



The Book of Mark

Session 1: Mark 1:1-13

Welcome to the Book of Mark. We will be taking a journey from the Sea of Galilee in which Jesus does most of his ministry, to walking the road to Jerusalem in which Jesus will give his life on a cross for payment for our sins.

Read Mark 1:1-8

Notice in verse 1 we see the writer begins with the good news. The good news is that God the Father has provided a way of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Question: How has the “good news” impacted your life? Is it a real story that continues to move you or is it stale and mundane?

There’s something special about Jesus. John the Baptist gets it. He is the forerunner of the Messiah.

Question: John the Baptist prepares his life during his wilderness experience. How about your wilderness experiences in life? Have they prepared your life for such a time as this?

John’s primary ordinance is to the Jew. Yet the book of Mark is written to the Gentile. Both John and Mark wanted people to understand that Jesus was the most important person anyone could ever meet.

Question: If you could write a book or a story about Jesus, what would you say about Jesus to get their attention?

John gives a great job of showing his humility in verse 7 saying he is unworthy to unstrap or untie Jesus’s sandals.

Question: Would you describe humility as being a Christ follower “a disciple”? How is he teaching this to you today?

Read Mark 1:9-11

We see the triune God fully at work in these verses. 1) The Father speaks, 2) The Son is baptized, 3) The Holy Spirit descends on the Son.

Question: We see Jesus's anointing for ministry. How has the Holy Spirit anointed you in the ministry he has given you in your everyday life? (Please note: Anointing to ministry is not contained only for those in ministry).

Read Mark 1:12-13

Jesus was tempted by Satan himself just like Adam, but didn't fail.

Question: What makes Jesus different? What makes him victorious, where Adam failed?

We love a good superhero. As a matter of fact, we would like to be that super hero with our own story. But we don't succeed. Take some time this week to write out thoughts on who Jesus is in your life. Will we follow Jesus?

Next week: Session 2 - Read Mark 1:14-45