

## Lesson 10- The Gospel of Mark Chapter

In our last lesson, we looked at where each of the 4 Gospels began when writing the story of Jesus Christ.

These Gospels are not biographies or histories. They do include real events, and real people in history.

However, these Gospels interpret the events surrounding the Messiah through the lens of faith. The beginning of each reveals a bit about the inspired evangelists and the perspective they each bring to their narrative accounts of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

1. **Read Mark 1:1-8 and footnotes. Share any helpful information from the footnotes with your group.**
2. **Read Malachi 3:1, and Isaiah 40:3, and 2 Kings 1:7-10 below.**  
**Why do you think Mark begins his Gospel with these quotes from the Prophets?**

**What is Mark saying about John and his message by making a reference to these verses in scripture?**

**Isaiah 40:3** A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

**Malachi 3 :1** Now I am sending my messenger—he will prepare the way before me;

And the lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple; The messenger of the covenant whom you desire— see, he is coming! says the LORD of hosts.

**2 Kings 1:7- 10** The king asked them, “What was the man like who met you and said these things to you?”<sup>8</sup> They replied, “He wore a hairy garment with a leather belt around his waist.” “**It is Elijah** the Tishbite!” he exclaimed.<sup>9</sup> Then the king sent a captain with his company of fifty men after Elijah. The prophet was seated on a hilltop when he found him. He said, “**Man of God**, the king commands you, ‘Come down.’”<sup>10</sup> Elijah answered the captain, “Well, if I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.” And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

3. **a. How did the people of Israel respond to John’s message? (Mark 1:4-5)**  
**b. What was Mark offering the people that was so compelling that they would leave Jerusalem and go out into the desert to receive it?**  
**c. What does *John the Baptist* say about Jesus in verses 7-8?**

4. **Read Mark 1:9-11 and footnotes. Share your footnotes with your group.**

**Where in these verses do you see the Holy Trinity?**

5. **Read John 1:29-32 printed on the next page, then answer the questions.**

**John 1:29-32** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “**Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**”<sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.”<sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but **the one who sent me to baptize with water told me**, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is **God’s Chosen One.**”

- a. How does the Gospel of John explain *why* John was baptizing people in the Jordan River?
  - b. With what titles does John the Baptist address Jesus?
  - c. Why did Jesus, the Son of God, need to be baptized?
6. Read Mark 1:12-13 and footnotes.
- a. Reflection: *Why* do you think the Spirit sent Jesus to the desert right after being baptized by John?
  - b. How would this experience in the desert help to prepare Jesus to prepare for his earthly ministry?
7. Read Mark 1:14-20 and footnotes. Share your footnotes.
- a. With what message does Jesus begin his ministry?
  - b. Who are the first disciples that Jesus called to join him?
  - c. Reflection: How difficult would it be to leave the family and the family business to join Jesus in his mission?
8. Read Mark 1:21-28 and footnotes. Share your footnotes.
- a. Jesus encounters a man who is possessed? Where was this man?
  - b. How do the demons describe Jesus?
  - c. How did the witnesses react to this exorcism?
9. Read Mark 1:29-33.
- a. How do we know that the earlier experience in Capernaum made believers of many people?
  - b. What type of miracles was Jesus performing in these verses?
  - c. How do we know that Peter is married?
10. Read Mark 1:40-45 and footnotes.
- a. Who does Jesus heal here?
  - b. Why does Jesus continue to warn those he heals to not tell anyone?
  - c. Do they follow his instructions?