

THE GOSPEL *of* MARK

A READING GUIDE
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ABOUT THE Gospel of Mark

AUTHOR: JOHN MARK

There are few details recorded of John Mark's life in the Scriptures. John Mark was a known companion of Paul and Barnabas. He travelled with them until a conflict was depicted in the book of Acts (Acts 12:12). John Mark was not an eyewitness to the gospel. Church historian Papias (60-163 AD) describes him as an interpreter of Peter who "wrote down accurately, though not in order, whatsoever he remembered of the things said or done by Christ." Although John Mark didn't personally walk with Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit he shares and reveals Jesus as the Messiah, and the example that all believers should follow.

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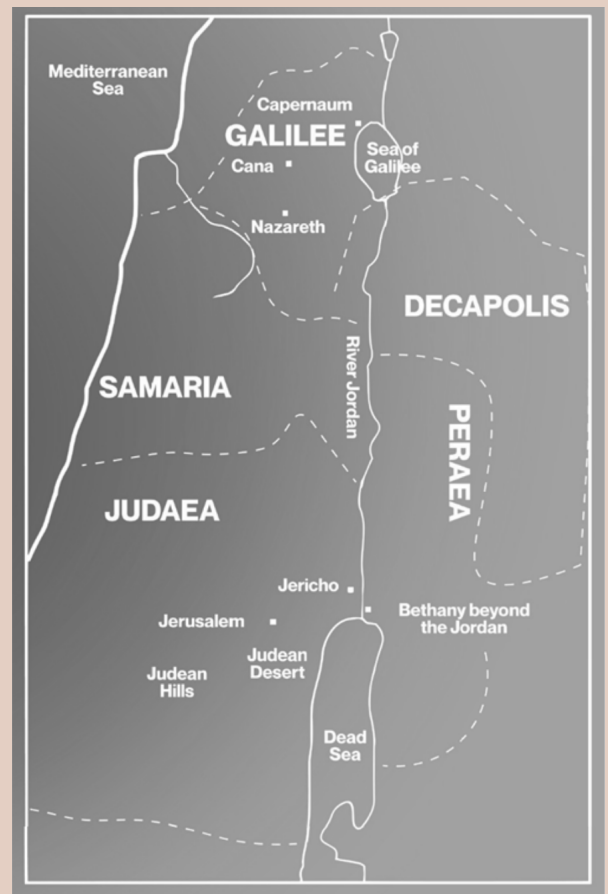
AUDIENCE:
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GALILEE > ON THE WAY > JERUSALEM

Mark 1:14-8:21 -----Act 1: Galilee - Who is Jesus?
Mark 8:22-10:52-----Act 2: On The Way --- What does it mean for Jesus to be the Messiah?
Mark 11:1-16:8----- Act 3: What does it mean for Jesus to be the Messianic King?

VIDEO OVERVIEW:
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/mark>

SUMMARY:
The Gospel of Mark is the first of the four written. It tells



GLOSSARY *of* TERMS

AUTHORITY - Spiritual authority that the book of Mark talks about comes from God. Jesus had authority over the things of this world. This is why Jesus could heal, prophecy and perform miracles.

DISCIPLES - During Jesus' 3 years of ministry from the time he was 30 until he was 33 he chose 12 disciples to do his ministry with him. These men were fishermen, doctors and tax collectors that all answered the call when Jesus asked them to, "come and follow me."

All 12 disciples are listed below:

- Thomas
- Simon the Zealot
- Simon Peter
- Philip
- Matthew
- James, Son of Alpheus
- James, Son of Zebedee
- John
- Jude
- Bartholomew
- Andrew
- Judas Iscariot

FAITH - Faith is belief in God and his Word. It is the foundation of our relationship with God. It is not based on what we can see, touch or hear but on what God has said in his word.

FASTING- Abstaining from food for a period of time to pray and focus on God.

GOD THE FATHER - God has always been and will always be. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. When man sinned in the Garden of Eden God loved us so much that he sent his one and only son to die for our sins. Because of this love, we can spend eternity in heaven with him.

GOSPEL- The Gospel is the good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again. Through his sacrifice, we can receive salvation and eternal life.

HEAVEN - Heaven is the location of the throne of God, Jesus and the angels. It is where Christians spend eternity with God because of the sacrifice of Jesus.

HELL - Hell is the place we are saved from by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. God is absent. The Bible says in hell there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

HOLY SPIRIT - The spirit of God. When Jesus went to heaven he sent the Holy Spirit to be a helper to us on earth. The Holy Spirit is fully available to each and every one of us.

JESUS - God made flesh. Jesus is the image of God on the earth. Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem. He didn't start his ministry until he was 30 years old. From the time he was 30 to 33 Jesus did his ministry of teaching, healing and performing miracles. He came down to earth and lived a perfect, sinless life. He laid his life down for us, was buried in a tomb and then rose again three days later. Jesus bridged the gap between us and the Father so that we can spend eternity in heaven.

MERCY - Mercy is extending forgiveness to someone that does not deserve it. This is what Jesus did for us.

PARABLE- A short story meant to teach a truth. Jesus taught with parables throughout scripture.

PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES - Religious leaders in Israel that knew the law and scriptures. These groups rejected Jesus as Lord. These groups ultimately led the way to get Jesus crucified.

PROPHECY - Prophecy is a spiritual gift that God gives. It is when someone receives a word from God and gives it to someone else.

SABBATH -A day reserved for rest by the Jewish people. On this day no work is to be done and it is a day that should be dedicated to God.

SALVATION - Salvation is believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Receiving salvation gives us eternal life in heaven with God.

SANCTIFICATION - The process in which a person is made holy. Sanctification is a process.

WATER BAPTISM - A public declaration of an inward decision. Jesus shows us the example of being baptized by John the Baptist in scripture.

NAMES OF JESUS

Son of Man

Teacher

Messiah

Suffering Servant

Rabbi

Son of David

KEY CITIES

JERUSALEM - The capital of Israel and the place where Jesus was crucified.

BETHLEHEM - The birthplace of Jesus. Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem because there was no room in any of the inns in all of the town.

GALILEE - Galilee is a region in Israel where the majority of Jesus' public ministry took place. Nazareth, which was Jesus' hometown, is in the region of Galilee. This is where Jesus called his disciples, taught in synagogues and performed miracles.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

to MEMORIZE

MARK 1:2-3

“As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” — “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

MARK 2:17

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

MARK 9:35

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

MARK 9:50

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

MARK 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MARK 11:24

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

MARK 12:30-31

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT *of* YOUR BIBLE READING

SCHEDULE YOUR READING

Set aside a time and a place to meditate on God's word. Create a distraction free environment to dive deeper into the scripture.

PRAY BEFORE YOU READ

Ask God to reveal his truths as you read. Pray for consistency and clarity.

USE AVAILABLE BIBLE RESOURCE FOR FURTHER STUDY

If you have a "study Bible" there may be extra notes about the passage from Bible scholars. Or you can refer to a commentary. There are many helpful resources out there. For example, here is an on-line commentary from the gospel of Mark: <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/ransom-for-many/toc/>

READ WITH A FRIEND

Read with someone that will hold you accountable to your daily reading. Proverbs 27:17 says, "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*"

JOIN A GROUP AND SHARE WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING

Don't just read it! Share how God's word is speaking to you! Or share what questions you may have? Our life groups are great places to connect and share and discuss what we are learning.

SPENDING TIME *with* GOD THROUGH S.H.A.P.E.

As we read the Bible, S.H.A.P.E. is a helpful way we can learn to hear God's voice and allow him to shape your life into the person he has created you to be. Isaiah 64:8 says, "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." Just like soft clay, we can allow God as our potter to shape us into the image/likeness of Christ (see Romans 8:29), and fashion us for His good purpose. God uses His word to speak to us, and writing it down helps us to remember and follow what He's teaching us.

HOW TO S.H.A.P.E

- Items needed for each day:
- Bible
- Pencil / Pen
- Journal

S — SCRIPTURE*Which verse stood out to you?*

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal

H – HEAR..... *What is God saying to you?*

As you reflect, what do you observe from the text and believe God is saying to you through this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Write down in point form or prose or even if a picture comes to mind, you can draw it out.

A — APPLICATION.....*How can you apply it today?*

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P — PRAYER*Ask God to help you use what you've learned.*

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. You may write out your prayer and/or take time to pray out loud.

E – EXALT*In light of what I have learned, how can I express praise and thanks to God?*

Include in your time with God some moments of praise and giving thanks for who he is, what he has done, and what he will do. This encourages us to have the right perspective each day, increasing our faith, and showing gratitude to God.

S.H.A.P.E. JOURNAL ENTRY

sample

January 25, 2021 | 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 1:1-3

S - 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. "

Psalm 1:1-3: "Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers."

H - " My child, I have given you my Word to nourish your soul. It is useful for every area of your life, to bless you, to guide you, instruct you, to train and to correct you. You will be more equipped for good work in your life as you take time to meditate and reflect on my word. Like a tree nourished with water, you will yield good fruit in your life and your soul and life will prosper"

A - There are internal and external barriers in my life to getting into God's Word. Sometimes I am lazy, or too busy, or simply undisciplined. If people in persecuted countries seek to obtain even pages of a Bible, how can I have the whole Scripture in my hands and not be hungry for it. It's time I get a bible reading plan going and accountability and support from others, so we can encourage each other in what God is saying to us personally and equip us for every good work he has for us.

P - Father, your word is a lamp for my feet and light for my path. You are so gracious to lead me with the light of your Word, to keep me from stumbling and help me know where I am going. Help me to learn how to hear your voice through the Scriptures.

E - Praise the Lord who has revealed himself to humanity through God inspired and truthful stories, letters, songs, prayers, and prophecies. Thank you for watching over me and my loved ones today.

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Week 1 - February 15-21

Monday - Mark 1:1-15

Tuesday - Mark 1:16-34

Wednesday - Mark 1:35-45

Thursday - Mark 2:1-12

Friday - Mark 2:13-22

Saturday - Mark 2:23-28

Sunday - Mark 3:1-6

Week 2 - February 22- 28

Monday - Mark 3:7-19

Tuesday - Mark 3: 20-35

Wednesday - Mark 4:1-20

Thursday - Mark 4:21-29

Friday - Mark 4:30-41

Saturday - Mark 5:1-20

Sunday - Mark 5:21-43

Week 3 - March 1-7

Monday - Mark 6:1-13

Tuesday - Mark 6:14-29

Wednesday - Mark 6:30-44

Thursday - Mark 6:45-56

Friday - Mark 7:1-23

Saturday - Mark 7:24-30

Sunday - Mark 7:31-37

Week 4 - March 8-14

Monday - Mark 8:1-13

Tuesday - Mark 8: 14-26

Wednesday - Mark 8:27-:9:1

Thursday - Mark 9:2-13

Friday - Mark 9:14-29

Saturday - Mark 9:30-41

Sunday - Mark 9:42-50

Week 5 - March 15-21

Monday - Mark 10:1-16

Tuesday - Mark 10:17-34

Wednesday - Mark 10:35-52

Thursday - Mark 11:1-11

Friday - Mark 11:12-26

Saturday - Mark 11:27-33

Sunday - Mark 12:1-17

Week 6 - March 22-28

Monday - Mark 12: 18-34

Tuesday - Mark 12:35-44

Wednesday - Mark 13:1-19

Thursday - Mark 13:20-36

Friday - Mark 14:1-11

Saturday - Mark 14: 12-26

Sunday - Mark 14:27-42

Week 7 - March 29-April 4

Monday - Mark 14:43-65

Tuesday - Mark 14:66-72

Wednesday - Mark 15:1-15

Thursday - Mark 15:16-32

Friday - Mark 15:33-41

Saturday - Mark 15:42-47

Sunday - Mark 16:1-20