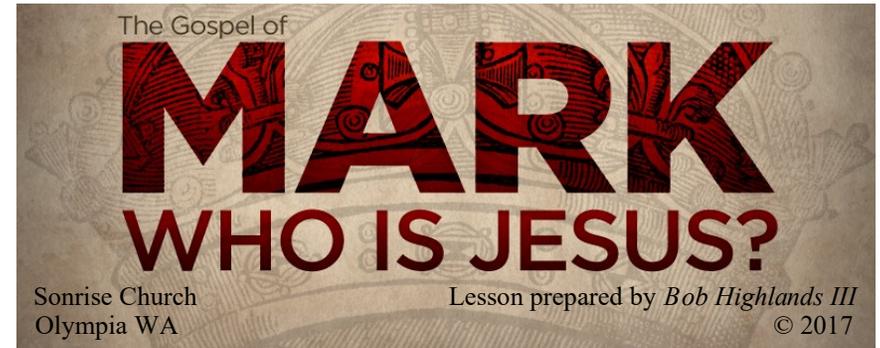


- List the key events in chapter one.



Chapter ONE—Part TWO
Jesus Begins His Ministry
Mark 1.14-45

The First portion of Jesus' ministry is about to begin. A key to understanding what is happening is to use the map in the introduction lesson and draw a line showing the course of Jesus' ministry as recorded in Mark. Don't forget to start at his home town of Nazareth (Mark 1.1) and show all the stops along the way.

The opening phase of the ministry of Jesus covers Mark 1.14 through Mark 3.6

Read verses 14-15 - Mark is a master at telling you everything and telling you nothing. Here he sets the stage for the Kingdom of God but will not really let you know what it is until the last few chapters of the book. Make sure you watch as you read through Mark for the sign Jesus says will show the arrival of the Kingdom of God. (Kingdom hint: see Mark 14.25 & Mark 15.36)

- Vs. 14- This verse shows the end of John's ministry with his arrest and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. How is this transition a fulfillment of what John said in Mark 1.7?

- Pick out which one *you think* is the MOST IMPORTANT and tell why you see this as so important to the mission, ministry or message of Jesus.

- ❑ What does Mark say Jesus is preaching in verse 14?

- ❑ V. 15- Even though Mark does not explain it clearly what has happened to bring the gospel to the world?

- ❑ What does Jesus say people need to do to be part of this gospel or message of Good News?

- ❑ How is this like what John the Baptist was preaching in Mark 1.4?

- ❑ How is this different from what John the Baptist was preaching in Mark 1.4?

- ❑ This is critical and important for later in the book of Mark. What does Jesus say about the arrival of the Kingdom of God?

- ❑ Vs. 15—What two events is the person to do? Explain what each one means in. What result is implied here?
 1. _____

 2. _____

- ❑ Vs. 24 _____

- ❑ Vs. 35 _____

- ❑ Vs. 41 _____

- ❑ The first chapter opens with the declaration about who Jesus is and introduces Him to the world through the ministry of John the Baptist. This is followed by the calling of his first disciples which is followed by a bevy of teaching, healings and demon conformation. Jesus was not interested in crowds but has two clear goals in mind. What were his two key goals for His ministry? (HINT: both of them are tied to his death.)
 - 1.

 - 2.

- ❑ How is each one helped or hindered by His popularity?

- ❑ How is each of these outside of the normal approach to a person with leprosy?

- ❑ Vss. 43-44—Why would Jesus want to avoid large crowds or the publicity a healed leper could provide for him?

- ❑ Vs. 45—How is the publicity and popularity surrounding His ministry hampering Jesus? (HINT: was he here to heal the sick or for another more important reason?)

Bonus Studies: What do we learn about the humanity or divinity of Jesus from the following verses in chapter one?

- ❑ Vs. 9 _____

- ❑ Vs. 11 _____

- ❑ Vs. 13 _____

- ❑ Vs. 16 _____

(NOTE: these two will be explained throughout the rest of the book of Mark. Jesus will tell parables and call people to respond to His calling.

Read verses 16-20—Jesus calls his first disciples (followers who are students) A disciple or student was to serve as an apprentice learning from the teacher or Master all he could teach until the student could become a teacher or Master himself. This often took years and in some professions decades with the student not advancing until the death of the master teacher.

- ❑ What **type** of people did Jesus call to be his first disciples?

- ❑ Why would Jesus want these as His disciples and not the religious leaders and scholars who lived in Jerusalem?

- ❑ How does Jesus relate to Simon (Peter) and Andrew when he called them to come with Him?

- ❑ How does this call help Simon and Andrew understand their mission if they follow Jesus?

(NOTE: Simon and Andrew had previously heard about Jesus and may have heard Him preach. This sudden call is a continuation of a relationship which Jesus uses to call they publically to make a decision to either follow or to continue fishing for...FISH.)

- ❑ Who are the first four official disciples of Jesus' inner circle and what was their occupation?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Occupation: _____

Read verses 21-28 — Jesus show his power and authority.

- ❑ These events occurred on the first day of ministry as recorded by Mark. What two events occurred here in this first section? How is each one a representation of His calling?

1. _____

2. _____

- ❑ How was the teaching of Jesus different than what the people were used to?
- ❑ What does Jesus do here that shows his humanity?
- ❑ What does Jesus do here that shows his divinity?
- ❑ How do the evil spirits respond to Jesus?
- ❑ What do we learn about Jesus from them?

- ❑ Vs. 39—Where does Jesus concentrate His early ministry? Located it on your map from lesson one and circle the region.

Read Verses 40-45 - A cry for help

Leprosy is a Biblical term covering a variety of skin diseases. The person with it was reduced to a life of solitude and separation from normal human contact. (Read Leviticus 13.45-46)

- ❑ What is this man asking Jesus to do? How would this change his life?
- ❑ What quality of belief does this man demonstrate in his question to Jesus?
- ❑ What can we learn about asking Jesus for something we need?
- ❑ What two thing did Jesus do to heal the man?

- ❑ Why would Jesus silence the evil spirits and stop them from telling who he is? (HINT: It has to do with Jewish law and anyone claiming to be God.)

Read verses 35-39 - Jesus is God yet that causes us to ask some questions and to see his humanity tested.

- ❑ Vs. 35 Why did Jesus need to pray?
- ❑ What can we learn about his prayer life here?
- ❑ Vss. 36-37 Why would prayer be a good preparation for the message that Simon and the other brought Jesus?
- ❑ Vss. 38-39 Why would Jesus leave a willing crowd of listeners behind?
- ❑ Wouldn't it be better to stay there? Why or why not?

- ❑ What do the evil spirits do that the man they came out of fails to do?
- ❑ How do the evil spirits speak about Jesus in the following verses?
 - Mark 1.24
 - Mark 3.11
 - Mark 5.7
- ❑ How do the people Jesus' heals refer to Him?
 - Mark 7-8
 - Mark 9.17
 - Mark 10.47-48
 - Mark 10.51

(NOTE: the evil spirits (demons) recognize Jesus' divinity (God nature) but the people seem to focus or recognize his humanity (human side).

- ❑ How does the evil spirit respond to the directions of Jesus in verse 25?
- ❑ How is this encounter with evil spirits end differently than his temptations by Satan in the Wilderness?

- ❑ Vs.23—What do we learn about evil and worship services?

(NOTE: Satan has never been afraid to sneak into worship services. This is what is happening in Job 1.6. Some have misinterpreted this to be an event in heaven but it is actually a worship service much like the one where Jesus cast the evil spirit out of the man in the synagogue.)

- ❑ What is the response of the people? Why do you think they were not sure of what to think?
- ❑ Vs. 28— Word spread fast about the ministry of Jesus. How could this be seen as a positive? A negative?

Read verses 29-31 - The home of a disciple—First look back at verse 21. What day of the week did this occur on?

- ❑ What do we learn about Peter's family from this section of Mark?
- ❑ What can we learn about the disciples of Jesus and the commitment they had to demonstrate in following Jesus?

Read verses 34-34 — The end of the first day of ministry.

- ❑ Vs. 32 What distinction is drawn here about the various types of people who were brought to Jesus to be healed?
- ❑ Why is this important in our understanding of the difference between spiritual and physical needs?
- ❑ Vs. 33 Were the people coming to Jesus because of who he was or what he was doing?
- ❑ How is this exactly opposite of the way the disciples answered their call to follow Jesus?
- ❑ Vs. 34. Why would Mark want to so clearly show the different types of those being healed?