

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (2019)



DATE	LESSON	QUESTIONS TO PROVOKE THOUGHT
1/6/19	Mark 1:1-13	Why do you think Mark quotes Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3? Did John's baptism really forgive sins? How? (Insight from Acts 19:1-5) What did John mean when he said the coming Messiah would re-baptize them? How did the Spirit descending like a dove help Jesus' ministry? What do you suspect was God's point for giving Jesus 40 days in the wilderness?
1/13/19	Mark 1:14-28	Are the commands of "repent and believe" out of order? Jesus said, "I'll make you fishers of men" to the apostles. Does that apply to us? Was the "unclean spirit" Jesus cast out of the man insanity or something else? How would a mentally ill man know who Jesus was when lots of people failed to recognize who he was?
1/20/19	Mark 1:29-45	Mark lists Jesus healing "diseases", but "demon possession" is not listed as a disease. If demon possession is not a disease, what do you think it was? How would you explain that demons knew who Jesus was, but sane people often didn't know him? Why do you think Jesus didn't want the leper who was healed to tell others? If Jesus came to end the law, why did he command the leper to show himself to the priests as the law commanded?
1/27/19	Mark 2:1-12	What do you think was Jesus' purpose in saying to the paralyzed man, "Your sins are forgiven"? Why did this statement stir up the teachers of the law? SHOULD WE USE CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS FOR TEACHING PURPOSES TODAY? EXPLAIN WHY. What do you think the teachers of law's answer was to Jesus' question, "which is easier?"
2/3/19	Mark 2:13-22	How do you suppose Levi could immediately leave his job when Jesus called him? Why were the Pharisees so upset that Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners? How does Jesus' answer of the "sick need a doctor" justify what he was doing? What is the logic of "don't fast when the bridegroom is with you and don't sew a patch on an old garment?"
2/10/19	COMBINED ADULT CLASSES IN AUDITORIUM	

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2/17/19	Mark 2:23-28	Was it really against the law to harvest on the sabbath? (Note Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:4 and others) If so, why was Jesus defending them? How is David's example (Lev. 24:5ff and I Sam. 21:1fff) a defense for working on the sabbath? Is it a defense based on "exceptions"? What difference does it make if Jesus is Lord of the sabbath?
2/24/19	Mark 3:1-19	Why were Jesus' critics "silent" when Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the sabbath: to do good or evil...?" Since Jesus never sinned, how did he escape sin when he got angry? Why do you think Jesus gave strict orders for the evil spirits not to tell who he was? Jesus appointed 12 apostles. Why not 24 apostles so they could spread the gospel quicker?
3/3/19	Mark 3:20-35	Why do you think Jesus' family felt Jesus had lost his mind? In your opinion, did Jesus' explanation prove he was not performing miracles by the power of Beelzebub? How? Why was blaspheming the Holy Spirit a more serious offense than other sins of blasphemy? What do you think was Jesus' meaning when he disclaimed any special relationship to his earthly family?
3/10/19	Mark 4:1-20	Which title is most appropriate to call this text? THE PARABLE OF: THE SOWER or THE SOILS? Why? In modern times, what would we call the: WAYSIDE PERSON? ROCKY PERSON? THORNY PERSON? THE GOOD SOIL PERSON? Which one of those soils most nearly describes you? What did Jesus say was his purpose in teaching with parables? (4:11,12)
3/17/19	Mark 4:21-34	What do you think Jesus' point was when he told them <u>where</u> to put a LIGHT? Why is it that what is hidden is meant to be disclosed? How do you think the seed growing in secret is like the kingdom of God? Why is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed? How could the parables be a good way to explain the kingdom of God if Jesus had to explain them to his own disciples?
3/24/19	Mark 4:35-41	Why do you think Jesus <u>spoke</u> to the storm? Would you have had faith if you had been in the boat? Why did Jesus expect them to have faith? What do you suspect was the Holy Spirit's purpose for recording this event?
3/31/19	Mark 5:1-20	Did the man in this story have an evil spirit or was he crazy? Why did Jesus send the demons into the herd of swine? If this man was crazy, how did he recognize Jesus better than the others? Why did Jesus reject the demoniac's offer?