

BOOK OF MARK STUDY SERIES

Recommended Class Procedure

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1. Distribute copies of Review Questions to students, one sheet at a time. See that students have blank paper on which to write answers.
2. Read aloud the introductory information.
3. Begin reading orally the text, pausing every few verses to discuss the questions pertaining to the verses just read.
4. Encourage students to write answers to questions and keep the material in a loose-leaf binder for future study.
5. Encourage class discussion of material being studied.

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Lesson 1

About the Author: Mark is also known as John Mark. His mother's name was Mary. Her home was in Jerusalem and was a meeting place of disciples. Mark was a cousin of Barnabas. It was to Mary's home that Peter fled when he was released from prison by an angel (Acts 12:12).

Acts 12 records that Mark began the first missionary with Paul and Barnabas, but turned back. Some 6 years later when Mark wanted to go on Paul's second journey, Paul refused, leading to a separation with Mark and Barnabas traveling together.

Paul and Mark later developed a closer relationship. Mark spends time with Paul in Rome (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24). Still later, Paul asked for Mark to come to him (II Timothy 4:11).

Early Christian tradition indicates that Mark spent time as a companion of Peter—and may have been a convert of Peter (I Peter 5:13). This gospel may well have been based on what Peter told Mark.

Each of the 4 gospels has its own distinctive character and emphasis. Mark's gospel emphasizes the power and deity of Jesus, dwelling more on what he *did* as opposed to what he *said*. In the book of Mark there is no mention of many of the discourses of Jesus.

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Lesson 1

Chapter 1

1. What prophet foretold the coming of John the Baptist? _____
2. John preached a baptism of _____ for the _____.
3. Describe John's clothing and diet. _____
4. What did John say about the one who was to follow him? _____
5. What 2 things happened when Jesus was baptized? _____
6. Jesus was led where? For how long? What happened? _____
7. What happened to John? _____
8. What was Jesus' basic message? _____
9. Who were the first 4 apostles chosen? What indicates urgency?

10. What about Jesus amazed the people? _____
11. What was the second thing to amaze the people?

12. What happened at the home of Simon and Andrew?

13. What did Jesus do while it was still dark?

14. In what specific places did Jesus go to teach? _____
15. What instructions did Jesus give to the man healed of leprosy?

Chapter 2

1. What happened at the home in Capernaum? _____
2. What bothered the teachers of the law? _____
3. How did Jesus prove his miraculous power? _____
4. Jesus called _____ who was a _____.
5. Why did the teachers of the law and Pharisees criticize Jesus? What did Jesus say in response?

6. How did Jesus explain his disciples' not fasting? _____
7. What Sabbath criticism was made by the Pharisees? What was Jesus' answer?

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Chapter 3

1. What event in the synagogue angered the Pharisees? What did they plot to do?

2. Why did Jesus get into a boat? _____
3. What orders did Jesus give to evil spirits? _____
4. What did Jesus do on the mountainside?

5. What were the reasons for choosing the 12?

6. Name the apostles.

7. What concerned Jesus' family? _____
8. What was the accusation by the teachers of the law? How did Jesus respond?

9. What did Jesus' mother and brothers do? How did Jesus respond?

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Lesson 2

Chapter 4

1. What were the 4 kinds of soils? _____
2. What seed did Jesus refer to? _____
3. What were the 4 results of the sowing? What is the main message?

4. What was the point about measurement? _____
5. What was the meaning of the mustard seed parable? _____
6. On the lake, what did Jesus scold the disciples about? _____

Chapter 5

1. Why was the demon-possessed man so strong? _____
2. What was the significance of the term "Legion"? _____
3. Why was Jesus begged to leave? _____
4. What did the healed man want to do? _____
5. Why did Jairus talk to Jesus? _____
6. Why was the sick woman frightened? What did Jesus tell her?

7. Why did the people laugh at Jesus? _____
8. How old was the little girl? _____

Chapter 6

1. How was Jesus received in his hometown? _____
2. What instructions were given to the twelve as they were sent out?

3. What was the result of this assignment? _____
4. What led to the beheading of John the Baptist? _____
5. Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were like what?

6. Jesus used _____ to feed how many? _____
7. What terrified the apostles? _____
8. What happened after they landed at Gennesaret?

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Lesson 3

Chapter 7

1. What were some traditions of the Pharisees?

2. In what ways had the Pharisees nullified the laws of God?

3. What did Jesus say makes a person unclean? What are some examples?

4. What did the Syrophenician woman want Jesus to do?

5. What was Jesus' point about "dogs"? _____
6. What did Jesus do in healing the deaf mute? _____
7. Why do you think Jesus told the people not to tell about the healing?

Chapter 8

1. Jesus fed about _____ men with 7 _____ and a few _____.
2. The Pharisees asked Jesus for what? Why does this seem curious?

3. What did Jesus tell his disciples to watch out for? What do you think he meant?

4. What was unusual about the healing of the blind man in Bethsaida?

5. Who were people saying that Jesus was? What did Peter say?

6. Why would Jesus not want his disciples to tell about him?

7. Why did Peter rebuke Jesus? What was Jesus' response?

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8. What are some hard requirements for those who choose to follow Jesus?

Chapter 9

1. When did Jesus' 9:1 promise come true? _____

2. Who did Jesus take to the mountain with him? What did they see?

3. What was Peter's proposal? What is the significance of God's response?

4. For how long were the men to keep these events secret?

5. To whom did "Elijah" refer? _____

6. What was unusual about the evil spirit in the boy brought to Jesus?

7. Why did Jesus want to keep his location secret? _____

8. What were the disciples afraid to ask Jesus about? _____

9. What were the disciples arguing about? How did Jesus respond?

10. What did Jesus say about a millstone? What did he say about salt? What was his point?

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Lesson 4

Chapter 10

1. What was God's plan for marriage?

2. What does God say about divorce and re-marriage? What exception is found in Matthew 19:8-9?

3. What did Jesus say about little children? _____
4. What was the problem of the rich young man? What is the lesson for us?

5. Why is it hard for rich people to enter the kingdom? _____
6. What is promised to those who fully devote themselves to following Jesus?

7. What did Jesus predict? _____
8. What did James and John request? How did Jesus respond?

9. How did the ten respond? What lesson did Jesus teach from this?

10. How did Bartimaeus' persistence pay off? _____

Chapter 11

1. Describe how Jesus made his triumphal entry.

2. What did the people shout? _____
3. What did Jesus do in the temple? What explanation did he give?

4. What might be the significance of the story about the fig tree?

5. What lesson did Jesus give about faith? About forgiveness?

6. What shrewd reply did Jesus make to the Jewish leaders?

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Chapter 12

1. What was the lesson in the parable about the vineyard?

2. Why were the Jewish leaders hesitant to arrest Jesus?

3. How did the Jewish leaders try to trap Jesus regarding taxes? How were they frustrated by Jesus' response?

4. What was the mistaken assumption of the Sadducees?

5. What are the 2 greatest commandments?

6. Jesus presented what puzzle about David?

7. What harsh things did Jesus say about the teachers of the law?

8. For what did Jesus praise the poor widow?

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Lesson 5

Chapter 13

1. What did Jesus predict about the temple? _____
2. What are some things that Jesus predicted would happen before his return?

3. What might be meant by the “abomination that causes desolation”?

4. What did Jesus warn the people not to believe? _____
5. What will the angels do? _____
6. Only who knows when Jesus will return? _____
7. What is the solemn warning to Jesus’ hearers?

Chapter 14

1. What did the chief priests want to do? What hindered them?

2. What happened at the house of Simon the Leper? What complaint was made? _____
3. What did Jesus say the woman had done? _____
4. How did Judas delight the chief priests? _____
5. What happened on the first day of the feast of unleavened bread?

6. Why did the disciples make a trip into the city? _____
7. What saddened the disciples? _____
8. What did Jesus say about the bread and the cup?

9. How did Jesus and Peter disagree?

10. What did Jesus pray in Gethsemane? _____
11. What was the disciples’ problem?

12. What was Judas’ signal? _____
13. What accusation was brought against Jesus?

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14. What led the high priest to rip his clothes?

15. What happened to Peter in the courtyard?

16. Why did Peter weep?

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Lesson 6

Chapter 15

1. What did Pilate ask Jesus?

2. Who was Barabbas? _____
3. What was a custom at the feast of Passover? _____
4. Why did Pilate decide to have Jesus crucified? _____
5. In what ways did the soldiers mock Jesus?

6. How was Simon of Cyrene involved?

7. At what place was Jesus crucified? _____
8. What did Jesus refuse to do? _____
9. What did the sign on the cross say?

10. How was Jesus insulted while on the cross?

11. Jesus was crucified at the ___ hour and was on the cross until the ___ hour.
12. What did Jesus say at the ninth hour? _____
13. What happened at the temple?

14. What did the centurion say? _____
15. What women were there? _____
16. What did Joseph of Arimathea do?

Chapter 16

1. What did two Marys and Salome do?

2. What did the young man tell the women?

3. To what different ones did Jesus appear? _____
4. Why did Jesus rebuke the eleven? _____

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5. Who did Jesus say would be saved? Is there any reason to change that today? _____

6. To whom do you suppose that verses 17-18 apply? _____
7. Where did Jesus go? _____