

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Overview of The Gospel of Mark – Christmas '21

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

1. Read the gospel of Mark. Consider reading it in one sitting in order to see the main point and structure.

❖ Day 2

2. Read Acts 12:12, 25; Acts 15: 37, 39. As we look at the background and context for the book of Mark, what can we learn about Mark from the above verses? Where did Peter go when released from prison?
3. Read Acts 13:13 along with Acts 15:38-40. What was the controversy that caused friction between John Mark and Paul?
4. Read Col 4:10, Philemon 24, and 2 Tim 4:11. What was the eventual relationship between Mark and the apostle Paul?
5. Read Mark 1:1 and 15:39. How do these bookends highlight the point of Mark's gospel?

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6. Read Mark 10:45. This verse gives a clue as to Mark's theme and focus in his writing. What is the meaning of this verse in context?

7. Read Mark 1:41, 3:5, 4:38, 7:33, and 11:12. How do these verses highlight a specific emphasis regarding Jesus' ministry in this book?

8. Read Mark 1:1-13 along with Matt. 11:11. What are the two main themes for these verses. Why did Mark begin his gospel account in this way?

9. Read Mark 1:14. Where did Jesus start his ministry?

❖ Day 3

10. Read Mark 4:1-9 and skim 10-34. Why does Jesus say he teaches in parables in vv. 10-12? What is noteworthy about Jesus' teaching in verses 1-34?

11. Read Mark 4:35-41. Following his teaching in parables, what is Jesus demonstrating in v.35-41?

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12. Read Mark 7:24-30, 8:10-12 and 8:27. Where were Jesus and his disciples according to these verses? What does this tell us about where he ministered compared to his locations in V.1:14?

13. Were these regions primarily Jewish or Gentile?

14. Read Mark 10:1-12. Where did Jesus go next according to this passage? What was Jesus' teaching in these verses?

15. Read Mark 10:46 and 11:1-11. What do the words "approached Jerusalem" in 11:1 indicate when considering the end of the previous chapter?

16. Read Mark 13:1-37. This private sermon to Jesus' disciples is known as the Olivet Discourse. Why is this great sermon private and only not shared to the crowds of people that had so much a part of his time in Jerusalem?

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17. Read Mark 16:29 along with Acts 2:33. What is the meaning of “the right hand of God”?

18. What structure do you see in the gospel of Mark?

19. What can you learn from an overview of the book of Mark?

20. How does the Gospel of Mark prepare your heart for the Christmas season?