

Providence Baptist Church
Portraits of Jesus
A Study of the Gospel of Mark

Week - 1: Introduction

Lesson Objectives:

- Discuss the author of Mark
- Observe the compilation of Mark
- Discuss the main purpose of Mark
- Discuss the themes found in Mark

I. John Mark, the author.

II. Compilation of Mark

A. Birth and Preparation of Jesus, the Servant (1:1-13)

B. Message and Ministry of Jesus, the Servant (1:14-13:37)

C. Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Servant (14:1-16:20)

III. Main purpose of Mark

A. Present the person of Jesus

B. Present the Work of Jesus

C. Present the teaching of Jesus

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- IV. Themes found in Mark
- A. Jesus Christ alone is the Son of God

 - B. Jesus the Servant

 - C. Jesus' miracles

 - D. Jesus spreading the gospel

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Week - 2: Authority of Jesus (Part 1)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss Mark's description of John's message
- Discover the message in John's ministry
- Observe the events surrounding Jesus' baptism
- Discuss Jesus temptations
- Examine Jesus' early message

Read Mark 1:1-8.

I. John came to prepare the way for whom?

II. What word in our study means "to decide to change"?

Read Mark 1:9-15.

III. What two amazing things happened when Jesus was baptized?

IV. Where was Jesus baptized (v9)?

V. For how many days was Jesus tempted by Satan in the wilderness (v13; Luke 4:1,2)

VI. What message did Jesus preach (v15)?

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Week - 3: Authority of Jesus (Part 2)

Lesson Objectives

- Review the calling of the four fisherman
- Discuss the characteristics of Jesus' followers
- Discuss Jesus' authority in teaching
- Discuss Jesus' authority in casting out demons

Read Mark 1:16-20.

I. Which of these things did the disciples *not* do when Jesus called them?

II. What did Jesus say He would make these men (v17)?

Read Mark 1:21-28.

III. What amazed the multitudes about Jesus?

IV. How did Jesus expel the demon?

V. What purpose did Jesus' miracles serve?

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Week - 4: Authority of Jesus (Part 3)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss the healing of Peter's mother-in-law
- Discuss the features of Jesus' healings
- Discuss the healing of the leper
- Review the leper's response to the healing

Read Mark 1:29-34.

I. Whom did Jesus heal in this story?

II. List some attributes that are *not* characteristic of Jesus' healings?

Read Mark 1:35-39.

III. Jesus arose early in the morning for what purpose?

Read Mark 1:40-45.

IV. After Jesus spoke, how long was it till the leprosy was healed?

V. After Jesus had healed the leper, He told the man to show himself to whom?

VI. What result occurred because the leper disobeyed Jesus' orders?

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Week - 5: Opposition to Jesus Grows (Part 1)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss Jesus healing of the paralytic
- Observe the response to Jesus healing of the paralytic
- Discuss the faith of those that brought the paralytic
- Discuss the paralytic's faith
- Observe what it takes to reach Jesus

Read Mark 2:1-12.

I. What did the paralytic and his friends do when they were unable to reach Jesus?

II. What did Jesus do for the paralytic before healing him?

III. Who alone can forgive sins?

IV. How did Jesus prove He has the power to forgive sins?

Read Mark 2:13-17.

V. Name the tax collector whom Jesus called.

VI. What reason did Jesus give to explain why He socialized with sinful people?

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Week - 6: Opposition to Jesus Grows (Part 2)

Lesson Objectives

- Review the question about the disciples fasting
- Examine Jesus response to the question of fasting
- Discuss Jesus healing on the Sabbath
- Observe the enemies' response to the healing on the Sabbath

Read Mark 2:18-22.

I. How did Jesus explain why His disciples didn't fast?

Read Mark 2:23-28.

II. What did Jesus call Himself?

Read Mark 3:1-6.

III. How many sins did Jesus commit during His lifetime (see 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; Hebrews 4:15)?

IV. The activities Jesus did on the Sabbath violated what rules?

V. What did Jesus' enemies do after He had healed the man with the withered hand?

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Week - 7: Opposition to Jesus Grows (Part 3)

Lesson Objectives

- Review the appointment of the twelve
- Discuss the accusations of Satanic influence
- Discuss religious traditions
- Observe Jesus' family reaction to his ministry

Read Mark 3:7-19.

I. What work did Jesus empower the apostles to do (read Mark 3:15 and Matt. 10:1)?

Read Mark 3:20-30.

II. How did Jesus' enemies explain His ability to cast out demons?

III. What did Jesus say would happen to a kingdom that was divided against itself (v24)?

Read Mark 3:31-35.

IV. Who wanted to talk to Jesus?

V. Who did Jesus say are His real family members?

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Week - 8: Jesus Teaches in Parables (Part 1)

Lesson Objectives

- Describe what is a parable
- Discuss the need for parables
- List the four types of soil
- Discuss what each soil mean

Read Mark 4:1-20.

I. What is a parable?

II. What kind of soil did Jesus describe?

III. What does the seed represent?

IV. What does the wayside soil represent?

V. The rocky soil represents people who do well for a while, but then fall away because of what?

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Week - 9: Jesus Teaches in Parables (Part 2)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss the representation of the thorns
- Explain the principal characteristics of good soil
- Discuss how seed reproduce

I. Is it possible for a person who has received the word to fall away (see also Galatians 5:4)?

II. In the thorny soil, the thorns represent what?

III. What was the principal characteristic of the good soil (v20)?

IV. How does seed reproduce (see also Galatians 6:7)?

V. What causes people to become members of various different religious groups?

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Week - 10: Jesus Teaches in Parables (Part 3)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss the parable of the lamp
- Explain the need to study God's Word
- Examine the parable of the seed
- Review the parable of the mustard seed

Read Mark 4:21-25.

I. What does the lamp in 4:21 represent?

II. When people do not study the Bible diligently enough, what will result?

Read Mark 4:26-29.

III. What part did the farmer play in the growth of the seed?

IV. Who decides whether or not a person who hears the word will believe and obey it?

Read Mark 4:30-34.

V. What is the lesson of the mustard seed parable?

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Week - 11: Jesus Does the Impossible (Part 1)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss Jesus authority in the storm
- Observe the disciples response to the storm
- Examine the casting out of the legion of demons
- Observe the demons response to Jesus

Read Mark 4:35-41.

I. What was Jesus doing when the storm arose on the sea?

II. How did Jesus calm the storm?

III. How did the disciples react to this miracle?

Read Mark 5:1-20.

IV. What measures had been attempted to subdue the demoniac (v4)?

V. What name did the demons wear (v9)?

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VI. Where did the demons say they wanted to go?

VII. What happened to the swine when the demons entered them?

VIII. What did the townspeople ask Jesus to do?

IX. What did Jesus tell the demoniac to do after he had been healed?

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Week - 12: Jesus Does the Impossible (Part 2)

Lesson Objectives

- Examine the healing of the woman with hemorrhage
- Discuss the impact of long term issues
- Discuss the woman efforts for healing
- Observe Jesus response to the woman's issue
- Discuss the woman's response

Read Mark 5:21-34.

I. How long had the woman had her problem of bleeding?

II. How had she tried to get well previously?

III. What was her new approach to healing?

IV. When was the woman with the bleeding healed?

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V. What was the woman response to Jesus' inquiry about Him being touched?

VI. How did the rest of the multitude find out about Jesus' miracle?

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Week - 13: Jesus Does the Impossible (Part 3)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss the healing of Jarius' daughter
- Observe the peoples response to the dead daughter
- Discuss Jarius' faith
- Observe the reaction of Jesus being a citizen of Nazareth

Read Mark 5:35-43.

I. Why did people suggest that Jairus not bother Jesus anymore?

II. Who was in the room when Jesus raised the daughter (v37, 40)?

III. What does the Bible account say that assures us the girl was really alive again?

Read Mark 6:1-6.

IV. What had been Jesus' profession before He began His ministry (v3)?

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V. Which of Jesus' family members did the people of Nazareth know (v3)?

VI. How did the people of Jesus' hometown (Nazareth) react to Him?

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Week - 14: The Message Spreads (Part 1)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss the commission of the twelve
- Observe the urgency of the mission
- Review Herod's response to Jesus and His ministry
- Observe the actions resulting from Herod's fear

Read Mark 6:7-13.

I. What message did Jesus' apostles preach (v12)?

II. What were they to do when people would not receive their message (v11)?

Read Mark 6:14-29.

III. Who did Herod think Jesus was?

IV. Why had Herod arrested John the Baptist?

V. How did Herodias' daughter please Herod?

VI. What promise did Herod make to Herodias' daughter, and what did she ask for then?

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Week - 15: The Message Spreads (Part 2)

Lesson Objectives

- Observe Jesus' response to the multitude
- Examine the need for rest in ministry
- Review the feeding of the thousands
- Discuss the events crossing the sea

Read Mark 6:30-44.

I. How did Jesus feel toward the multitude that pursued him while he was trying to get away for a time of rest?

II. What was Jesus response to the crowd's needs?

III. What is so significant about this miracle?

Read Mark 6:45-56.

IV. While the disciples got on a boat to cross the sea, what did Jesus do?

V. How did Jesus go to the disciples?

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Week - 16: The Message Spreads (Part 3)

Lesson Objectives

- Observe the religious traditions of the day
- Compare the doctrine of men and God's commands
- Observe the authority behind religious practice
- Discuss the emphasis of the heart

Read Mark 7:1-13.

I. What criticism did the Pharisees and scribes raise against Jesus' disciples?

II. What was the authority behind this religious practice?

III. What did Jesus say about service to God that is based on the doctrines of men (v7)?

Read Mark 7:14-23.

IV. What causes a person to be defiled?

V. List those things that come out of people (v21-22).

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Week - 17: The Message Spreads (Part 4)

Lesson Objectives

- Discuss the healing of the Gentile woman's daughter
- Discuss the problem that Jesus solved
- Discuss the healing of the deaf man
- Observe the affect the miracle had on the crowd

Read Mark 7:24-30.

I. Of what race or nationality was the woman who came to Jesus?

II. What problem did she want Jesus to solve?

III. What did Jesus tell her, and how did she respond?

Read Mark 7:31-37.

IV. Where did Jesus put His fingers?

V. What effect did the miracle have on the crowds?

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- V. Which parable provided the greatest insight into your portrait of Jesus?
- VI. Discuss the miracles that Jesus perform and express your thoughts about the impact on His ministry.
- VII. Discuss the elements needed to spread the message.