

## Assignments on Mark 1

Please read Mark 1 and answer the following questions.

1. Read as much of the book of Mark as you can and summarize its theme.
2. List a number of facts we know about the man Mark from the New Testament.
3. Since Mark was not an apostle, what qualifications would he have to write a record of the life of Christ?
4. How does Mark begin his record – 1:1? Explain the significance.
5. **Define** the following terms:  
Jesus –  
  
Christ –  
  
Son of God  
  
Gospel
6. What prophecy did John fulfill – 1:2,3? Explain it. Where is it found originally?
7. How is the work of John described and where did he do it – 1:4,5?

8. **Special Assignment:** Study Acts 19:1-7. Is the baptism of John still in effect today? Explain how John's baptism differs from the baptism of the gospel.

9. **Case Study:** Some people today claim that they have received the baptism of John and wear the name "Baptist." Were the people whom John baptized called Baptists? Is John the teacher we should primarily emphasize, or did he emphasize someone else?

10. Describe John's lifestyle. What does this tell you about him?

11. **Special Assignment:** Notice Luke 1:17. Study other *passages* and list ways that John was similar to Elijah.

12. What prediction did John make in 1:7? How did he compare himself to the One to come? Explain the point.

13. **Special Assignment:** What different baptisms does John contrast in 1:8? List some differences between John's baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.

14. Whose baptism is described beginning in 1:9? What details are given that help us know what action was involved in the baptism: sprinkling, pouring, or immersion?

15. List other *passages* that help us understand whether baptism in the New Testament is a sprinkling, pouring, or immersion.

16. Describe what the Holy Spirit and God the Father did at Jesus' baptism – 1:10,11.

17. How does the involvement of the Holy Spirit and God the Father in this event give us important testimony about the nature of Jesus?

18. **Case Study:** Some people teach that Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God the Father are all the same individual. What can we learn about this from the account of Jesus' baptism?

19. Describe the temptation of Jesus according to 1:12,13.

20. What can we learn from Jesus' temptation about Jesus and about Satan?

21. How does Mark summarize the message of Jesus in 1:14,15?

22. List other **passages** about the importance of repentance.

23. List other **passages** about the importance of faith. (Think: Note what Jesus said we should believe. Is it sufficient simply to believe who He was, or is more required?)

24. **Case Study:** Many people believe the kingdom of Christ will not begin till Jesus returns a second time. How does this view compare to the teaching of Jesus?

25. What four men did Jesus call in 1:16-20? What were they doing, and what job did He say He wanted them to do?

26. What can we learn from the way these men responded to Jesus? In what way would their work be like fishing?

27. Where did Jesus teach in 1:21,22 (see **map**)? In what way did His teaching surprise the people?

28. Describe the healing of the man with the unclean spirit in 1:23-28.

29. How did this demon describe Jesus? (Think: Why might Jesus not have wanted to allow the demon to confess who He was?)

30. What can we learn from this miracle about Jesus and about Satan?

31. What miracle did Jesus perform in 1:29-31?

32. List how this event shows that Biblical miracles were impossible by natural law.

33. **Case Study:** Many people believe Peter was the first Pope. In what way does this event demonstrate that Peter did not have one of the primary requirements of modern popes?

34. How do 1:32-34 describe many of Jesus' other miracles?

35. In what important practice did Jesus participate according to 1:35? What can we learn about the importance of this practice?

36. When the disciples found Jesus, how did they describe His popularity – 1:35-39? What can we learn from the response of Jesus about the nature of His work?

37. Who next made a request of Jesus, and what request did he make – 1:40?

38. List some characteristics of miracles we can learn from this healing – 1:41-44.

39. **Case Study:** Many people claim modern faith healers can do miracles like Jesus and His apostles. List some ways modern claims do not have the characteristics of Jesus' miracles. Why is this important?

40. What did Jesus tell the man who had been cured of leprosy to do according to 1:44? Study what the law said about this and explain why this would be a testimony to the miracle. (Think: Why might Jesus not have wanted the man to publicize his healing – see verse 45?)

41. **Case Study:** Many people today claim that we should observe the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath because Jesus did so. What other aspect of the law did Jesus respect in this event? Why did Jesus observe the Old Law, and does this mean we should observe it today?