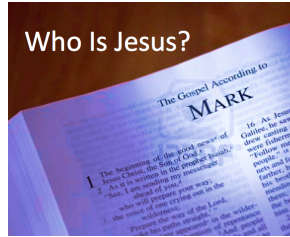


# The Gospel of Mark

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## Chapter 1 Notes

### Day 1: Introduction Mark 1:1

**Author:** John Mark: Acts 12:12, 25; 13:5, 13; 15:36-39; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 4:11; Phile. 23-24 1 Pet. 5:13; possibly Mark 14:51-52

- **Date:** Probably 50s or 60s A.D.
- **Key Verse:** Mark 10:45
- **Gospel:** the good news of the fulfillment of God's promises in the OT by Jesus' life, death and resurrection: Isa. 40:9, 52:7; Nah. 1:15; Rom. 1:16
- **Jesus:** Greek name for Joshua/Yeshua, *Yahweh is salvation*
- **Christ:** Greek title for Messiah, *Anointed One*

**Assignment:** Read above verses and record what you learn about Mark. Consider how the gospel is Jesus, both his life, teaching and atoning death and a relationship with Him.

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### Day 2: Prepare the way of the Lord Mark 1:2-8

**John the Baptist, Forerunner of Jesus:** Isa. 40:1-11; Mal. 3:1

**Sins:** *hamartias*, failure to hit the mark

**Repentance:** *metanoia*, a turn about, a deliberate change of mind with a resultant change of behavior

**Baptize:** *baptizo*, to immerse or submerge; a visible witness that one has truly repented

**Coming One is greater:** Mat. 11:11; John 3:30-31; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Acts 1:5, 8

**Assignment:** Read above verses and note similarities and contrasts between John the Baptist and Jesus. What does it mean to truly confess and repent of one's sins and receive God's forgiveness?

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### Day 3: Jesus' Baptism and Temptation

Mark 1:9-13

**Jesus is baptized:** He identifies with the sins of His people and does His Father's will, but He is without sin: 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 John 3:5

**Immediately:** euthys: at once, used 42 times in Mark

**Spirit descends on Jesus:** commissioning for unique service: Isa. 11:2

**You are my beloved Son:** Anointed King, Suffering Servant: Ps. 2:7; Isa. 42:1; 2 Sam. 7:14-16; Heb. 1:5

**Jesus is tempted:** He establishes his personal authority over Satan: Mat. 4:1-11; Luke. 4:1-13

**Assignment:** *Read above verses. Consider the roles of all three persons of the Godhead--Father, Son and Spirit--in Jesus' baptism and ministry.*

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### Day 4: Proclaiming the gospel, calling men:

Mark 1:14-20

**Kingdom of God:** the coming saving rule of God

**Follow me:** Come after me: Mat. 4:18-22; Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42

**Fishers of men:** participate in God's work of salvation: Jer. 16:15-17

**They follow him:** Jesus has authority over people; God's ultimate purpose is for followers to be like Jesus: Rom. 8:28-29

**Assignment:** *Study the accounts of Jesus calling his disciples. What does it mean to follow him? What did the disciples leave?*

**Day 5: Jesus teaches and heals** Mark 1:21-34

**Authority in teaching:** Heb. 1:1-2 **Authority over demons:** 1 John 4:4

**Authority over disease:** Acts 10:34-43

***Assignment:** Read Isa. 61:1-2a. Who is Jesus as evidenced by his teaching and miracles? How do people respond to him?*

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**Day 6: Jesus preaches in Galilee and cleanses a leper** Mark 1:35-45

**Jesus prays:** he actively sought prayer with the Father

**Disciples and crowds did not understand his mission:** rather they focus on his fame and seek his miracles

**Authority over uncleanness:** Jesus cleanses a man with leprosy: Lev. 13:44-46, 14:1-3, 18-20; Isa. 53:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:24

***Assignment:** Read the two accounts in the OT of God cleansing a leper: Num. 12:10-15 and 2 Kings 5:1-14. How was Jesus' cleansing of the leper a sign that God was working in a new way?*