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Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on Mark. As we study excerpts from this Gospel, we will see that God alone is all power and all truth.

We believe that studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Each lesson has 9-10 questions, a memory verse, a BELIEVE THE TRUTH, PRAY THE TRUTH, and a WALK IN TRUTH application section.

These lessons teach foundational Scriptural truths all age groups can enjoy and can be adjusted to work for your group. Younger children may need help to read and answer the questions or understand certain words or concepts. Older students might need help to dig in deeper.

Like the other Gospels, Mark records Jesus' life: His miracles, betrayal, death, resurrection, and commission. Mark is the shortest Gospel, and it is action-packed from start to finish covering who Jesus is and what He did. Mark filled his gospel with the miracles of Jesus, illustrating again and again both the power and the presence of the Son of God.

Jesus Christ wants us to know and follow Him. As you study these passages of Scripture, ask God to open your eyes and heart so that you can experience His Power and Truth.

We pray that this study will strengthen your relationship with Jesus!

Enjoy!

"All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen."

Jude 1:25





Matthew 28:18

“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.”

Lesson 1

Mark 8:34

“Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.”

Lesson 6

Psalms 147:3

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Lesson 2

Ephesians 2:8-9

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

Lesson 7

Psalms 119:105

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”

Lesson 3

1 John 3:16

“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

Lesson 8

Ephesians 6:13

“Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.”

Lesson 4

Mark 15:39

“When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God.”

Lesson 9

Isaiah 41:10

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

Lesson 5

Romans 1:4

“And he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Lesson 10

Jesus' Authority



MEMORY VERSE: "Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18



MARK 1:1-11 God Sends a Messenger

1. Read verses 1-8. God sent a messenger named _____ to prepare the people for Jesus. What was John's message to the people? vv. 7-8
2. Reread verse 4. What did John the Baptist do for the people that confessed their sins? Why is it so important to confess our sins? Why is it important to be baptized?
3. What happened when Jesus got baptized? vv. 9-11



MARK 1:12-20 Jesus Begins His Ministry

4. Read verses 12-13. Review the definition of Satan. Who was sent to take care of Jesus? Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to be tempted?
5. What did Jesus preach in Galilee? vv. 14-15
6. Read verses 16-20. Who did Jesus call to be His disciples? What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Come, follow Me and I will show you how to fish for people!"?
7. Review the definition of disciple. What can we learn about following Jesus from these first disciples?



MARK 1:21-28 The Authority of Jesus

- 8. A synagogue was a place of worship like a church. How did people react to Jesus teaching and what was different about the way He taught? vv. 21-22

- 9. Read verses 23-26. What problem did the man in the synagogue have? What did Jesus do?

- 10. Read verses 27-28. What did the people say about Jesus’s authority and how did they react? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus has power over evil spirits?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

As Jesus begins His ministry in Mark, people are immediately struck by his Authority. Until Jesus came the religious teachers could only give a glimpse of the Goodness of God. However Jesus had real, true authority because He was the Son of God in the flesh, sent to save us. Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6. If we want to know God we must admit that we are sinners in need of God’s grace. As we follow Him, we become His disciples.


PRAY THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to earth, for loving me, and for the gift of your Word – the Bible. I want to know You more and more. Help me to understand your true authority in my life and all the powerful truths You want to teach me through these lessons. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



How does (or should) ‘the authority of Jesus’ shape your life?



Mark 1:1-28 (NLT)

1 This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began 2 just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. 3 He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’” 4 This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. 5 All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. 6 His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

9 One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. 10 As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

12 The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, 13 where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him. 14 Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. 15 “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

16 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 17 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” 18 And they left their nets at once and followed him. 19 A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. 20 He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

21 Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law. 23 Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, 24 “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25 But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. 26 At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. 27 Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. “What sort of new teaching is this?” they asked excitedly. “It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!” 28 The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Confess: openly admit wrongdoing to God; ask for forgiveness; make changes so it doesn’t keep happening.

Baptism: the use of water in a ceremony to announce that one has received Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Satan: God’s enemy; opponent of those who follow God; powerful angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven; tempts people to sin.


Disciple: “student”; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ trust, believe and follow His Words and example.

Power: Jesus has absolute authority and power over: Time; Creation; Death; Future; Truth.

Truth: God’s Word is absolute truth. It comes from God and can be trusted; genuine; honest; reliable; Jesus is called the Truth.

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Help and Healing

 MEMORY VERSE: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
Psalm 147:3



MARK 1:29-35 Healing

1. Jesus, James and John went to Simon and Andrew's house. What did Jesus do when He heard Simon's mother-in-law had a high fever? vv. 29-31 What do you notice about the way Jesus interacted with this sick woman?
2. What happened after sunset that night? vv. 32-34 What do you suppose the people thought who were watching at the door?
3. Read verse 35. Why do you think Jesus did what He did the next morning? What do we learn from this?



MARK 1:36-42 Compassion

4. Read verses 36-38. Why do you think everyone was looking for Jesus? Why is it important for Jesus to move on and preach to other towns?
5. Read verses 40-42. Leprosy was a terrible disease with no cure. The people with leprosy had to stay away from other people. What strikes you about the meeting between the man with leprosy and Jesus?
6. Jesus touched people, many who were considered untouchable. Why do you think Jesus' power so often worked through compassion and touch?



MARK 2:1-5, 9-12 Faith and Forgiveness

7. A paralytic is someone who cannot use their arms or their legs. What did the paralytic man's friends do to help him get to Jesus? What quality impresses you the most about these four friends of the paralyzed man?

8. What two things did Jesus do for the paralyzed man? Which was most important?

9. What was the result of this miracle?

10. Do you think seeing these miracles in person would affect your belief in Jesus?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus has the power to heal people and to help them. Even more importantly, He has the power and authority to forgive our sins. Jesus had compassion for those that suffered, and He touched people who were considered unworthy of any love or affection. If we love like Jesus, with compassion and truth, people will want to know Him.

"The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all His creation."
Psalm 145:9

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you can heal us both physically and spiritually. Please help me to love others the way you did- so that they see Your love and want to be healed by You too. Remind me to see everyone, even the ones that are "untouchable" the way that you do. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Can you think of anyone in your life that might need to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ? How can you help show it to them?



Mark 1:29-42; Mark 2:1-5, 9-12 (NLT)

Jesus Heals Many People

29 After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. 31 So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

32 That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. 33 The whole town gathered at the door to watch. 34 So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

36 Later Simon and the others went out to find him. 37 When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." 39 So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

40 A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said.

41 Moved with compassion,[a] Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" 42 Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed. the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy.

Mark 2:1-5

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

1 When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, 3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. 4 They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:9-12

9 Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? 10 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, 11 "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" 12 And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

Compassion: sharing the hurts of another and wanting to help

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Partners and Parables



MEMORY VERSE: "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."
Psalm 119:105



MARK 3:13-19 Jesus' Disciples

1. What did Jesus want His apostles, or disciples, to do? vv. 13-14 If you are following Jesus, you are also His disciple. What do you think He wants of you?
2. How were the disciples able to do what Jesus wanted? v. 15 How does it effect you to know that you too were chosen and given the Holy Spirit's power?
3. What were the 12 apostles' names? vv. 16-19 Who are some people in your life (like the disciples) that have helped you learn about Jesus?



MARK 4:1-10, 14-20 Parable of the Seed and Soil

4. A parable is a simple story that teaches a lesson. Jesus told lots of parables about who He is and who we are. The seed in this parable represents the Word of God, the Bible. What did Jesus say happens when the Word of God falls on:
Footpath v. 15
Rocky ground vv. 16-17
Among thorns vv. 18-19
Fertile Soil v. 20
5. Are you willing to let God's Word grow in you? How will you do that?



6. What do you think we can do about the things that threaten to prevent God’s Word from taking root in our lives?



MARK 4:30-34 Parable about God’s Kingdom

7. What kind of seed is used to describe the Kingdom of God? Why? vv. 30-32

8. What do you think Jesus is trying to tell us through this parable?

9. Like the disciples, we do not always understand what we read in the Bible. What do you think we can do when this happens?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God has given us His Word so we can know His heart and love for us and live abundant and powerful lives. The Bible does not make sense to people who oppose God, and sometimes even His followers are confused by it, but He wants us to understand. Faith means believing that God is good, that His Word is true and trusting that His ways and commands are for our benefit.

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” James 1:5

PRAY THE TRUTH

Jesus, thank You for the wonderful stories in the Bible that You put there to teach me Your powerful truth! Help that truth grow in my heart like a seed in good ground so that I can grow to be more and more like You! As I grow in my relationship with you, help me to share what I am learning with others. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What did this lesson teach you about hearing God’s Word and spreading its Message?





Mark 3:13-19; 4:1-10, 14-20; 4:30-34 (NLT)

Jesus Chooses the Twelve Apostles

13 Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him. And they came to him. 14 Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach, 15 giving them authority to cast out demons. 16 These are the twelve he chose: Simon (whom he named Peter), 17 James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them “Sons of Thunder”), 18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (the zealot), 19 Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).

Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed

1 Once again Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore. A very large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat in the boat while all the people remained on the shore. 2 He taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: 3 “Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. 4 As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn’t have deep roots, it died. 7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” 9 Then he said, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.” 10 Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant.

14 The farmer plants seed by taking God’s word to others. 15 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. 16 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. 17 But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. 18 The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God’s word, 19 but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. 20 And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God’s word and

Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Jesus said, “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? 31 It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, 32 but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.” 33 Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. 34 In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

Faith: believing God is real; having total confidence in Him; accepting God’s Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.

Disciple: “student”; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ trust, believe and follow His Words and example.

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Jesus' Power



MEMORY VERSE: "How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!" Psalm 147:5



MARK 4:35-41 Power Over Wind, Sea and Storms

1. Compare the disciples' reaction with Jesus' reaction to the storm.
2. What do their reactions reveal about both the disciples and Jesus?
3. The disciples had seen Jesus perform many miracles of healing but were still astonished to see his power over the wind, sea, and storm. What does this show us about the extent of God's power? How does this encourage you when you're in the middle of a storm?



MARK 5:21-34 Power Over Sickness

4. Read verses 21-28. What do these verses show you about Jairus' and the woman's faith in Jesus?
5. Compare the woman's experience for the past 12 years (vv. 25-26) to what happens when she touches Jesus' robe (v. 29). What does this show you about the power of Jesus?
6. Read verses 29-34. Jesus noticed one little touch on His robe. If we go to Him with even the smallest of faith, He will see us too. How does that make you feel?

7. How can you respond more like Jairus or the woman when you are in need of serious help?
What does Jesus tell the woman in verse 34?



MARK 5:35-43 Power Over Death

8. Read verses 35-36. What did the messengers tell Jairus? What was Jesus response?

9. Read verses 37-40. What did Jesus say to the people at the house and how did they react?
Why do you think these people acted this way?

10. What did Jesus do for the little girl? Jesus has power over life and death. How does this impact your faith?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Many things in life are bigger than we are, especially nature, sickness and death. Yet Jesus Christ has power over all of these. Do you believe that God is more powerful than the worst thing you can imagine? Jesus' words to Jairus and the messengers applies to us too, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." Mark 5:36 If God doesn't deliver us FROM something, He will certainly deliver us THROUGH it. He will never leave us or forsake us, and He is all powerful!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Heavenly Father, I want to believe You are more powerful than the worst thing I can imagine but sometimes I am afraid. I boldly ask You to give me more faith! Help me to always remember that You are watching over me and that I have nothing to be afraid of when I'm trusting You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



In all three of these situations those involved were at their wits end and Jesus alone was their hope. How might you better trust in Jesus and His power in the large and small areas of your life?



Mark 4:35-41; Mark 5:21-34, 35-43 (NLT)

Jesus Calms the Storm

35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Jesus Heals in Response to Faith

21 Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. 22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, 23 pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." 24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. 25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26 She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. 28 For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." 29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. 30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" 31 His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

35 While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." 36 But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." 37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. 39 He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." 40 The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. 41 Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!" 42 And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. 43 Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

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Faith in Jesus' Power



MEMORY VERSE: "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."
Isaiah 41:10



MARK 6:30-40 Sheep Without A Shepherd

1. Read verses 30-34. Jesus and his disciples needed rest from the constant crowds but how did Jesus feel about the crowd that followed them? v. 34 How does it make you feel to know Jesus has compassion on those who follow Him?
2. Read verses 33-34. Jesus compares the people to sheep without a shepherd. In what ways is Jesus a shepherd?
3. Read verses 35-40. What did the disciples want to do with the crowd? What instructions did Jesus give the disciples? How many fish and loaves did they have?



MARK 6:41-46 Power to Provide

4. How many people did Jesus end of feeding?
5. What observations do you have about the miracle Jesus performed? What does the fact that there were leftovers tell you about God?
6. Does this miracle surprise you? Do you expect God to be this powerful in YOUR life too?



7. What does Jesus do in verse 46? Why is this so important?



MARK 6:47-56 Power to Protect

8. Read verses 47-48. Where was Jesus, and where were the disciples when the wind came? Why do you think Jesus waited some time before going to them?

9. Read verses 50-51. Why are Jesus' words in verse 50 so comforting? These words apply to you too, why is that so important to remember?

10. Read verses 53-56. How did Jesus reveal His power in Gennesaret?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God can do ANYTHING! Could it be that we miss out on experiencing God's power because, like the disciples, we either think we have the best plan, or perhaps our "hearts are too hard to take it in?" (v. 52) When we give our loaves and fishes to God, He is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think! (from Ephesians 3:20) Jesus' words are for you too, "Don't be afraid. Take courage! I am here!" Mark 6:50

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus, from the miracles we studied in this lesson, I see that You have the power to provide for me and that You are stronger than any storm. Remind me to call out to You so that I don't have to be afraid. Thank you for providing for me. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



The disciples were close to Jesus and saw Him perform miracle after miracle, but they couldn't fully understand the full greatness of Jesus and His power. Are there any areas in your life where you need to just trust in God's power?





Mark 6:30-56 (NLT)

30 The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. 31 Then Jesus said, “Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat. 32 So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. 33 But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. 34 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. 35 Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. 36 Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat.” 37 But Jesus said, “You feed them.” “With what?” they asked. “We’d have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!” 38 “How much bread do you have?” he asked. “Go and find out.” They came back and reported, “We have five loaves of bread and two fish.” 39 Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.

41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. 42 They all ate as much as they wanted, 43 and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. 44 A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed. 45 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home. 46 After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

47 Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. 48 He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. 50 They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage! I am here!” 51 Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, 52 for they still didn’t understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in. 53 After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore 54 and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, 55 and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 Wherever he went — in villages, cities, or the countryside — they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

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Jesus Will Be Raised from the Dead



MEMORY VERSE: "Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34



MARK 8:22-26 Jesus Heals a Blind Man

1. What did Jesus do to give the blind man his sight?
2. Jesus healed many people in many different ways. What strikes you about the way He healed this blind man? What do you recall about Jesus' methods in previous healings?
3. Can you think of any possible reasons to explain why Jesus took the man outside the village to heal him, and then told him not to go back into the village on his way home?



MARK 8:31-38 Take Up Your Cross

4. What did Jesus tell His disciples about His own future? v. 31
5. Read verses 32-33. What do you think Jesus meant by His words to Peter in verse 33?
6. Read verses 34-37. What do you think "turn from your selfish ways" and "take up your cross" mean?



7. Read verse 38. How do people act ashamed of Jesus and His words? How could this attitude be avoided or changed?



MARK 9:2-10 The Transfiguration

8. What happened when Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain to be alone? Who appeared and began speaking with Jesus?

9. Read verses 5-8. Who's voice was in the cloud and what did it say about Jesus? Why is this so important?

10. The disciples were confused when Jesus spoke about "rising from the dead." What did Jesus mean by this?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

We have seen Jesus' power through many miracles and healings. Now we begin to hear more about the power He has over LIFE and DEATH as he tells his disciples that He will one day die and be raised from the dead. Jesus' death and resurrection is all to save US from our sins! We are saved by Jesus' power if we turn from our selfish ways, take up our cross, and follow Him. God says, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." Mark 9:7b

PRAY THE TRUTH


Dear Jesus, thank you for Your power over life and death. I want Your power and truth in my life. I learned many things about being Your follower that I want to apply to my life. I don't want to ever be ashamed of You and my relationship with You. Please give me the strength, courage and discipline to walk with You daily. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What is something new you learned about Jesus in this lesson? Is there anything that you will change based on these verses to make you a stronger follower of Christ?





Mark 8:22-36; Mark 8:31-38; Mark 9:2-10 (NLT)

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

22 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" 24 The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." 25 Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him away, saying, "Don't go back into the village on your way home."

Jesus Predicts His Death

31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be ejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. 32 As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. 33 Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." 34 Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. 35 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. 36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? 37 Is anything worth more than your soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Transfiguration

2 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. 4 Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. 5 Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials — one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them. 9 As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."

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Salvation Through Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9



MARK 10:13-16 Jesus Loves Children

1. Read verse 13. Why did the parents bring their children to Jesus? Why do you think the disciples didn't want Him to?
2. How did Jesus respond to His disciples? vv. 14-15 How does that make you feel?
3. Jesus says we must receive the Kingdom of God like a child. What do you think that looks like?



MARK 10:17-27 Salvation Is Possible with God Alone

4. The man who ran up to Jesus wanted eternal life. What do you think it means to have eternal life? See definition.
5. Jesus answered the man's question by listing all the commandments. How did the man reply? v. 20 Do you think that's possible?
6. Read verses 21-23. Jesus had genuine love for the man because He saw his sincere heart and desire for eternal life. The man thought he had lived well enough to earn it, so Jesus challenged him further. What else did Jesus say he needed to do?

7. After hearing the list of commandments that are necessary to be saved, what did the disciples ask? v. 26 What does verse 27 mean?



MARK 10:32-34 Jesus Again Predicts His Death

8. Read verses 32-34. Jesus' time on earth was coming to an end. How would you describe the atmosphere and emotions during this walk to Jerusalem?

9. Why do you think it was so important to Jesus that He repeatedly told the disciples what was going to happen to Him?

10. How does verse 34 end? Why does this matter?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

The Bible is filled with commandments on how we are to live as followers of Christ. And in order to have eternal life, we must obey all of these commands perfectly. But Jesus knows that this is IMPOSSIBLE for humans! That is exactly why God sent His Son Jesus to earth; to live the perfect life that we cannot, and to pay the price we all deserve to pay which is death. When Jesus died, He rose from the dead, conquering death. This is the Good News! We are still called to follow His commands but as a result of our faith, not as the means for salvation. Praise the Lord!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Jesus, thank you for telling me that the kingdom of God is for everyone - including me! Thank you for sending Your Son to die on the cross for my sins. Help me to remember that I am saved through grace alone and that my desire to follow Your commands should be a result of being saved, not what saves me! Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What do you think it means to follow God's commands as a result of faith versus as the means for salvation?



Mark 10:13-27; 32-34 (NLT)

Jesus Blesses the Children

13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. 14 When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

16 Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

The Rich Man

17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." 21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" 26 The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. 27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death


32 They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. 33 "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."

Eternal life: a gift of God that comes only through Jesus Christ our Lord. Life that begins the moment a person turns from sin and exercises faith and commitment to in Christ. Supreme quality of life on earth as well as unending life with God.

Kingdom of God: Jesus' reign now and a future time when Jesus will rule over all humanity. At the same time, the kingdom of God involves repentance and a new spiritual birth, as God rules in the hearts of His children in this world in preparation for the next.

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Jesus Lays Down His Life for Us

 MEMORY VERSE: "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters."
1 John 3:16



MARK 12:28-34 The Most Important Commandment

1. What is the foundation of the two most important commandments? Who does the first commandment focus on and who does the second one focus on? vv. 29-31
2. Read verses 29-31. What do you think it means to love God with all your:
heart?
soul?
mind?
strength?
3. How can we love our neighbor as ourselves? Who do you think Jesus means when he says neighbor?



MARK 14:43-52 Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

4. Who helped Jesus get arrested and how? Who sent them to arrest Jesus? vv. 43-44
5. How did Jesus react to the men arresting Him? vv. 48-49 Why do you think He was so calm?
6. What did the disciples do after Jesus was arrested? vv. 50-52 How do you think you would react and why?



MARK 14:53-65 False Evidence

- 7. Read verses 53-59. The leading priests and high council were determined to put Jesus to death. Why couldn't they find any evidence against Jesus to put Him to death?
- 8. What did Jesus say when asked if He was the Messiah? v. 62
- 9. Read verses 63-65. What was their verdict? How did they treat Jesus?
- 10. Jesus is on trial and it seems like He loses, but He won because this was God's plan all along - that Jesus (Messiah) would die on the cross, and three days later be raised from the dead conquering sin and death because of His great love for us. Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son and was sent to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

When Jesus was betrayed and arrested, His reaction was calm and expectant. He knew He was arrested to fulfill what the Scriptures said. He knew that the leading priests and high council would find Him guilty when He was in fact innocent. He knew all of this because He was sent by God for this exact purpose. God loves us so much, He sent Jesus to die for our sins. And in return He wants of us to love the Lord our God and love our neighbors. "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

PRAY THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You love us so much that you knowingly and patiently withstood betrayal, abuse, and even death on our behalf. There is no love greater than this. Please help me to love You in return with ALL my heart, soul, mind, and strength. And help me share Your great love by loving others. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Jesus' love for us was so great that He layed down His life for us. And in return we are to love Him with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength. What would that look like in action?



Mark 12:28-34, Mark 14:43-65 (NLT)

The Most Important Commandment

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” 29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” 32 The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. 33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.” 34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested


43 And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. 44 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: “You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard.” 45 As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. “Rabbi!” he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss. 46 Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. 47 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest’s slave, slashing off his ear. 48 Jesus asked them, “Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? 49 Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there among you teaching every day. But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me.” 50 Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. 51 One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, 52 he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.

Jesus before the Council

53 They took Jesus to the high priest’s home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. 54 Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest’s courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. 55 Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn’t find any. 56 Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. 57 Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony: 58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.’” 59 But even then they didn’t get their stories straight! 60 Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, “Well, aren’t you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?” 61 But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” 62 Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 63 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses? 64 You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!” 65 Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. “Prophecy to us,” they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.

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Christ on the Cross

 MEMORY VERSE: "When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God." Mark 15:39



MARK 15:16-20 Mocking God's Son

1. To "mock" means to make fun of someone. How did the soldiers mock Jesus? Even though the soldier's intentions were evil, what stands out to you about their actions?
2. Jesus chose not to fight the soldiers but to obey God's plan for His life. What was God's plan for Jesus?
3. How do people mock Jesus today? Why do you think they do this?



MARK 15:21-32 The Crucifixion

4. Read verses 21-24. Jesus did not have the strength to carry His own cross. How do you think Simon, a stranger, might have felt when he was forced to carry Jesus' cross?
5. Read verses 24-26. What did the soldiers do? What was the inscription written over Jesus?
6. Read verses 27-32. What were the people, the religious leaders and even the other criminals saying/doing? Was it true that Jesus couldn't save himself? Why didn't He?



MARK 15:33-39 The Death of Jesus

- 7. What happened at noon? What happened at 3? vv. 33-34
Why do you think Jesus asked God this question?
- 8. What important miraculous sign occurred when Jesus breathed His last? vv. 37-38
- 9. Read verse 39. What did the Roman officer say? How do you think he felt realizing this?
- 10. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the King of kings, and that He died on the cross for your sins?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8

Have you recognized and embraced this amazing truth? Are you like the soldiers and religious leaders or do you believe that Jesus Christ is who He said he was? Jesus is indeed the Son of God, the King of kings! And He loves YOU. Do you realize that you are a sinner, the very reason sinless Jesus Christ had to die on the cross? He paid for your sins because you could not do it yourself. May you spend the rest of your life living in gratitude for what Jesus did for you.

PRAY THE TRUTH

King Jesus, It is so hard for my human brain to fully understand that the God of the universe sent His Son Jesus Christ to live a perfect life, and die a human death all because I am a sinner. Help me to believe and walk in the truth that Jesus is who He says He is: King and Savior. And let that truth change my whole life. Thank you for Your amazing sacrifice. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



When you think about how Jesus died, how does it affect you?

How has believing these truths about Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection changed your life?



Mark 15:20-39 (NLT)

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

16 The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters (called the Praetorium) and called out the entire regiment. 17 They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. 18 Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" 19 And they struck him on the head with a reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship. 20 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

21 A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) 22 And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). 23 They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it. 24 Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. 25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26 A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." 27 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 29 The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. 30 Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" 31 The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! 32 Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

The Death of Jesus

33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" 35 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. 36 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!" 37 Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

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The Power of Jesus' Resurrection



MEMORY VERSE: "And he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 1:4



MARK 16:1-8 The Resurrection

1. Why were Mary, Mary Magdalene and Salome visiting Jesus' tomb? What did they find when they got there? vv. 1-4
2. What did the women see and hear inside the tomb? vv. 5-6
What does "He is risen" mean? What had Jesus told His disciples about this?
3. Read verses 7-8. What did the angel instruct the women to do? Why do you think the women were trembling, bewildered and frightened?



MARK 16:9-14 Jesus Appears to His Followers

4. What response did Mary Magdalene get from the disciples? vv. 9-11 Why do you think the disciples didn't believe Mary?
5. What did the two followers of Jesus experience walking from Jerusalem? What response did they get from the others when they told what happened?
6. When Jesus came to the 11 disciples, why was He upset with them?
Why do you think the disciples had such a hard time believing?



MARK 16:15-20 Jesus Sends His Disciples

7. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? v. 15

8. What important truth is part of the Good News? v. 16

9. Where did Jesus go after He sent out His disciples? What happened to the disciples after Jesus left? vv. 19-20

10. What meaning does Jesus' resurrection have? Why is the resurrection so important?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus performed many signs and wonders to show the power and truth of God. Jesus' death and resurrection are so important because it confirms His identity as the Son of God; it shows that Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf saves us from our sins; and it guarantees that those who believe in Christ will have eternal life. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25) May you believe the power and truth of Jesus and choose to follow and obey Him all the days of your life. And like Jesus' disciples, may we go out and share the Good News so that others may have life in Jesus Christ.

PRAY THE TRUTH


Dear Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thank you for the gift of salvation. Please show me any areas in my heart where I am not truly believing in Jesus and His perfect power. I pray for the strength to follow you and to share the Good News with others. Thank you!

WALK IN TRUTH



How has the resurrection changed your life? What else in your life needs to be changed because Jesus is alive?

The Good News is that Jesus is alive and He lives in all believers. Share with your friends about what His resurrection means to you. You don't have to be an expert on the Bible. Pray first, then open your mouth to share your changed life.



Mark 16:1-20 (NLT)

The Resurrection

1 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. 3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. 5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." 8 The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

9 After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. 11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her. 12 Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. 13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them. 14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. 16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed." 19 When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. 20 And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

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