild country. His

clothes were made of skins, Mark 1:6. John ate simple food. He came from a humble home. He was from the family of Levi. His father, Zacharias was a priest. John had a very important work to do. John's work was to prepare the way for Jesus. God often chooses a common person to do a great work.

2. Jesus was baptized.

The baptism of Jesus shows the trinity of God. Trinity means three in one.

God, the Son (Jesus) came out of the water after the baptism. God, the Holy Spirit, came upon Jesus in the form of a dove. The voice of God, the Father in heaven said,

"You are my much-loved Son. I am very happy with You." Mark 1:11.³



There is one God, but He is shown as three persons: God, the Father, God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of Jesus showed that He was a man. As a man He obeyed God, the Father. He did what was right.

3. Jesus was tempted, Mark 1:12,13.

Mark gives a picture how Jesus was tempted. The Holy Spirit took Jesus into the wild country. Wild animals lived in this country. Jesus was without food for forty days. After forty days Satan came to tempt Jesus. Jesus showed His power over Satan. Jesus used the Word of God to overcome the temptations. See Hebrews 4:15.

B. Jesus showed His power by His work.



1. Jesus had power to set people free from sin, Mark 2:1-12.

A man sick with palsy was brought to Jesus. Jesus told this man, *"Your sins are forgiven."*

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The religious leaders knew only God could forgive sins. The leaders asked, "How can this man forgive sins?"

Jesus proved that He had power to forgive sin by making the man well. This story shows that Jesus had power to forgive sins and that He was God.

2. Jesus had power over the Sabbath, Mark 2:23-28.

One Sabbath Jesus and His disciples walked through a grain field. The disciples ate some of the grain as they went.

The Jewish leaders thought the disciples were sinning because they picked grain to eat on the Sabbath.

Jesus said, "*The Son of man is also Lord of the Sabbath.*" Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath, Mark 3:1-6. Jesus showed it is right to do good on the Sabbath, or the Lord's day.

Christians come together to worship God on the first day of the week. They remember that God has given this day for their good, Mark 2:23-27.

3. Jesus had power to set people free from demons.

Mark shows that Jesus put demons out of people, Mark 1:23-28; 3:11,22-30; 5:1-20; 7:24-30; 9:14-29. Jesus had power over demons. He wanted people to be free from the power of the devil.

People can be set free from demons today in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Jesus had power over the things He made, Mark 4:35-41.

Jesus and His disciples went to the other side of the lake. As they went, a wind came up. Jesus was asleep. The disciples found it hard to keep the boat from sinking. They awakened Jesus.



Jesus spoke to the wind,
"*Peace, be still.*"



Stormy Sea of Galilee

The wind stopped. The sea became quiet. Jesus showed His power over the things He had made. This is one of the ways Jesus showed that He is the Son of God.

5. Jesus had power to give life, Mark 5:21-43.

Jesus had power to heal the sick. Jesus had power to raise the dead. A man, Jairus, came to Jesus. His daughter was dying. He asked Jesus to come and heal her.

On the way to Jarius' house, Jesus healed a woman who was sick for many years. Because Jesus took time to heal the woman, the girl died. Someone came to tell Jarius, "Your girl is dead."

However, Jesus still went to Jarius' house. Jesus told the people that the girl was sleeping. The people laughed at Him. Jesus, the girl's parents, Peter, James and John went to the room where the girl lay. Jesus took the girl's hand and called her. The girl came to life again.



Jesus had power over death. Jesus had power to give life.

C. Some people doubted that Jesus had power, Mark 6:1-6.

Jesus went to His own village, Nazareth. The people knew Jesus as a carpenter. They knew Jesus' brothers - James, Joses, Judah and Simon. They knew Jesus' sisters. The people did not believe Jesus to be the Son of God. Because the people did not believe, Jesus did not show them His power.

D. Jesus taught His disciples.

1. Jesus taught His disciples to trust God, Mark 6:7-13.

Jesus taught His disciples how to preach. Jesus sent the disciples out to the villages. They were to preach and to heal the sick. Jesus gave them power over demons. Jesus asked the disciples to go in groups of two. The disciples were not to take extra clothes. They were not to take food. Jesus taught the disciples to trust God for that which they needed.



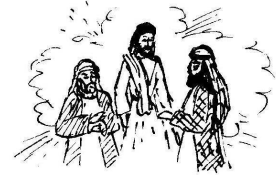
2. Jesus taught His disciples that He was the Christ, Mark 8:27-30.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know that He was the Christ. He asked the disciples, "Whom do men say I am?" Then Jesus asked His disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?"

Peter said, "*You are the Christ.*"

3. Jesus taught His disciples about His death, Mark 8:31; 9:1-10,31,32.

Mark chapter 9 gives the picture how Jesus was changed to look like He would look in heaven.



This is called the transfiguration. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in His glory. They also saw Moses and Elijah. Moses and Elijah talked to Jesus about His coming death. See Luke 9:30,31.

At this time Jesus also talked to the disciples about His coming death. The disciples did not understand at this time, but later they remembered His words.

4. Jesus taught His disciples to be humble, Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16.

The disciples argued as to who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were thinking. He wanted to teach His disciples how to be great. The people of the world believed that a great person is respected and served. Jesus said it was just the opposite. A great person is humble. He tries to help others. He is a servant to others.

One time some mothers brought their children to Jesus. The disciples were too proud to bother with the children. Jesus scolded His disciples. He told them that a child has a part in the kingdom of God. Jesus wanted the disciples to be humble enough to think of children.

5. Jesus taught about divorce, Mark 10:1-12.

The Pharisees wanted to trick Jesus. They wanted to find an excuse for their own sin. The Pharisees asked Jesus if it was right to get divorced. Jesus asked them what Moses said about divorce.

The Pharisees said Moses said it was all right to get divorced. Jesus told them Moses said this because of their sin. God does not want people to get a divorce. What God has put together should not be separated. Divorce is caused by sin. Divorce is wrong.

6. Jesus taught His disciples to serve, Mark 10:35-46.

The key verse to the Gospel of Mark is found in this part.

“For the Son of Man did not come to be cared for. He came to care for others. He came to give His life so that many could be bought by His blood and be made free from sin.” Mark 10:45.⁴

James and John asked Jesus to give them a place of honor in His kingdom. Jesus told James and John that to be first they must be willing to be last. They must be willing to serve others.



By His life Jesus showed His disciples that He served or helped others even though He was the Son of God.

E. Jesus, the King, Mark 11:1-19.

Mark chapter 11 gives the picture of Jesus coming into Jerusalem as a king. He rode on a donkey. The people put clothes and palm branches on the road before Jesus. The people shouted:

“Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.” Mark 11:9,10.

This is called the triumphal entry. Jesus rode like one who had won a victory. He came to Jerusalem like a king.

The churches call this Sunday, Palm Sunday. This name comes from the palm branches the people put on the road for Jesus to ride on.

Jesus went into Jerusalem. He went to the temple. Jesus rode to the temple like a king would ride to his palace.

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Jesus found the temple was being used for things that did not please God. People were selling animals in the temple. The people were changing money in the temple. Jesus was angry. God's house was to be a place for praying. It was a place to honor God. It was not to be a market.

Jesus cleaned the temple. He chased out those who sold. He overthrew the money tables.

This was the second time Jesus cleaned the temple. (Jesus cleaned the temple two times - when He started His work, and when He came to Jerusalem as a king.)

F. Jesus, the Prophet, Mark 13:1-37.

1. Jesus told the people the temple would be destroyed. This came true a few years after Jesus went back to heaven. It happened A.D. 70.

2. Jesus told His disciples what would happen before He would come back again. Jesus told the disciples what would happen before the world would be destroyed. Many of these things are happening today.

Jesus said there would be:

- a. not enough food.
- b. wars.
- c. earth quakes.
- d. strange things in the sky.
- e. suffering of believers.
- f. many false religions.



In some countries believers have been killed. Even today some believers are suffering because they believe in Christ. Many false religions are in the world. Many are new ones which have not been heard of before.

Yes, we want to be watching for Jesus! He can come any time!

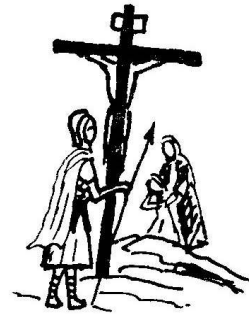
G. Jesus, the dying Servant, Mark 14:1 - 15:47.

1. Mary prepared Jesus for His burial. She came and put perfume on His feet. It took 11 months to earn enough money to pay for the perfume. Jesus said,

“She put this perfume on my body to make me ready for the grave.” Mark

14:8.⁵

2. Judas betrayed Jesus.
3. Peter denied Jesus.
4. The religious leaders rejected Jesus.
5. Pilate gave the word that Jesus could be crucified.
6. Simon carried the cross for Jesus.
7. The soldiers crucified Jesus.
8. God, the Father, left Jesus when He took the sins of the world.
9. The women watched Jesus being crucified.
10. The centurian saw Jesus as the Son of God.
11. Joseph of Arimathaea buried Jesus.



H. Jesus, the living Servant, Mark 16:1-20.

Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive.

The disciples had a hard time believing that Jesus was alive. The words, “but they did not believe” are used four times in Mark 16, verses 11 to 14. Jesus scolded the disciples for not believing.



Jesus gave the disciples the great command. The command was to preach the Gospel to everyone. He also said that the disciples would be able to do miracles.

Jesus went back to heaven. Mark says Jesus sat down at the right hand of God.

IV. WORDS TO LEARN

1. divorce - husband and wife separate and are not married any longer.
2. entry - the going into a place.
3. humble - not to think of oneself as important.
4. key - as used with key words, key verses - Key words or verses are special or important words or verses. They open up great truths.
5. palsy - a sickness in which a person cannot move his body -

⁵New Life Testament.

- 6. Sabbath - especially the arms and legs. the seventh day of the week.
- 7. servant - one who works for someone else; a slave.
- 8. straightway - immediately.
- 9. transfiguration - Jesus changed to look like He looks in heaven.
- 10. trinity - the oneness of three- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- 11. triumphal - having won a victory.

V. ASSIGNMENT

READ THE GOSPEL OF MARK

1. Was John Mark one of the 12 disciples of Jesus?
2. To whom did John Mark write the Gospel?
3. What is the main thought of the Gospel of Mark?
4. The key words _____, or _____ are used 36 times in the Gospel of Mark
5. The Gospel of Mark is like a _____ book.
6. The key verse in Mark is: Write out the verse.
7. Jesus showed He had power to do many things. Five of these things are:
 - a. Mark 2:1-12
 - b. Mark 2:23-27
 - c. Mark 3:11,20-30
 - d. Mark 4:35-41

- e. Mark 5:21-43
- 8. Did the people who lived in Nazareth believe Jesus was the Son of God? (Mark 6:1-6).
- 9. What did Jesus want His disciples to know? Mark 8:27
- 10. How can a person be great in the kingdom of God? Mark 10:44
- 11. How did Jesus feel about selling animals in the temple? Mark 11:15-17
- 12. What are some things which will happen before Jesus comes back? Mark 13:5-37
- 13. Why did Mary put perfume on Jesus' feet? Mark 14:3-9
- 14. Was it easy for the disciples to believe Jesus was alive after the crucifixion? Mark 16:11-14
- 15. Jesus taught His disciples. Give 6 things which tell what Jesus taught His disciples.
 - a.
 - b.

- c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
- 16.
- a. prepared Jesus for His burial.
 - b. betrayed Jesus.
 - c. denied Jesus.
 - d. rejected Jesus.
 - e. gave word that Jesus could be crucified.
 - f. carried the cross of Jesus.
 - g. The crucified Jesus.
 - h. left Jesus when He took the sins of the world.
 - i. The watched Jesus being crucified.
 - j. The saw Jesus as the Son of God.
 - k. buried Jesus.

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