

Digging into God's Word



Mark



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I am so glad you are taking time to dig into the Word of God. What an amazing opportunity we have to grow in our understanding of God Himself and learn about the life and sacrifice of Christ. I hope you enjoy taking time to go verse by verse and chapter by chapter. I pray that you will grow in your faith and experience the love of the Savior whose biggest desire is to have a relationship with you.

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God Bless!

Gospel of Mark

Written by John Mark, the young companion of Peter and Paul. (Ac 12:12, 25; 13:5, 13; 15: Col 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11; Phm 24; 1 Pt 5:13; cp Mk 14:51). He accompanied Paul and Barnabas when they returned to Antioch from Jerusalem (Ac12:25) and on their first missionary journey (Ac 13:5). He wrote primarily to Gentile Christians in the Roman Empire probably between 64-68 AD.- Bible Notes

Chapter 1:

Vs. 1- Mark begins by claiming right off the bat that Jesus is the _____.

Vs. 2-4- Mark references Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1. Who is referred to as the messenger who was sent ahead of Christ?

Vs. 4-5- How does Mark describe John the Baptist's ministry?

[What was the meaning and importance of the baptism of John the Baptist? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 6- Here we get a glimpse of John the Baptist. What details does Mark provide?

Vs. 7-8- John prepares the crowds for Jesus. What message did he preach?

Vs. 9-11- Jesus' baptism: God speaks from heaven and says, "_____
_____."

[Why was Jesus baptized? Why was Jesus' baptism important? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 12-13- Temptation in the wilderness: Matthew devoted half a chapter to this, but Mark gives a two-sentence recap. What facts are shared here?

Vs. 14-15- Jesus begins His ministry. What is His message?

(Bible Notes- ***The time is fulfilled*** (Gk *Kairos*, “a favorable, opportune, significant time”) was not a reference to chronological time (Gk *chronos*, “extension or period of time”) but to the time appointed and foretold through the prophets for God’s activity on earth.)

Vs. 16-20- Who were the first 4 disciples and what do we learn about them?

Vs. 21-28- Not your average church service! Who came into the synagogue while Jesus was teaching?

What does he say to Jesus?

I’m sure the church attendees this day had their heads on a swivel anticipating Jesus’ reply! What does Jesus do?

How did people respond to Jesus?

Vs. 29-34- Healings begin! Who did Jesus heal at Simon and Andrew’s house?

Word travels fast! Many other sick and possessed people were brought to him as well. What did He prohibit the demons from doing and why?

Vs. 35- What can we learn from Christ’s example here?

Vs. 38- Jesus clarifies why He had come. What does He say?

Vs. 40-45- Jesus heals a man with a skin disease. How does Jesus approach him?

Once healed, what does He instruct the man to do?

Vs. 45- What did the healed man do, and what effect did that have on Jesus’ ministry?

(Bible Notes: By law this man with a serious skin disease (Gk *lepros*) was required to wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, and then cry out, “Unclean!” to warn people to stay away from him (see Lv 13:45-46). Mark notes that Jesus was *moved with compassion*.)

[Why did Jesus command people to not tell others of the miracles He performed? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 2:

1-4 - Why was it such a problem getting the paralytic to Jesus, and how did they make a way?

Vs. 5- Upon seeing this effort and faith, what does Jesus say to the paralytic?

Vs. 6-7- What are the scribes who witnessed this act thinking in response to Jesus’ words?

Vs. 8- How does Jesus respond to these scribes?

Vs. 9-10- Jesus makes His point clear. What does He do?

Who does Jesus say He is? _____

[Is Jesus God? Why should I believe that Jesus is God? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 14- Who was the tax collector Jesus asked to follow Him?

(Bible Notes- There is a strong, almost universal tradition that Levi and Matthew are one and the same (see parallel account in Mt 9:9). Some have suggested that Levi was his given name and Matthew (meaning “gift of God”) was the name he was given when he became an apostle. Name changes often accompanied dramatic changes in life. Levi was a tax collector for Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee, and was despised by the Jews.)

Vs. 15-17- Dining with sinners. Who hosted the dinner?

Here come the Pharisees and scribes again. What is their issue with this dinner party?

(Bible Notes- The Pharisees or “separated ones” were developers of what came to be known as the oral tradition (the *Talmud and Mishnah*). They were the official interpreters of the Law. They were very legalistic and obsessed with observing the Sabbath in certain ways and performing rituals.)

Vs. 17- What was Jesus’ wonderful response?

How can we use this perspective in our own lives and encounters with others?

Vs. 18- What question was Jesus asked?

Vs. 19-22- What metaphors does Jesus use to explain why His disciples are not yet fasting?

[Christian fasting — what does the Bible say? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 23-28- Another big claim. What did the disciples do that upset the Pharisees and scribes?

Why was this such a big issue?

Jesus tells them of David’s “unlawful” act of getting bread from the temple when he and his men were starving. (1 Samuel 21) What is His point here?

Vs. 27-28- What does Jesus reveal?

[What is the Sabbath day? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[What does it mean that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 3:

Vs. 1-2- The man with a paralyzed hand: Where did Jesus see this man and what day was it?

Knowing He was being watched closely by religious leaders, what does He ask the onlookers as he has the man stand before them?

What was the response?

Vs. 5- Jesus looks at them with _____ and _____ because of the _____.

Vs. 5-6- Jesus restores the man's hand to perfect health, and what is the response of the Pharisees?

Vs. 7-8- Jesus traveled to many towns around the region. Why did the masses flock to Him?

Vs. 9-11- Why would He retreat to small boats offshore?

Who did unclean spirits say He was?

Vs. 12- What would Jesus do to these unclean spirits who professed to know Him?

Vs. 13-19- Twelve Apostles: List them below-

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| 1. | 2. | 3. |
| 4. | 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. | 9. |
| 10. | 11. | 12. |

James and John were called the Sons of _____.

Vs. 20-21- Welcome home! This is quite a chaotic scene Mark describes. What happened?

(Bible Notes- With the reactions of Jesus' family presented as bookends surrounding the hostility of the scribes, the skepticism of Jesus' own biological family was seen more clearly. Members of His own family said, "He's out of His mind," revealing how little His family understood Him (v. 21).

Vs. 22- What did the scribes claim?

[Who was Beelzebub? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 24-25- These are important verses to remember! Jot these down:

Vs. 27- [What does it mean to bind the strong man? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 28-29- Assurance of forgiveness. All sins are forgivable except one. What is the unforgivable sin?

Why is this unforgivable?

[What is the unpardonable sin / unforgivable sin? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 31- Jesus' mother and brothers came out and sent word to Him. The crowd tells Jesus that they are asking for Him. What does Jesus say regarding His mother and brothers?

What does this mean in the context of the verses, as well as the context of our lives as believers?

[Did Jesus have brothers and sisters \(siblings\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 4:

Vs. 1-9- Parable of the Sower: What happens in each depiction?

Vs. 4- Seeds on the path-

Vs. 5-6- Seeds on rocky ground-

Vs. 7- Seeds among the thorns-

Vs. 8- Seeds on good ground-

Vs. 13-20- Parable of the Sower explained. Write the meaning of these images below:

1. Seeds on the path -
2. Seeds on rocky ground with no depth-
3. Seeds among the thorns -
4. Seeds on the good ground -

Vs. 21-25- Jesus asks, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket or under a bed? Isn’t it to be put on a lampstand?” [Why does Mark 4:21 reference a light under a basket? | GotQuestions.org](#)

When you accept Jesus as your Savior, He will abide in your life. That is the light you can share with those around you.

Vs. 26-29- (Bible Notes- The parable of the secretly growing seed, which is unique to Mark, had to do with the mysterious way the kingdom of God grows. All a farmer could do was plant the seed. He would not understand how the seed grows.) [What is the meaning of the Parable of the Growing Seed \(Mark 4:26-29\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 30-32- (Bible Notes- The kingdom of God was like the mustard seed because the kingdom, too, appeared weak and insignificant in the beginning. But in the end its size and significance would exceed what would be expected at the beginning.) [What is the meaning of the Parable of the Mustard Seed? | GotQuestions.org](#)

(Bible Notes: These 3 parables concerned spiritual perception of the message of the kingdom and the specific growth of the kingdom. The kingdom was to be revealed, not hidden. It may have appeared weak and insignificant in the beginning, but in the end its size and significance would exceed expectations.)

Vs. 34- To whom did He give further explanation?

Vs. 35-37- That evening, they decided to boat over to the other side of the sea. What happens in route?

Vs. 38- Where was Jesus?

What did his disciples say to him in their panic?

Vs. 39-40- What did Jesus do and say to them?

41- Power over wind and sea! What is the reaction of the disciples?

Chapter 5:

Vs. 1-2- Jesus goes across the sea to the region of _____ and is met by who?

Vs. 3-5- What details are given to describe this man's life at this point?

Vs. 6-8- What was the immediate reaction of the man/demons when Jesus arrives?

Vs. 9- What was the name of the demons and why?

Vs. 10- What did he ask of Jesus?

Vs. 11-12- Where did the demons beg to go? (Interesting that they had to have His permission.)

Vs. 13-15- How many? _____ The towns people are alerted to the situation and come to see what is happening. In what condition did they find the man when they arrived?

Vs. 17- Instead of being in awe of this miraculous event, how did the townspeople react?

Vs. 18-20- The man desperately wants to go with Jesus, but Jesus commissions him to do what?

(Bible Notes- The Decapolis was a league of ten Greek cities largely populated by Gentiles and located to the east of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River).

Vs. 21-23- More miracles! He crosses the sea again and another large crowd awaits. He is met by a synagogue leader and what is his need?

Vs. 24-25- As Jesus is following him to his house, the massive crowd follows Him, pushing Him on all sides. Within the crowd is a woman who has suffered for years with

_____.

Vs. 26- We get a glimpse into her plight all these years. What had she endured?

Vs. 27-28- How does she seek healing?

Vs. 29-30- She feels the impact instantly. What does Jesus ask?

Vs. 31- Confused, what do the disciples ask Him?

Vs. 32-34- How did she approach Him?

What does Jesus call her? _____ What does He say to her?

[What is the meaning of the story of the woman with the issue of blood? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/What-is-the-meaning-of-the-story-of-the-woman-with-the-issue-of-blood?)

Vs. 35- While Jesus had been delayed, what happened to the man's daughter?

Vs. 36- What does Jesus tell this dad?

Vs. 37- Who did He allow to witness this healing?

Vs. 38-40- He sends away the wailing mourners and gathers her family and His disciples in her room. He takes the girl's hand and says what?

What happened?

Vs. 43- What does Jesus ask of these witnesses?

(Bible Notes- Jesus gave the family strict orders not to tell anyone about this to prevent the dramatic news from multiplying the demands of both the curious and incredulous.)

Chapter 6:

Vs. 1- Where did Jesus and His disciples go?

Vs. 2-3- Jesus taught in the synagogue. How did the townspeople respond?

Vs. 4- What does Jesus say regarding their unbelief?

Vs. 5- Why was He unable to do miracles there?

Vs. 6-13- Commissioning the Twelve:

Vs. 8-11- What instruction does Jesus tell the disciples before He sends them out in pairs?

Vs. 13- What power was given to the disciples?

Vs. 14-15- Word spread quickly about Jesus. Who did some say He was?

Vs. 16- Who did King Herod think Jesus was?

Vs. 17-18- What was the problem between John the Baptist and Herod?

Vs. 19-20- What did Herod's wife, Herodias, think of John and what did she want to do?

What did Herod think of John the Baptist?

Vs. 21- 29- Explain how Herodias finally got rid of John:

Why did Herod so quickly go through with this if he had previously been protecting and revering John?

Who came to take care of John's body?

Feeding 5,000:

Vs. 30-32- What are Jesus and disciples needing and where did they go?

Vs. 33-34- No rest for the weary! What did the crowd do?

What is Jesus' reaction?

Vs. 35-36- How did the disciples try to end this busy day?

Vs. 37- What was Jesus' response?

Vs. 38-41- After some confusion, Jesus simply tells the disciples to look for available food. What did they find?

Describe this feast:

How much was left over?

(Bible Notes- Apart from Jesus' resurrection, the feeding of the 5,000 was the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels (Mt. 14:13-21; Lk 9:12-17; Jn 6:5-13). The numbering was based on counting the men. Adding women and children would have greatly increased the number.)

[What can we learn from Jesus' feeding of the 5,000? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 45-46- What did Jesus make His disciples do after this miracle meal?

Once Jesus dismissed the crowd, what did He do?

(We should learn from Jesus' example and find time alone to be still and pray.)

Vs. 47-50- What time was it when Jesus saw the disciples struggling at sea and what does He do?

Can you sympathize with the disciples being freaked out when Jesus walks up to them?

Vs. 49- What did they initially think He was?

Vs. 51-52- What happened as soon as He got in the boat?

How are the disciples dealing with all these unexplained miracles?

Vs. 53-56- As they reach land and beach the boat what happens?

Who is always brought before Him everywhere they go?

Are we somewhat like these desperate crowds of people? Do we only seek Jesus when we have needs, or do we seek Him just to be in His presence or give thanks?

Chapter 7:

Vs. 1-5- The Pharisees confront Jesus. What was their issue?

Vs. 6-7- Jesus responds and quotes Isaiah 29:13. What does He say?

Vs. 8- He says they are more concerned with traditions of _____ than the commands of _____.

Vs. 9-13- What does He tell them?

Vs. 13- How does Jesus clarify His point? “You revoke _____ by your tradition that you have handed down”.

Vs. 15- He says, “Nothing that goes _____ a person from the _____ can defile him, but the things that come _____ of a person are what defile him”.

How did religion become something that was defiling these Pharisees?

Vs. 17-23- What does Jesus reiterate to His disciples?

What types of things does Jesus mention here that come from the hearts of man?

Vs. 24-26- Jesus tries to discretely go into another town but word traveled fast. Who needs His help and why?

Vs. 27- (Bible Notes- Jesus’ first response to her at a glance seemed uncharacteristically harsh. However, Jesus was neither indifferent nor insensitive; rather, He wanted to test the faith of this Gentile woman and use her faith as a testimony to the disciples. The Jews often referred to the Gentiles as ‘dogs’, but here the reference is a diminutive form, meaning small dogs kept as household pets rather than scavengers of the streets.”

Vs. 28-30- Knowing she was not from the chosen lineage of the Jews, she admits that she would accept even “crumbs” of His help. What does Jesus say and do?

Vs. 31-32- As He arrived in yet another region, who was brought to Him for healing?

Vs. 33-Why did He heal this man privately?

Vs. 36- The man is completely healed, yet what does Jesus ask of them?

How does that work out?

Chapter 8: Feeding of the 4,000

Vs. 1-3- What is Jesus' concern?

Vs. 4- Knowing they have had a similar situation before, does this verse surprise you, or do you sympathize with and relate with the disciples?

Vs. 5-9- What food was multiplied?

How many people were fed?

How many baskets were left over?

Vs. 10-12- Once the crowd was fed, He traveled by boat to the district of Dalmanutha. When approached by the Pharisees, what did they demand of Him?

What did Jesus reply and what feelings does He show?

Vs. 13-15- As they boat across to the other shore, what does Jesus warn them to beware of?

Vs. 16- The disciples are obviously confused. What did they discuss?

[What is the leaven of the Pharisees? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 17-21- Jesus is aware of their confusion. What does He ask them?

Although Jesus exhibits His frustration with the disciples, do you relate with the disciples? Why or why not?

Do you sympathize with Jesus? If so, why?

Vs. 22-26- Another private healing. Who is healed, how, and what does Jesus instruct him to do?

Vs. 27-30- Jesus questions the disciples again. What does He ask?

Peter says He is the _____.

Who did others think He was?

Jesus warned them to tell no one. Why?

(Bible Notes- Contrary to what some modern scholars have said, the fact that Jesus hesitated to reveal Himself as Messiah early in His ministry does not mean He did not believe Himself to be the Messiah. He clearly accepted the title as expressing His true connection to the Old Testament and to the people of God (8:29).

Vs. 31-33- What is Jesus preparing them for?

Peter did not want to hear Jesus speaking about such things. He rebukes Jesus, but then Jesus explains to him that “you’re not thinking about _____ concerns, but _____”.

God sees the big picture. We must pray for God’s perspective on things that are difficult. Jesus didn’t ask for comfort. He sought God’s will.

Vs. 34-38- Powerful verses! What does Jesus charge His followers to do?

[What did Jesus mean when He said, “Take up your cross and follow Me”? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 35- Jot this down to remember:

Vs. 38- What does He say about those who are ashamed of Him?

Chapter 9:

Vs. 1- (Bible Notes: Jesus was saying some, but not all, standing there would witness the transfiguration. More than anything these words offered encouragement and anticipation for the coming kingdom). [Was Jesus’ statement that “some who are standing here will not taste death” in Luke 9:27 \(also Matthew 16:28; Mark 9:1\) incorrect? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 2-13- The Transfiguration: Who went with Jesus up the mountain?

Describe what happened:

(Bible Notes: Truths were illuminated through this extraordinary event!

1. Jesus was the fulfillment of the Law (represented by Moses) and of the prophets (represented by Elijah).
2. Jesus prefigured the glory that would be His at the time of His return.
3. All believers are represented. Moses represents those who had died and been buried, Dt. 34:5-6; Elijah was translated without dying and represents those who remain alive at the time of Christ’s return, 2 King 2:11.
4. This event demonstrates beyond doubt that Jesus was more than He appeared to be (i.e., God in human flesh).
5. The Transfiguration was also meant for the spiritual training of those who were with Him)

What do you think Peter was thinking based on his comment in vs. 5-6?

Vs. 7- God appears in a _____. What does He say?

Vs. 9-10- Based on this conversation, how were the disciples feeling?

Vs. 11-13- (Bible Notes- Jesus' words, *Elijah really has come* (vs. 13), referred to John the Baptist who "will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah" (Lk 1:17), thus fulfilling the prophecy of the forerunner who was to prepare the way for Messiah (see Is 40:3; Mal 3:1-2; 4:5).

[Why must Elijah return before the end times \(Malachi 4:5-6\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Was John the Baptist really Elijah reincarnated? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 14-18- They come upon a crowd with the other disciples, and one man cries out. What does the man reveal about his son?

Vs. 24- The father's plea is one we can all relate to and fall back on when we are faced with tough situations. Jot this one down:

Vs. 25-26- How does Jesus take care of this boy?

Vs. 28-29- What did the disciples want to know?

What does Jesus say?

Vs. 30-32- While on their way to Galilee, Jesus is teaching His disciples. What does Jesus try to explain?

How do the disciples respond?

Vs. 33-37- What had the disciples been arguing about?

Jesus explains to them how true greatness is demonstrated. What does He say?

Vs. 38- What was John offended by?

Vs. 40- What does Jesus reply?

Vs. 42-50- Warnings from Jesus: He gives specific examples and graphic consequences. What does He say for each of the examples?

Vs. 42 -Whoever causes the downfall of one of these little ones who believe in Me-

Vs. 43- If your hand causes you to stumble-

Vs. 45- If your foot causes you to stumble-

Vs. 47- If your eye causes you to stumble-

(Bible Notes: Jesus stresses that the destructive nature of evil demanded a radical offensive action. He was certainly not calling for mutilation of the body, rather, He was emphasizing the necessity of avoiding eternal punishment or jeopardizing one's right standing with God whatever the cost).

Vs. 44, 46, and 48- Based off these quotes from Isaiah 66:24, is hell a literal place?

[Is hell real? Is hell eternal? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

So, we see why Jesus had such passion for people, leading to His commitment to go to the cross. He made a way to heaven and relationship with Him for all who follow and love Him.

[How can I know for sure that I will go to heaven when I die? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Chapter 10:

Vs. 1-2- As Jesus teaches a crowd, the Pharisees approach Him with a question. What do they ask Him?

Vs. 3- How did Jesus respond?

Vs. 4-5- Why did this even become a stipulation of marriage?

Vs. 6-9- Jesus then quotes Genesis 2:24. What is Jesus clarifying here?

Vs. 11-12- Jesus did give clarity on the issue of divorce. Explain:

[What does the Bible say about adultery? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/What-does-the-Bible-say-about-adultery?)

(Bible Notes- Jesus leveled the ground between husband and wife in the arena of marital commitment (10-12). Jesus again went beyond the Jewish religious leaders because He acknowledged that for a man to commit infidelity against his wife made him an adulterer as well. The moral obligation within the marriage covenant in the teachings of Jesus was the same for husband and wife. Jesus even recognized the right of a wife to divorce her husband, which had not been allowed in Judaism. Jesus lifted the discussion beyond Mosaic law to God's original plan at creation. God intended for one man and one woman to become inseparably one being, mirroring the unity within the Godhead (Gn 1:27). Indeed, Jesus condemned all divorce, whether by husband or wife, as being contrary to His plan.)

Vs. 13-16- Jesus makes two things clear in these verses. First, who does He want to be allowed to come to Him? _____ Second, he uses the children as an example of the kind of faith He wants from all of us. What does He say?

[Why did Jesus say, "Let the little children come to me"? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/Why-did-Jesus-say-Let-the-little-children-come-to-me?)

(Bible Notes: He emphasizes a child-like faith, in which dependence upon the Lord was mandated over self-reliant trust in one's personal strength and ability)

Vs. 17-22- The rich young ruler: This young man was very proud of his accomplishments and possessions. He could check off quite a list of religious deeds. But what does Jesus ask him to do?

Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: in whom or in what does the man put his trust?

Vs. 23- What powerful statement does Jesus make?

Vs. 24-25- They are astonished at this comment, so He doubles down. What does He say?

[What did Jesus mean when He said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/What-did-Jesus-mean-when-He-said-it-is-easier-for-a-camel-to-go-through-the-eye-of-a-needle-than-for-a-rich-man-to-get-into-heaven.html)

Vs. 26- The disciples had a valid question! What did they ask Him?

Vs. 27- What wonderful assurance does Jesus give?

Vs. 28-31- Peter confirms their loyalty to Him by following Him faithfully. What does Jesus acknowledge?

Vs. 32-34 - Jesus' 3rd prediction of His death and resurrection. What details of His upcoming sacrifice does He reveal to them?

Vs. 35-37- Upon hearing these horrific things Jesus will endure, what do James and John ask Him?

Vs. 38- How does Jesus respond to this request?

Vs. 39-40- What does He explain to them?

Vs. 41- How did the other disciples respond to their request?

Vs. 43-44- Jesus explains how he wants them to treat each other and why. What is His point?

Vs. 45- Jot this down!!

Summarize Jesus' whole point from these verses:

Vs. 46-52- A blind man hears the crowd, and he knows Jesus is passing through. He yells out in hope to encounter Jesus. How does He refer to Jesus? _____

[What does it mean that Jesus is the son of David? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

What does Jesus ask him when he calls him over?

To what did Jesus attribute his healing?

[What does the Bible say about healing? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Chapter 11:

Vs. 1-2- On their way to Jerusalem, what did Jesus ask two disciples to go get?

(Bible Notes- The unique way in which Jesus entered the city combined hints of His messiahship as the Son of David. Moreover, He was the fulfillment of prophecy, and He brought deliverance, although not in the political ways the people envisioned. This entry was humble and lowly as prophesied (Zch 9:9) and stands in contrast to His victorious return to usher in His kingdom (Rv 19:11).

Vs. 7-10- They brought Him the donkey, and he began to ride into town. How did the people greet Him?

How do they refer to Him?

Vs. 15-16- The next day they go to the temple and what does Jesus do and why?

Vs. 17- He quotes Scripture and reminds them of the purpose of the temple. What does He say?
(Read Jeremiah 9:9)

Vs. 18- How did the priests and scribes feel about Jesus' reaction?

Vs. 22-24- What does Jesus emphasize about praying?

Vs. 25-26- What heart condition is pointed out here and why is this so important?

[If I do not forgive others, does that mean my sins are not forgiven? What does Matthew 6:14-15 mean? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 27-33- More challenges from the religious leaders! What do they ask Him?

What does He ask them in return?

Why did this question pose such a dilemma for them to answer?

Chapter 12: (Continuation from the end of chapter 11-dialogue with the chief priests, scribes, and elders)

Vs. 1-12- Parable of the vineyard owner:

To whom did the owner lease the vineyard?

Who did the owner send to collect some of the fruit, and what happened to those he sent?

Finally, the owner sends his son presuming he will be respected, but how did they treat his son?

What was the reaction of the owner?

Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22-23 in verses 10-11. What is the meaning of this prophecy?

[What is the meaning of the Parable of the Vineyard? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 13-17- Another trap attempt. As always, Jesus knows the heart. Despite their flattery, what does He see in them?

What questions did they ask and how did Jesus' answer?

Vs. 18-27- Sadducees and the resurrection:

Sadducees did not believe in a resurrection; however, they questioned Jesus on what matter?

Vs. 25- How does Jesus answer their question?

What is amazing about His comment in vs. 26-27?

Vs. 28-31- A scribe approaches Jesus and asks a big question. What does He want to know?

Jesus quotes Dt. 6:4-5 and Joshua. 22:5 – Jot this down:

What is the second most important? (Leviticus 19:18)

How different do you think our families, neighborhoods, cities/towns, nation, and world would be if everyone followed these two?

Vs. 32-34- The scribe replies, and Jesus affirms him. What important point is made in verse 33?

Vs. 35-37- Jesus poses the question quoting Psalm 110:1. What point is He trying to make?

[What does it mean that Jesus is the son of David? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[What does Messiah mean? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[What does it mean that “the Lord said to my Lord”? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 38-40- Who does He warn people to be aware of and why?

Why do you think He said they will receive harsher punishment?

Vs. 41-44- Another depiction of looks being deceiving. What does He point out to His disciples?

Are we giving to God with a heart of trust for Him and generosity for His Kingdom causes?

God sees and knows the intentions of the heart. Nothing is hidden from Him.

Chapter 13:

Vs. 1-2- What does Jesus predict?

Vs. 3-8- Jesus gives signs to watch for that will lead to the end times. What are some of the things He says to watch for?

Vs. 8- How does He describe these things?

Vs. 9- What does He reveal will happen to them?

Vs. 10- What is of utmost importance?

[What does it mean that the gospel is good news? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 11- This is awesome! What does He assure them?

Vs. 12- This sounds terrible! What does this tell us about the state of the culture during this time?

Do we see any similarities in our day?

Vs. 14-23- The Great Tribulation: What does Jesus say they will see “standing where it should not”?

[What is the abomination of desolation? | GotQuestions.org](#)

(Other verses to reference: Daniel 9: 27, 11:31, 12:11; Matthew 24:15, Rev. 13:14; 2 Thes 2:1-3:15)

When this happens, what does Jesus tell those in Judea to do?

[What is the significance of the command to flee to the mountains \(Matthew 24:16; Mark 13:3; Luke 21:21\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 19-21- What does He clarify about these days of tribulation?

[What is the Great Tribulation? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Again, what does Jesus warn of in 21-22?

[How can I recognize a false teacher / false prophet? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 24-27- What will happen after that tribulation?

Vs. 29- Why did He want these things known?

Vs. 31- Jot this down:

Vs. 32- Who is the only One that knows when these events will take place?

Vs. 33-37- What is He telling everyone to do and why?

Chapter 14:

Vs. 1-2- Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to arrest and kill Jesus during the Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread?

[What is Passover? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 3-5- What did the woman do and why were some upset at this act?

Vs. 6-8- What does Jesus say she has done?

Vs. 9- Jesus wants her recognized for all time for her selfless, loving act toward Him.

Vs. 10- Who is most peeved by this? _____ What does he do?

Vs. 11- What plan is devised?

Vs. 12-21- Their location to celebrate Passover came about in an interesting way. How did they find a place?

Vs. 17-18- Meal takes a terrible turn. What does He announce?

Vs. 19- How did His disciples take this news?

Vs. 21- What does Jesus clarify here?

Vs. 22-26- He breaks _____ and says, “This is My _____.” He gave them the cup and said “This is My _____ that establishes the _____; it is shed for _____.”

How do you think the disciples were processing all these things?

Vs. 27-31- More disappointing news: What does Jesus assure them they will do?

(Read Zch. 13:7)

Vs. 28- What does Jesus foretell?

Vs. 29-31- Peter swears his loyalty but what news does He give to Peter?

How did Peter and the others respond?

Vs. 32-42- Jesus' prayer in the garden: Who went with Jesus to pray?

Vs. 33- How does this describe Jesus feeling?

Vs. 34-36- Jesus says, “My soul is swallowed up with _____, to the point of _____”.

What does Jesus pray to the Father?

Can you imagine His anguish? What thoughts do you have after reading this?

Vs. 37- What does He find His disciples doing?

We hear His frustration in verses 37-38. Why was He pleading with them to pray?

Vs. 39-41- Jesus continues to endure this anguish and dread and each time He checked on His disciples what were they doing?

Vs. 42- A rude awakening! The three disciples were awakened by Jesus, and I'm sure they could see His disappointment. Why did Jesus tell them to get up?

(Bible Notes- Gethsemane was a garden located on the Mount of Olives. Jesus often went there to pray. This prayer was not uttered by one who was weak or fearful. No matter how much Jesus suffered from knowing the temporary alienation from the Father was coming, He chose the path of obedience with determination, knowing the divine necessity for His death to make atonement for all who would turn to Him in faith.)

Vs. 43- Which of the twelve disciples led the mob to Jesus?

Vs. 46-47- Judas betrays Jesus with a _____ and they come to arrest Him.

What was the reaction of "one of those who stood by"?

(Bible Notes- "One of those who stood by" is a reference to Simon Peter (vs. 47; John 18:10).

Vs. 48-49- Jesus sets the record straight. Why does He tell the mob this is happening?

Vs. 50- What prediction of Jesus' came true?

Vs. 51-52- (Bible Notes- Many believe the "certain young man" who left naked was an autobiographical reference to Mark since such trivia would be an unusual inclusion unless it was embedded in the mind of the author himself (Mk 14:51), and its inclusion served to add to the authenticity of the entire book.)

Vs. 53-65- Jesus is taken to the Sanhedrin:

Vs. 53- Who all was convened for this event late at night?

Vs. 54- Who followed the mob and Jesus into the high priest's courtyard?

Vs. 55- What were the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin hoping to find and why?

Vs. 56-59- What was the problem with the testimonies they heard?

Vs. 60-61- The high priest finally addresses Jesus himself. What questions does he ask Him?

Vs. 62- What does Jesus reply? (Read Psalm 110:1; Dn 7:13)

Vs. 63-64- How did the high priest respond and why?

Vs. 65- The brutality begins. What did they begin doing to Him?

Vs. 66-72- Poor Peter! What did Peter hear and realize? Can you imagine his anguish and shame?

Chapter 15:

Vs. 1-The religious leaders resumed their meeting first thing in the morning. They tied Jesus up and where did they take Him?

Vs. 2- Pilate asks a pointed question. What did he ask and how does Jesus respond?

Vs. 3-5-Why is Pilate amazed by Jesus?

Vs. 6- What was Pilate's custom at the festival?

Vs. 7- There was another prisoner besides Jesus who is brought up. Why was he arrested?

Vs. 8-9- What does Pilate ask the crowd?

Vs. 10- What did Pilate think was the motive of these chief priests?

Vs. 11- Who did the chief priests and the crowd want to have released?

Vs. 12-13- Pilate asks what he should do with "the One you call King of the Jews". What did they say?

Vs. 14- Pilate, again, asks very pointed questions. What does he ask?

(Bible Notes: The Roman government had a tradition of releasing a prisoner for the Jews during the Festival of Unleavened Bread because of its commemoration of the release of the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage as a gesture of good will.)

Vs. 15- Mark mentions that Pilate handed Jesus over after having Him _____.

(Bible Notes: Flogging and scourging, a barbaric and senseless cruel punishment in which the victim was stripped to the waist with his hands bound to a stationary pole while he was mercilessly whipped. The whip itself was a torturous instrument consisting of a handle with attached leather throngs weighted with jagged pieces of bone and rock. The victim was most assuredly disfigured and often died from this ordeal.)

Vs. 16-20- The brutal Roman soldiers mock and demean Him. What kinds of things did they do?

Vs. 21-32- The Crucifixion:

Vs. 21- Who was forced to carry the cross?

Vs. 22- What does Golgotha mean?

[Where/what is Golgotha/Calvary? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 23- (Bible Notes: Jesus refused the sedative drink traditionally offered by the Romans in the execution detail to make the excruciating pain more bearable for the victim.)

Vs. 24- Read Psalm 22:18: Unbeknownst to these soldiers, what prophecy is fulfilled?

Vs. 27-28- Who was crucified with Jesus and why is this significant?

(Isaiah 53 foretells much of Jesus' sacrifice. Do a quick review of that chapter).

Vs.29-32- As He hung there in agonizing pain, what were the onlookers saying?

Vs. 33- What time of day did darkness come over the land?

Vs. 34- What does He cry out? (Read Psalm 22:1)

Vs. 35- To whom did bystanders think He was calling?

Vs. 36-37- After being offered sour wine on a sponge, what did Jesus do?

Vs. 38- After Jesus breathed His last, what happened?

[What was the significance of the temple veil being torn in two when Jesus died? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 39- The centurion was obviously moved as something struck him at this moment. What did he declare?

Vs. 42-47- Burial of Jesus: Who stepped up to offer burial for Jesus?

[Who was Joseph of Arimathea? | GotQuestions.org](#)

What group was he a prominent member?

Vs. 44- What was Pilate's reaction?

Vs. 45-47- Once a centurion verified His death, they released Jesus' body to Joseph of Arimathea. How does he offer Jesus a proper burial?

Who is watching?

Chapter 16:

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Vs. 1-2- Who is going to the tomb and why?

Vs. 4-8- What do they observe and who do they see?

What does he tell them?

[Should Mark 16:9-20 be in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 9-18- Appearances of the Risen Lord:

Vs. 9- Who did Jesus appear to first?

What was significant about her?

[Who was Mary Magdalene? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 10-11- When she goes to tell others, how were they feeling?

What was their response to the news?

Vs. 12-13- Two other men saw Jesus as they were walking and went to tell the others. How did the disciples respond to them upon hearing this news?

Vs. 14- Finally, He appears to the Eleven and what did He say to them?

Vs. 15- What does He instruct them to do?

[What is the Great Commission? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 16- What will cause people to be condemned?

Who will be saved?

[Is baptism necessary for salvation? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[How can I be saved? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 17-18- Jesus shares gifts believers can do in His name if they believe. What kinds of miracles does He list?

Vs. 19-20- What do they witness?

How does the disciples' character and behavior change from the night of His death to this moment?

We have the advantage of seeing the whole Bible and the having the Holy Spirit, things they did not always have. How can we be bolder in sharing this news with others?

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