

Workbook On The Gospel Of Mark



Sunrise on the Sea of Galilee

“Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.’” (Mark 1:14–15)

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I. THE PREPARATION (1:2–13)

A. The Forerunner (1:2–8)

1. Mark 1:2–3 is a quotation from what Old Testament prophet?
2. Where is the “wilderness” where John was preaching? Can you connect this area with any Old Testament prophet? (Mark 1:4)
3. What is the significance of John’s unusual clothing? (Mark 1:6)
4. How would the Messiah baptize with the Holy Spirit? (Mark 1:8)

B. The Baptism (1:9–11)

1. Why was Jesus baptized? (Mark 1:9)
2. How does the baptism of Christ prove the existence of the Trinity?

C. The Temptation (1:12–13)

1. Why did the Spirit lead Christ into the wilderness?

2. What role did angels serve after our Lord's temptations?

II. THE OPENING MINISTRY: CREDENTIALS (1:14–5:43)

A. Introduction: Works (1:14–2:12)

1. What did Jesus mean when He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand"? (Mark 1:15)
2. Why did Jesus choose common fishermen as His early ambassadors? (Mark 1:17)
3. What happened at the synagogue in Capernaum? (Mark 1:21–28)
4. Which one of the apostles lived in Capernaum? (Mark 1:29)
5. Why did Jesus leave Capernaum and go to "a solitary place"? (Mark 1:35)
6. Why did Jesus tell the leper He had healed to "say nothing to anyone" about his healing? (Mark 1:43–44). Did this leper obey the command of Jesus?
7. How did Jesus prove that He had the authority to forgive sins? (Mark 2:1–12)

B. Continuation in Galilee: Teaching (2:13–4:34)

1. What happened at Levi's house? (Mark 2:13–16)
2. How did Jesus respond to His critics at Levi's house? (Mark 2:17)
2. Why did the disciples of John fast? Should Christians fast today? (Mark 2:18)
3. Did Jesus violate any command of God when He plucked the heads of grains on the Sabbath day? (Mark 2:23–28)
4. Did Jesus violate Jewish tradition or the law of God by healing a man in the synagogue on the Sabbath day? (Mark 3:1–6)
5. How did "unclean spirits" react to Jesus? (Mark 3:7–12)
6. What special powers did Christ give to the apostles? (Mark 3:13–19)
7. Why did some people think that Jesus was "out of His mind"? (Mark 3:21)
8. Who or what is Beelzebub? (Mark 3:22)

9. How did Christ respond to those who said, “He has Beelzebub”? (Mark 3:22–27)

10. What is “blasphemy” against the Holy Spirit? (Mark 3:28–30)

11. Was Jesus disrespectful to His mother? (Mark 3:31–35)

12. What is the meaning of the parable of the sower? (Mark 4:1–9, 13–20)

13. Why did Jesus teach in parables? (Mark 4:10–12)

14. What point was the Lord trying to make when He told about the man scattering seed on the ground? (Mark 4:26–29)

15. What are we to learn from the parable of the mustard seed? (Mark 4:30–32)

C. Further Ministry: Authority (4:35–5:43)

1. How did Jesus exercise authority over nature? (Mark 4:35–41)

2. What is an “unclean spirit”? (Mark 5:1–5)

3. How did the “unclean spirit” react to Jesus? What did he request? (Mark 5:6–17)

4. Why did Jesus not allow the man who had the “unclean spirit “ to accompany Him back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee? (Mark 5:18–20)

5. What is a “ruler of the synagogue”? (Mark 5:22)

6. On the way to the home of Jairus a woman touched the garment of Christ. How did Jesus respond to this event? (Mark 5:25–34)

7. What did Jesus say to the mourners at the house of Jairus? (Mark 5:36–39)

8. What was so startling about Jesus touching the hand of the little girl? (Mark 5:40–43)

III. THE FULL MINISTRY: CONFLICT (6:1–8:26)

A. Unbelief (6:1–6)

1. Where was Jesus teaching on the Sabbath? (Mark 6:1–3)

2. Why did Jesus only heal a few people in this area? (Mark 6:4–6)

3. What villages would be in the “circuit” that Christ travelled? (Mark 6:6)

B. Political Danger (6:7–29)

1. How did Christ send out the twelve? (Mark 6:7–9)

2. What warning did Christ give the twelve concerning their mission? (Mark 6:10–11)

3. Why did King Herod think that John the Baptist had returned? (Mark 6:14–16)

4. Why had King Herod put John to death? (Mark 6:17–18)

5. Describe how John the Baptist met his death. (Mark 6:19–29)

C. Popular Acclaim (6:30–56)

1. Why did Jesus and the apostles go to “a deserted place”? (Mark 6:30–32)

2. How did Jesus demonstrate His compassion? (Mark 6:33–44)

3. What made it difficult for Jesus to be alone and pray? (Mark 6:45–56)

D. Traditionalism (7:1–23)

1. What Jewish custom did Mark explain to his readers? (Mark 7:1–4)
2. What did the Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus and His disciples of? (Mark 7:5)
3. How did Jesus respond to their accusation? (Mark 7:6–23)

E. Sensationalism (7:24–8:26)

1. Why did Jesus go to the region of Tyre and Sidon? (Mark 7:24)
2. What did Jesus do for the Syro-Phoenician woman? (Mark 7:25–30)
3. What happened when Jesus commanded the crowds to keep one of His miracles quiet? (Mark 7:31–37)
4. How did Jesus demonstrate His compassion? (Mark 8:1–10)
5. Where is the “region of Dalmanutha”? (Mark 8:10)
6. What did the Pharisees ask of Christ? Why was this so strange? (Mark 8:11–12)

7. What is the “leaven of the Pharisees”? (Mark 8:13–21)

8. Describe the healing of the blind man at Bethsaida. (Mark 8:22–26)

IV. THE CLOSING MINISTRY: CHALLENGE (8:27–10:31)

A. Revelation to Disciples (8:27–9:50)

1. What great event happened at Caesarea Philippi? (Mark 8:27–30)

2. After leaving Caesarea Philippi, what did Christ tell His apostles? (Mark 8:31–33)

3. What sacrifices must one be willing to make for the cause of Christ? (Mark 8:34–38)

4. What does Mark 9:1 teach us about the kingdom of Christ?

5. What happened to Christ on the “high mountain”? (Mark 9:2–10)

6. What question did the apostles have about Elijah? (Mark 9:11–13)

7. Why did the apostles fail in their attempt to perform a miracle? (Mark 9:14–29)

8. What had the disciples been discussing on the road? (Mark 9:33–37)

9. What problem did John present unto Christ? (Mark 9:38–41)

10. What warning did Christ give His followers? (Mark 9:42–50)

B. Challenge to Public (10:1–31)

1. What question did the Pharisees present to Christ? (Mark 10:1–12) Where is this conversation recorded in the other gospel accounts?

2. Why did the disciples rebuke some of the people? (Mark 10:13–16)

3. Why is the man mentioned in Mark 10:17–22 often called the “rich young ruler”?

4. What instruction did Jesus give concerning money? (Mark 10:23–31)

V. THE LAST JOURNEY: CROSS (10:32–13:37)

A. Teaching the Disciples (10:32–45)

1. Why were the apostle confused about the behavior of Christ? (Mark 10:34)

2. What request did James and John make of Christ? (Mark 10:35–40)

3. How did the other apostles react to the request of James and John? (Mark 10:41–45)

B. Healing the Sick (10:46–52)

1. What request did Bartimaeus make of Christ? (Mark 10:46–47)

2. What did the crowd want Bartimaeus to do? (Mark 10:48)

3. What did Bartimaeus do after speaking with Jesus? (Mark 10:49–52)

C. Triumphal Entry (11:1–11)

1. What mission did Jesus send two of His disciples on? (Mark 11:1–3)

2. What is the significance of Christ entering Jerusalem the way He did? (Mark 11:4–11)

D. Ministry in Jerusalem (11:12–12:44)

1. Why did Jesus curse the barren fig tree? (Mark 11:12–14)

2. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple? How did the scribes and chief priests react to what Jesus had done? (Mark 11:15–17)

3. What lesson did Jesus teach at the fig tree? (Mark 11:20–26)

4. What question did the chief priests and scribes ask of Christ? (Mark 11:27–28)

5. Why could the chief priests not answer our Lord's question? (Mark 11:29–33)

6. What is the meaning of the parable of the vineyard? (Mark 12:1–12)

7. What question did the Pharisees and Herodians ask Jesus? (Mark 12:13–17)

8. What dilemma did the Sadducees present to Christ? (Mark 12:18–27)

9. What question did one of the scribes ask of Jesus? (Mark 12:28–34)

10. What question did Jesus ask in the temple? (Mark 12:35–37)

11. What warning did Jesus make concerning the scribes? (Mark 12:38–40)

12. What lesson are we to learn from the poor widow? (Mark 12:41–44)

E. Apocalyptic Prediction (13:1–37)

1. What did Jesus say was going to happen to the temple? (Mark 13:1–2)

2. What question did the apostles have about the temple? (Mark 13:3–4)

3. Describe the conditions prior to the destruction of the temple. (Mark 13:5–8)

4. How would the apostles be treated during this period of time? (Mark 13:9–13)

5. What is the “abomination of desolation”? (Mark 13:14–20)

6. What warning did Christ give His disciples? (Mark 13:21–23)

7. What is described in Mark 13:24–27?

8. What are we to learn from the fig tree? (Mark 13:28–31)

9. What “day” is described in Mark 13:32–37?

VI. THE PASSION: CATASTROPHE (14:1–15:47)

A. The Plot (14:1–2, 10–11)

1. Why didn’t the Jewish leaders want to arrest Christ during Passover? (Mark 14:1–2)

2. Why did Judas betray Christ? (Mark 14:10–11)

B. The Interlude at Bethany (14:3–9)

1. What is spikenard? How much was it worth? (Mark 14:3–5)

2. Why did a woman pour a flask of spikenard of Jesus? (Mark 14:6–8)

3. Why was this story to be repeated throughout the whole world? (Mark 14:9)

C. The Last Supper (14:12–26)

1. What would one have to do to prepare for the Passover? (Mark 14:12–16)

2. What startling revelation did Christ give at the Last Supper? (Mark 14:17–18)
3. How did the apostles react to our Lord’s statement? (Mark 14:19–21)
4. What memorial did Christ institute during His Last Supper? (Mark 14:22–25)
5. Why did Jesus go to the Mount of Olives? (Mark 14:26)

D. Gethsemane (14:27–52)

1. Why would the apostles be “made to stumble” because of Jesus? (Mark 14:27–28)
2. How did Peter react to this statement by Jesus? Was Peter the only apostle who felt this way? (Mark 14:29–31)
3. What did Jesus pray for in Gethsemane? (Mark 14:32–42)
4. Who accompanied Judas to Gethsemane? Why were they there? (Mark 14:43–49)
5. What did the apostles do when Jesus was arrested? Why? (Mark 14:50)

6. Who was the “young man” mentioned in Mark 14:51–52?

E. The Trial Before Caiaphas (14:53–65)

1. Why was Jesus brought before the high priest? Where was Peter? (Mark 14:53–54)

2. Describe what happened as Jesus was before the Jewish council (Mark 14:55–65).

F. The Denial by Peter (14:66–72)

1. What happened while Peter was in the courtyard? (Mark 14:66–71)

2. What is the significance of the rooster crowing? (Mark 14:72)

G. The Hearing Before Pilate (15:1–20)

1. Why did the Jewish council take Jesus to Pilate? (Mark 15:1–2)

2. How did Jesus react while men were accusing Him “of many things” (Mark 14:3–5)

3. Why was Barabbas released and Jesus condemned? (Mark 15:6–15)

4. What happened to Jesus in the Praetorium? (Mark 15:16–20)

H. The Crucifixion (15:21–41)

1. What horrible task was Simon of Cyrene given (Mark 15:21–22)

2. Why didn't Jesus drink what was offered to Him? (Mark 15:23)

3. What do we know about a Roman crucifixion in general? (Mark 15:24–26)

4. Why was Christ crucified between two thieves? (Mark 15:27–28)

5. What were people saying as Christ was on the Cross? (Mark 15:29–32)

6. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani"? (Mark 15:33–36)

7. What happened as Jesus drew His last breath? (Mark 15:37–39)

8. Who witnessed the death of Jesus "from afar"? (Mark 15:40–41)

I. The Burial (15:42–47)

1. What did Joseph of Arimathea do for Jesus? (Mark 15:42–46)
2. Who observed the actions of Joseph of Arimathea? (Mark 15:47)

VII. THE RESURRECTION (16:1–20)

A. Commencement (16:1–8)

1. Why did women bring spices to the tomb of Christ? (Mark 16:1–2)
2. What problem had these women anticipated at the tomb? (Mark 16:3)
3. Who did the women see at the tomb? (Mark 16:4–5)
4. What did this visitor tell the women? (Mark 16:6–7)
5. How did the women react to this message? (Mark 16:8)

B. Postscript (16:9–20)

1. Who was the first eyewitness of the resurrection of Jesus? (Mark 16:9–11)

2. Who were the disciples that Jesus appeared to? (Mark 16:12–13; cf. Luke 24:13–35)

3. What commission did Jesus give His apostles? (Mark 16:14–16)

4. What signs were to follow the apostles? (Mark 16:17–18)

5. What happened after Christ gave this commission? (Mark 16:19–20)

New Testament Palestine

Cities Mentioned in the Gospel of Mark

