

THE GOSPEL IN FIFTY MINUTES (MARK 1)

The Gospel of Mark has been described as “the shortest and simplest of the four gospels” and “a crisp and fast-moving account of the life of Christ.” Only sixteen chapters long, Mark is an action-packed gospel that could be read in less than one hour. It presents Christ as God's Servant who is constantly on the move, preaching, teaching, healing, and finally dying for sinful men. Due to the length and readability of Mark, it is an ideal 'starter' book for new believers and young Christians. If you have never studied this amazing book in its entirety, read it through in one sitting, and then be sure to join us in the coming Sundays as we explore God's Word - The Gospel According To Mark.

POINTS TO PONDER:

A. John the Baptist was a True Servant of Jesus (v1-8)

- ✧ John the Baptist fulfilled a unique place in the ministry of Christ.
- ✧ Never judge a man's ministry by his popularity! Consider the marks of a true man of God.

B. Jesus was Baptized to Identify Himself With Fallen Mankind (v9-11)

C. After His Baptism, Jesus Was Tempted For Forty Days (v12-13)

- ✧ You cannot advance in your Christian life without conflict.
- ✧ You are no match for Satan, but you can overcome him with the Word of God (*Eph 6:17*).

D. The First Disciples Jesus Called Responded Immediately To His Invitation (v14-20)

E. In the City of Capernaum, Christ Healed Many of their Sicknesses (v21-45)

IN WHAT WAYS DO WE SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST?

1. He was filled with the Holy Spirit (*v10*)
2. He was led by the Holy Spirit (*v12*)
3. He ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit – preaching, teaching, healing, etc. (*v14-45*)

CHALLENGE TO CHANGE:

There are three important commandments of Jesus in Mark 1 that every one of us must obey. Your eternal destiny depends on your response to these commands.

- ✧ *Command: “Repent” (v15). The Result: Forgiveness*
- ✧ *Command: “Believe” (v15). The Result: Eternal Life*
- ✧ *Command: “Follow Me” (v17). The Result: Fruitfulness*