

# Mark—The Gospel of God’s Servant

## Revised and Expanded

*This is a self-study course  
designed to help you discover  
for yourself some important truths  
from the gospel of Mark.*

### how to study the lesson

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1. Try to find a quiet spot free from distractions and noise.
2. Read each question carefully.
3. Look up the Scripture reference given after each question. Make sure you have found the correct Scripture passage. For example, sometimes you will find yourself looking up JOHN 1:1 instead of 1 JOHN 1:1.
4. Answer the question from the appropriate Bible passage. Write, in your own words, a phrase or sentence to answer the question. In questions that can be answered with a “yes” or “no” always give the reason for your answer . . . “Yes, because. . . .”
5. If possible, keep a dictionary handy in order to look up words you don’t understand.

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6. Pray for God's help. You *need* God's help in order to understand what you study in the Bible. PSALM 119:18 would be an appropriate verse for you to take to God in prayer.

7. *Class teachers using this course for group study will find some helpful suggestions on page 76.*

## how to take the self-check tests

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Each lesson is concluded with a test designed to help you evaluate what you have learned.

1. Review the lesson carefully in the light of the self-check test questions.

2. If there are any questions in the self-check test you cannot answer, perhaps you have written into your lesson the wrong answer from your Bible. Go over your work carefully to make sure you have filled in the blanks correctly.

3. When you think you are ready to take the self-check test, do so without looking up the answers.

4. Check your answers to the self-check test carefully with the answer key given on page 77.

5. If you have any questions wrong, your answer key will tell you where to find the correct answer in your lesson. Go back and locate the right answers. Learn by your mistakes!

## apply what you have learned to your own life

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In this connection, read carefully JAMES 1:22-25. It is only as you apply your lessons to your own life that you will really grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of God.

## *Introduction to Mark*

Mark is preeminently the gospel of service and presents the Lord Jesus Christ as the servant obedient unto death (see Philippians 2:7-8). The servant character of the Lord Jesus is shown throughout the book and is clearly stated in 10:45. Particular emphasis is given to the miracles that the Lord Jesus performed, thus demonstrating His deity. Jesus is seen primarily as a Worker rather than as a Teacher.

Mark wrote primarily for the Gentiles who were not familiar with the Old Testament prophecies. Therefore, he used only a few Old Testament references (1:2-3; 14:27; 15:28). Mark is noted for its brevity and its vividness.

The author was a relative of Barnabas and a companion of Paul in his later ministry. The date of the gospel is somewhere between A.D. 57 and 63.

## *Outline of Mark*

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# God's Servant Presented

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## MARK 1

*Chapter 1 tells of His baptism and temptation.*

1. What is the general theme of the book?

1:1 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Under what titles did John the Baptist present Jesus?

JOHN 1:29, 34 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What prophecy concerning the Messiah and His forerunner had been recorded some five hundred years before?

MALACHI 3:1 \_\_\_\_\_

4. What was the purpose of John's coming?

1:2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

5. What was the clear-cut message that John gave?

1:4 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What response did John's preaching bring from the people?

1:5 \_\_\_\_\_

7. What two actions are involved in true repentance?

PROVERBS 28:13 \_\_\_\_\_

8. Was there anything about the appearance of John that suggested earthly pomp?

1:6 \_\_\_\_\_

9. What place did John take in relation to Christ?

1:7 \_\_\_\_\_

10. Distinguish between John's baptism and Jesus' baptism.

1:8 \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where was Jesus baptized?

1:9 \_\_\_\_\_

12. What three things happened when Jesus came up out of the water?

1:10-11 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did Jesus confess any sins when He was baptized?

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 \_\_\_\_\_

14. Why did Jesus insist upon being baptized?

MATTHEW 3:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_

In His case, it was not baptism "unto repentance" but "unto righteousness." To John, this occurrence was a sign that Jesus was the promised Messiah. To Jesus Himself it was His identification with sinners, whom He had come to save.

15. What did the voice from heaven say?

1:11 \_\_\_\_\_

16. How is the Trinity seen in these verses?

1:10-11 \_\_\_\_\_

17. Where did Jesus go immediately after He was baptized?

1:12 \_\_\_\_\_

18. By whom was Jesus directed to go into the wilderness?

1:12 \_\_\_\_\_

19. How long did the conflict with Satan last?

1:13 \_\_\_\_\_

20. What gospel did Jesus preach?

1:14 \_\_\_\_\_

21. Explain the differences (if any) between the messages of John and of Jesus.

1:4, 15 \_\_\_\_\_

22. What is this kingdom called in Matthew's account?

MATTHEW 4:17 \_\_\_\_\_

23. Did Jesus call idle men to be His followers?

1:16 \_\_\_\_\_

24. Name the first disciples whom Jesus asked to follow Him.

1:16, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

25. What kind of fishermen did He intend to make of them?

1:17 \_\_\_\_\_

26. Were those men willing to give up a good business to follow Jesus?

1:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

The call of Christ should be superior to either parental claims or the claims of a prosperous business.

27. What was there in Jesus' manner that astonished the people?

1:22 \_\_\_\_\_

28. How should God's Word be taught today?

1 PETER 4:11 \_\_\_\_\_

There is no real authority in Christian teaching that does not emphasize Christ as the Son of God and profound belief in His Word.

29. What shows that the personality of the man in the synagogue was under the dominion of a foreign spirit?

1:23-24 \_\_\_\_\_

30. What title did the demon give to Jesus?

1:24 \_\_\_\_\_

31. Is it possible that one could recognize Jesus as the Son of God and still not be saved?

JAMES 2:19; MARK 5:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_

32. What did Jesus say that showed the man's testimony had the devil behind it?

1:25 \_\_\_\_\_

33. Give the events of one day with the Lord.

1:21-34 \_\_\_\_\_

34. What good example did Jesus set after a busy day?

1:35 \_\_\_\_\_

35. Did Jesus let the pressure of work interfere with prayer?

1:35 \_\_\_\_\_

36. Did the leper doubt the power of Jesus to heal, or His willingness?

1:40 \_\_\_\_\_

37. Should we put the “if” on Jesus or on ourselves?

9:23 \_\_\_\_\_

38. How did Jesus show that He was “moved with compassion” toward the leper?

1:41 \_\_\_\_\_

39. What shows that Jesus did not want to be advertised among men as a wonder-worker?

1:44 \_\_\_\_\_

40. How many verses in this chapter begin with the word *and*?

Chap. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

41. The word *immediately* appears how many times in this chapter?

Chap. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

42. What do we learn about the ministry of Jesus from questions 41 and 42?

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43. What impressed you about the ministry of Jesus in chapter 1?

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## *check-up time No. 1*

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*You have just studied some important truths about the coming of the Lord Jesus. Review your study by rereading the questions and your written answers for lesson 1. If you aren't sure of an answer, reread the Scripture portion given to see if you can find the answer. Then take the following test to see how well you understand the important truths you have studied.*

*In the right-hand margin write "True" or "False" after each of the following statements.*

1. The purpose of John's coming was to prepare the way for the Messiah. \_\_\_\_\_
2. John the Baptist presented Christ as the Good Shepherd. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Malachi gives a prophecy of the coming of John. \_\_\_\_\_
4. John considered himself to be greater than Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_
5. John said men must repent of their sins. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Jesus did have to confess sin. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Satan tried to keep the Lord Jesus from accomplishing His purpose in coming. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jesus taught with authority because He is God. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Jesus' prayer life is an example to us. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Jesus worked miracles only to get the attention of the crowds. \_\_\_\_\_

*Turn to page 77 and check your answers.*