

The Gospel of Mark

A Peace ~ Love ~ Pray Ministry Bible Study

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45 (ESV)*

How This Study Works

Each lesson in this study is built around one chapter of Mark's Gospel. Before each session, you will **read the entire chapter** from your Bible. Taking time to read God's Word for yourself is essential—this study is not meant to replace Scripture but to help you understand and apply it to your life.

As you read, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to what God wants to reveal to you through His Word.

What Each Lesson Includes

Chapter Reading: You will read the full chapter being studied, allowing Scripture to speak for itself before diving into discussion.

Chapter Summary: A brief overview of the key events, teachings, and themes within the chapter to help orient your study.

Discussion Questions: Thoughtful questions designed to help you dig deeper into the text, examine its meaning, and consider how it applies to your life. These questions work well for personal reflection or group discussion.

Disciple Focus: A practical application section that highlights a key discipleship principle from the chapter. This feature helps you move from simply knowing God's Word to actively living it out as a follower of Jesus.

Let's follow the Servant King together.

"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." — Mark 9:35



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Chapter 1 - The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

Summary

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus, calling people to repentance. Jesus is baptized and begins His ministry, calling His first disciples. He teaches with authority, drives out demons, and heals the sick, showing His power and compassion.

Study Questions

1. Why do you think John's message of repentance was so important?
2. How did Jesus demonstrate His authority early in His ministry?
3. What can we learn from the way Jesus called His first disciples?

Discipleship Application

- Start your spiritual journey with repentance—turning toward God daily.
 - Trust Jesus' authority over every area of your life.
 - Respond quickly when Jesus calls you to follow Him.
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Mark 2 — Jesus Heals and Forgives

Summary

Jesus heals a paralyzed man and forgives his sins, showing that He has authority over both sickness and sin. He calls Levi, a tax collector, to follow Him. Jesus teaches that His mission is to call sinners, not the self-righteous.

Study Questions

1. Why was it important that Jesus forgave sins as well as healed the man?
2. What does Jesus' call to Levi teach about His heart for people?
3. How do Jesus' actions challenge our ideas about who is welcome in God's kingdom?

Discipleship Application

- Believe in Jesus' power to forgive and restore.
- Follow Him even when it goes against social norms.
- Show God's love to those often overlooked or rejected.



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Mark 3 — Authority, Opposition, and Choosing Disciples

Summary

Jesus heals on the Sabbath, angering religious leaders. He appoints the twelve apostles to share His mission. Jesus teaches that true family is those who do God's will. His authority is challenged, yet He continues His work with clarity of purpose.

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus demonstrate that mercy and love are more important than rules?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose the twelve apostles?
3. What does it mean that doing God's will makes someone part of Jesus' "family"?

Discipleship Application

- Practice mercy over legalism in daily life.
 - Be intentional about relationships that help you grow spiritually.
 - Prioritize obedience to God as the foundation of spiritual family.
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Mark 4 — Parables and the Power of God's Word

Summary

Jesus teaches in parables, including the sower, the lamp, and the growing seed. These stories show how God's word transforms lives and spreads His kingdom, and how faith can grow even in small beginnings.

Study Questions

1. Which parable speaks to you most, and why?
2. What does Jesus teach about responding to God's Word?
3. How can faith grow even in challenging circumstances?

Discipleship Application

- Listen carefully to God's Word and apply it in daily life.
- Let small acts of faith grow over time.
- Trust God to multiply your efforts for His kingdom.

Closing Prayer for Mark 1–4

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for revealing Jesus' authority, mercy, and power in these chapters.

Help us to repent daily, trust in His call, and grow in faith.

Teach us to share His love, obey His Word, and follow Him faithfully.

Amen.



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Bible Study: Gospel of Mark (Chapters 5–8)

Mark 5 — Jesus' Power Over Evil, Sickness, and Death

Summary

Jesus heals a man possessed by many demons, restores a woman suffering from bleeding, and raises a young girl from the dead. His miracles reveal His authority over spiritual, physical, and even death itself, showing His compassion and power.

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' authority over demons teach us about His power in our lives?
2. How does the woman's persistent faith inspire your trust in Jesus?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus raises a girl from the dead?

Discipleship Application

- Trust Jesus' power over every area of your life—spiritual, physical, and emotional.
 - Approach Him with persistent faith, no matter how hopeless things seem.
 - Believe in the impossible—Jesus can bring life and hope in dead situations.
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Mark 6 — Sending Out the Twelve & Feeding the 5,000

Summary

Jesus sends out the twelve apostles to preach and heal, giving them authority. He feeds 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, demonstrating God's provision. He walks on water, showing His power over nature.

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to be sent by Jesus with His authority?
2. How does the feeding of the 5,000 show God's care and provision?
3. What can we learn from Jesus walking on water about trusting Him in storms?

Discipleship Application

- Step out in obedience and faith when Jesus sends you to serve.
- Trust God to provide abundantly, even when resources seem small.
- Keep your eyes on Jesus during life's storms, not on the problems.



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Mark 7 — True Purity Comes from the Heart

Summary

Jesus challenges religious traditions, teaching that inner purity matters more than external rituals. He heals a deaf and mute man and explains that God's Word and compassion transform hearts and lives.

Study Questions

1. Why does Jesus emphasize heart purity over outward rituals?
2. How does His healing of the deaf and mute man reflect His compassion?
3. What does this chapter teach about God's Word and spiritual transformation?

Discipleship Application

- Examine your heart regularly and seek inner transformation.
- Show compassion as Jesus does—healing and helping others.
- Apply God's Word in life, not just know it intellectually.

Mark 8 — Faith, Confession, and Following Jesus

Summary

Jesus feeds 4,000 people, heals a blind man, and warns His disciples about the yeast of the Pharisees. Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus begins teaching about His suffering, death, and the cost of discipleship.

Study Questions

1. How does Peter's confession encourage your faith in Jesus?
2. What does Jesus mean when He talks about taking up the cross?
3. How does feeding the 4,000 show both compassion and provision?

Discipleship Application

- Affirm your faith in Jesus openly, like Peter.
- Embrace the cost of discipleship, following Him with dedication.
- Trust Jesus to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Closing Prayer for Mark 5–8

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for showing Your power, compassion, and authority in these chapters.

Help us to walk by faith, trust Your provision, and follow You fully.

Teach us to have hearts transformed by Your Word, persistent faith, and courage to step into the mission You call us to.

Amen.



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Bible Study: Gospel of Mark (Chapters 9–12)

Mark 9 — The Transfiguration, Faith, and Humility

Summary

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John, showing His glory. He heals a boy possessed by a spirit after the disciples could not, teaching about faith and prayer. Jesus also teaches about humility, warning against causing others to stumble.

Study Questions

1. What does the Transfiguration reveal about who Jesus truly is?
2. Why were the disciples unable to heal the boy, and what does this teach about faith?
3. How does Jesus define greatness and humility in the kingdom?

Discipleship Application

- Fix your eyes on Jesus' glory to strengthen your faith.
 - Pray and rely on God's power for spiritual victories.
 - Choose humility and serve others, avoiding pride and selfish ambition.
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Mark 10 — Marriage, Wealth, and Following Jesus

Summary

Jesus teaches about God's design for marriage and welcomes little children, saying the kingdom belongs to them. He warns a rich man about trusting wealth instead of God and calls disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' teaching on children reveal about the heart God desires?
2. Why did the rich man struggle to follow Jesus?
3. What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus today?

Discipleship Application

- Approach God with childlike trust and humility.
- Surrender anything that competes with Jesus for your heart.
- Live sacrificially, following Jesus daily.



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Mark 11 — The Triumphal Entry & Authority

Summary

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling prophecy. He cleanses the temple, demonstrating His authority over religious practices, and teaches about faith, prayer, and bearing spiritual fruit.

Study Questions

1. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a donkey, and what does it signify?
2. What does the cleansing of the temple teach about worship and priorities?
3. How does Jesus teach us to pray in faith?

Discipleship Application

- Welcome Jesus as King in all areas of your life.
 - Keep your heart and life pure in worship.
 - Pray boldly, trusting God to answer according to His will.
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Mark 12 — Loving God and Neighbor

Summary

Jesus teaches with authority, answering questions about paying taxes, resurrection, and the greatest commandment: love God and love your neighbor. He warns against hypocrisy and commends a widow's generous offering.

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus teach about loving God and others?
2. How does the widow's offering challenge your view of generosity?
3. Why does Jesus warn against hypocrisy, and how can we avoid it?

Discipleship Application

- Make love for God and others the foundation of your life.
- Give generously, trusting God to provide.
- Practice sincere faith and humility, avoiding outward show.

Closing Prayer for Mark 9–12

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for revealing Jesus' glory, authority, and teaching on faith, humility, and love.

Help us to trust You fully, pray boldly, follow Jesus sacrificially, and live with hearts devoted to You.

May our lives reflect Your love, generosity, and faithfulness to Your kingdom.

Amen.



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Bible Study: Gospel of Mark (Chapters 13–16)

Mark 13 — Jesus Teaches About the End Times

Summary

Jesus warns His disciples about future trials, deception, persecution, and the coming of the Son of Man. He encourages believers to stay alert, be watchful, and remain faithful, emphasizing readiness and perseverance.

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus teach about staying watchful and alert?
2. How should believers respond during times of deception or persecution?
3. Why is Jesus' teaching about His return meant to encourage faithfulness, not fear?

Discipleship Application

- Stay spiritually awake through prayer, Scripture, and discernment.
 - Persevere through trials, trusting Jesus' presence and protection.
 - Live with readiness and hope for His return.
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Mark 14 — Betrayal, Surrender, and the Lord's Supper

Summary

Jesus is anointed by a woman, symbolizing His honor and sacrifice. He celebrates the Last Supper with His disciples, predicts His betrayal, and prays in Gethsemane, surrendering to the Father's will. Judas betrays Him, and He is arrested.

Study Questions

1. What does the woman's act of anointing Jesus teach about worship and devotion?
2. What does Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane reveal about surrendering to God's will?
3. How do Peter's denials teach us about reliance on God's strength?

Discipleship Application

- Worship Jesus with your best and a heart of devotion.
- Practice surrender and obedience in challenging moments.
- Depend on the Spirit rather than your own strength in times of trial.



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Mark 15 — The Crucifixion of Jesus

Summary

Jesus is tried, mocked, beaten, and crucified. His death fulfills God's plan of salvation. The temple curtain tears, symbolizing restored access to God, and Jesus is buried in a sealed tomb.

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' suffering and silence reflect His purpose?
2. Why is the tearing of the temple curtain significant for believers?
3. How does the crucifixion show God's love for humanity?

Discipleship Application

- Remember the cost of your salvation and live with gratitude.
 - Walk confidently in the freedom Jesus purchased.
 - Carry your cross daily, following Jesus with humility and courage.
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Mark 16 — The Resurrection and the Great Commission

Summary

Jesus rises from the dead. An angel announces, "He is not here; He is risen!" Jesus appears to His disciples, commissions them to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, and promises His presence always.

Study Questions

1. Why is the resurrection the foundation of our faith?
2. How does Jesus appearing to the disciples strengthen their mission?
3. What does the Great Commission mean for your daily life and witness?

Discipleship Application

- Live with resurrection hope, trusting Jesus' victory over death.
 - Share the Good News boldly, pointing others to Christ.
 - Walk in His presence daily, empowered for discipleship and service.
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Closing Prayer for Mark 13–16

Risen Lord,

Thank You for Your sacrifice, resurrection, and the hope You bring.

Help us to remain faithful, watchful, and obedient as we follow You.

Empower us to share Your love, trust Your power, and live with the joy and hope of Your resurrection every day.

Amen.



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