

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Gospel of Mark is believed to be the first Gospel that was written. It is the shortest, has the fewest sayings, and has a real sense of “immediacy” to it. The word “immediately” appears throughout the book, setting the tone that a decision for Christ is not something to be put off. I hope that you enjoy this study of the Gospel of Mark.

Right off the bat, who does Mark tell you that Jesus really is? (Mark 1:1)

What does the “voice crying in the wilderness” cry? (Mark 1:3)

Who does this voice belong to? (Mark 1:4)

Where do the people go to meet John the Baptist, confess their sins, and be baptized? (Mark 1:5)

How is John the Baptist described? (Mark 1:6) (Compare with Elijah in 2 Kings 1:8)

John says that he baptizes with water, but what will the one who comes after him baptize with? (Mark 1:8)

Who comes to be baptized by John in the Jordan River? (Mark 1:9)

What does the voice from heaven proclaim, as the Spirit falls like a dove upon this man? (Mark 1:11)

What happens “immediately” after Jesus’ baptism? (Mark 1:12-13)

Who is arrested before Jesus comes to Galilee to preach? (Mark 1:14)

What is Jesus’ message of Good News? (Mark 1:15) (The word “Gospel” means “good news.”)

Who are the first two disciples that Jesus calls? (Mark 1:16)

What is their occupation? (Mark 1:16)

What is Jesus' two-word request for them to do? (Mark 1:17)

Who are the next two disciples that He calls? (Mark 1:19)

What is their occupation? (Mark 1:19)

Who might not have appreciated their getting right up and leaving? (Mark 1:20)
(FYI: Isn't it interesting that the first two sets of disciples who are called are brothers.)

What is the name of the town, on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus begins to teach?
(Mark 1:21)

(FYI: This town becomes Jesus' headquarters for the three years of his ministry.)

Why are the people astonished at Jesus' teaching? (Mark 1:22)

Who is Jesus' first confrontation with? This is a test or sign of His power. (Mark 1:23)

Who does this evil spirit say that Jesus is? (Mark 1:24)

What happens to the evil spirit in this confrontation with the Son of God? (Mark 1:26)

What happens as a result of this healing? (Mark 1:28)

Who is the next person that Jesus heals? (Mark 1:30)

What does this tell us about Simon Peter?

When this woman is healed, what does she then do? (Mark 1:31)

At what time of day do people begin to seek Jesus? (Mark 1:32)
Why do you think they waited until this time?

Who gathers around the door of the house where Jesus stays? (Mark 1:32-33)

In Mark 1:34, Jesus commands the evil spirits not to tell anyone who He is. There are a number of instances of this in Mark's gospel or of times when He heals somebody and He tells that person not to tell anybody about it. Usually, they do anyhow! But, the point is, this is a theme in Mark's gospel, and it is known as "The Messianic Secret." Now, if I just knew what it meant.....

What does Jesus do, early in the morning? (Mark 1:35)

If Jesus needed to do this, how much more do you and I need to do?

The new disciples are frantic, searching for Jesus, not knowing where He has gone. The whole town wants to see Jesus. What does Jesus tell the disciples their mission is now? (Mark 1:38) Why might this be?

Who comes to Jesus next, asking to be cured? (Mark 1:40)

What are his words to Jesus? (Mark 1:40)

The Bible says that Jesus is filled with pity (or some versions say anger!) and He then heals the man. Jesus tells him to go and be ritually cleansed and to tell no one what happened (that Secret again) but instead, what does the man do? (Mark 1:45)

Why does Jesus have to stay in the country? (Mark 1:45)

Who do four men bring to Jesus, hoping Jesus will cure him? (Mark 2:3)

How do they get past the crowd, to be close to Jesus? (Mark 2:4)

What does Jesus say to the man, on account of the faith of his friends? (Mark 2:5)

Who objects to Jesus' saying this? (Mark 2:6)

What does Jesus then do to show that He has the power of God, even to forgive sins? (Mark 2:10-12)

Who is the next disciple that is called by Jesus? (Mark 2:14)

What are Jesus' words to him? (Mark 2:14)

When He is questioned for eating with this great sinner, what are Jesus' words in response? (Mark 2:17)

How does Jesus explain His new style of ministry? (Mark 2:22)

Who is Lord of the Sabbath? (Mark 2:28)

What is wrong with the man in Mark 3:1?

What day of the week is it? (Mark 3:2)

How does it make Jesus feel when the scribes and Pharisees won't give Him a caring answer? (Mark 3:5)

After Jesus heals the man, what do the Pharisees and the Herodians (politicians loyal to King Herod) decide to do about Jesus? (Mark 3:6)

Where do all the people come from, who want to see Jesus? (Mark 3:8)

What does Jesus have to climb aboard because of the crush of the people? (Mark 3:9)

Jesus heals many in the crowd. What do the unclean spirits say when they see Jesus? (Mark 3:11)

What does Jesus tell the unclean spirits? (Mark 3:12)

Jesus goes up on the mountain, and chooses the Twelve. Who are the Twelve disciples, according to Mark 3:16-19?

(FYI: Isn't it interesting that Jesus even chooses the person who will betray Him? Can you imagine the thoughts that must have been going through Jesus' head as he does this?)

Where does Jesus go now? (Mark 3:19b)

What can't Jesus and the disciples do, because there are so many people there? (Mark 3:20)

Jesus' family comes looking for Him. Why? (Mark 3:21)

The Pharisees condemn Jesus, but He gives them a well-known response. What is it? (Mark 3:24) (FYI: Abraham Lincoln used these exact words to describe America at the time of the Civil War).

What is the one sin that cannot be forgiven? (Mark 3:29)

Why does Jesus say this? (Mark 3:30)

What does Jesus say when He is told that His mother and brothers (and maybe his sisters) are standing outside? (Mark 3:33-35)

If you were Mary, how would you feel at his answer? Be careful ... think about it a little while! Could there be several feelings that Mary might have?

What type of teaching style does Jesus use in order to teach the crowds? (Mark 4:2)

In the parable of the sower, what does the seed represent? (Mark 4:14)

What happens to those who hear the Word, and accept it? (Mark 4:20)

There is a phrase that Jesus often uses to get His listeners to really listen. What is it? (Mark 4:23)

Jesus tells a number of parables that teach about the Kingdom of God. One of the most famous of these parables is found in Mark 4:31. With what does Jesus compare the Kingdom of God in this passage?

The disciples often do not understand the purpose of the parables. What does Jesus do to help them? (Mark 4:34)

As Jesus and the disciples, and other boats, crossed the Sea of Galilee a storm comes up. What is Jesus doing when the storm gets fierce? (Mark 4:38)

What question do the disciples ask Jesus? It is one that we might also ask when the storms of life assail us? (Mark 4:38b)

Jesus calms the storm with a Word. What are His two questions to the disciples after He does this? (Mark 4:40)

What is the country that Jesus comes to when they go to the other side of the sea? (Mark 5:1)

A man comes out to meet Jesus. Where does this man live? (Mark 5:3)

Is this man weak or strong? (Mark 5:3-4)

What is this man's name, and why is it his name? (Mark 5:9)

When Jesus casts out the unclean spirits, where does He send them? (Mark 5:12-13)

Who goes off to tell everybody in the city, and in the country, what has just happened? (Mark 5:14)

Thought-Provoker: Do you think these witnesses were happy or upset?

When the crowds begin to gather, what do they find? (Mark 5:15)

What is the crowd's response? (Mark 5:15-16)

The man whom Jesus cured begs to follow Jesus, but what does Jesus say? (Mark 5:19) (This is one of the few instances where the Secret is let out!)

What is the name of the region that the man then goes to, proclaiming the Good News about Jesus? (Mark 5:20)

A leader of a synagogue is the next man who comes to Jesus. What is his name? (Mark 5:22)

What is his plea? (Mark 5:23)

Does Jesus go with him? (Mark 5:24)

As they are walking, who comes up and "touches" Jesus? (Mark 5:25-27)

What does she believe, that leads her to touch Jesus? (Mark 5:28)

Is she healed? (Mark 5:29)

Why does Jesus feel that someone has touched Him with faith? (Mark 5:30)

While Jesus is still talking with the woman, what news is brought to Him? (Mark 5:35)

What are Jesus' words in response? (Mark 5:36)

Jesus only allows three disciples to go into the house with Him. Who are they? (Mark 5:37)

When Jesus tells the crowd that the girl is not dead, what do they do? (Mark 5:40)

Jesus takes the three disciples, and who else, into the girl's room? (Mark 5:40)

What words does Jesus say to the girl, and what do the words mean? (Mark 5:41)

What happens after Jesus says these words? (Mark 5:42)

How old is the girl? (Mark 5:42)

What does Jesus order? (Mark 5:43)

What special place did Jesus go to now? (Mark 6:1)

What occupation does the crowd ascribe to Jesus? (Mark 6:3)

What are the names of Jesus' brothers? (Mark 6:3)

Do the people believe in Him, or dismiss Him? (Mark 6:3)

What famous words does Jesus say, in response to the people? (Mark 6:4)

What can't Jesus do there? (Mark 6:5)

How does Jesus send out the Twelve? (Mark 6:7)

What do they accomplish? (Mark 6:12-13)

Who does Herod think that Jesus was? (Mark 6:16)

Why has John been preaching against Herod? (Mark 6:17-18)

Does Herod want to kill John, or is it his wife's goal? (Mark 6:19-20)

When his stepdaughter dances in front of him, what does Herod promise her? (Mark 6:23)

What, then, after consulting with her mother, does she ask for? (Mark 6:24)

What do John's disciples do when they hear of his death? (Mark 6:29)

What does Jesus suggest to his disciples when they return from their work? (Mark 6:31)

The crowds always follow Jesus, however, and when He looks at them, how does He feel? (Mark 6:34)

What does Jesus do for the crowds? (Mark 6:34)

As the day gets late, what do the disciples tell Jesus to do with the crowd? (Mark 6:36)

What does Jesus say to His disciples? (Mark 6:37)

How much food do the disciples have? (Mark 6:38-39)

What does Jesus do with the food, before giving it to the people? (Mark 6:41)

After everyone has eaten of the food, how much is left over? (Mark 6:42)

How many have eaten? (Mark 6:44)

Jesus sends the disciples off in their boat while He does something. What things does He do? (Mark 6:46-47)

When a strong wind makes the rowing hard for the disciples, what does Jesus do? (Mark 6:48)

Is He intending to stop and help them? (Mark 6:48)

When they see him, they think He is a ghost, that He has died, and they cry out! What does Jesus say to them? (Mark 6:50)

When He gets into the boat with them, what happens to the wind? (Mark 6:51)

What don't the disciples understand? (Mark 6:52)

What happens to their hearts? (Mark 6:52)

Where does the boat put to shore? (Mark 6:53)

People bring the sick to Him, from all over the region. What do they beg of Jesus? (Mark 6:56)

What happens to all of them, unlike the people of Nazareth? (Mark 6:56)

What ritual practice have the disciples forgotten to do? (Mark 7:2)

From the way Mark writes, in Mark 7:3, do you think his original Gospel was sent to Jews or to Greeks?

Who does Jesus quote when He rebukes the Pharisees? (Mark 7:6)

What does He say they do? (Mark 7:8)

Which is more harmful: the things that go into a person's mouth, or the things that come out of a person's heart? (Mark 7:15)

What does Mark 7:16 say?

Where does Jesus go, in Mark 7:24?

Jesus wants to stay hidden while He was there, but someone finds Him. Who, and why? (Mark 7:26)

What is Jesus' response to her pleading? (Mark 7:27)

What is her response? (Mark 7:28)

Next, Jesus heals a deaf man. What word does Jesus say to him, to heal him? (Mark 7:34)

When Jesus tells him not to tell anybody, what does the healed man do? (Mark 7:36)

Mark 8:1-10 repeats a miracle story. What does Jesus do here?

Immediately after this, what do the Pharisees ask Jesus for? (Mark 8:11)

What does Jesus do, inwardly, as He hears their question? (Mark 8:12)

What do the disciples forget to bring with them? (Mark 8:14)

Well, they did have one thing ... what is it? (Mark 8:14)

What does Jesus warn the disciples about? (Mark 8:15)

What do the disciples think He is talking about? (Mark 8:16)

What does Jesus have to remind them of, and why? (Mark 8:17-21)