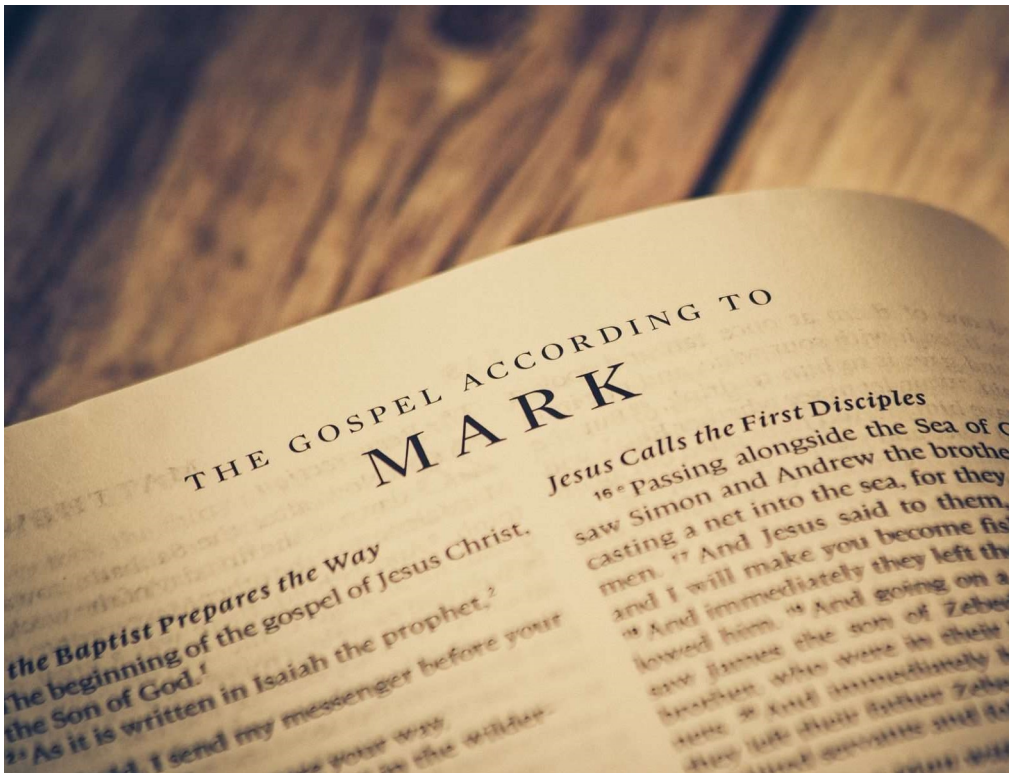


# Let's Worship God

18th-23rd November 2019

Mark



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

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## Monday - Mark 10:13-16 - Bringing Children to Christ

These verses teach us how important the souls of children are. Parents, friends, or relatives are bringing children to Jesus so that Jesus can bless them. How can we show the same concern for the children around us? First, we can bring them to Jesus by praying for them. We can pray that Jesus will save them and help them grow in their love for Him, and we can pray for Jesus' blessing on their lives. The second thing we can do is use every opportunity available to talk to them about Jesus, whether in Bible classes, youth clubs, bringing them to church where they can hear about Jesus, or just spending time with them. Jesus shows us how much He values children and is willing to take time for them. We need to do the same.

When the adults bring their children to Jesus, the disciples try to stop them. Maybe they are tired, or maybe they are trying to protect Jesus from working too hard, but Jesus is angry with them for discouraging people from coming to Him. Jesus teaches His disciples that God's kingdom is made up of those that have the qualities of children. Children completely trust adults to take care of them and to know what's best for them. Jesus is saying that we need to have this same unquestioning trust that God will take care of us and that God knows what is best for us.

### Questions

1. What are the two ways we can show concern for the souls of children around us?
2. What kind of trust should we have in God?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the children in our congregation.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"For all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27b

**Praise: Psalm 84 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Tuesday - Mark 10:17-27 - Nothing is Impossible

When you first read these verses you feel very sorry for this rich man. He seems to want so badly to find out what to do to get eternal life. The whole situation seems so hopeful: he runs to Jesus and publicly and respectfully asks Him what to do. But even though this man seems so promising, he has a complete misunderstanding about who he is and who Jesus is. He thinks he has led a pretty good life and that Jesus, as a special Teacher, can give him instructions on what else he needs to do in order to earn eternal life. He doesn't believe that Jesus is God, that he himself is sinful, and that he needs Jesus to save him. But Jesus is about to show him that he is not as perfect as he thinks he is. He asks the rich man to give up everything he has for God. This is something the young man is not prepared to do; he is not going to completely love and serve God with all his heart. A lot of people have the same attitude as this rich man: they think they are pretty good and come to Christians for advice, but they aren't prepared to turn their entire lives over to God.

The disciples have never experienced a kingdom in which rich people don't play a powerful role. In God's kingdom everyone, including the rich, have something that they will find impossible to give up if not for God changing their hearts and making it possible to love Him wholeheartedly.

### Questions

1. What does the rich young man want to know?
2. What does Jesus tell him to do?
3. Why were the disciples surprised at what Jesus said?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God can change hearts and lives.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Wednesday - Mark 10:28-34 - A Tremendous Promise

Perhaps because he is worried that Jesus will forget what the disciples have done or perhaps because he is jealous of the rich young man, Peter thinks it's necessary to remind Jesus of the sacrifices he and the other disciples have made. Jesus then makes an amazing promise to all the disciples. God always blesses those who love Him wholeheartedly. For everything that is given up for the sake of Christ, God will return a hundredfold. He promises hope, joy, and comfort against all that we lose. Those who give up their family and friends for Christ, find in the church a new family and closer friends than they have ever known before. However, Jesus reminds the disciples that persecution is still a fact of the Christian life despite the blessings God pours out. The ultimate reward for the Christian is eternal life in heaven. Jesus reminds the disciples that God does not see as men see. With these great promises, everyone should be encouraged to serve Christ wholeheartedly.

Jesus then goes up to Jerusalem, and there is something in His attitude that almost frightens those following Him. Maybe it is His determination to go forward to His death. But just like always, when He explains to His disciples what is going to happen, they still don't understand.

### Questions

1. What did Peter say to Jesus?
2. What promise did Jesus give His followers?
3. What does Jesus say we will still endure in this life?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's promise of blessing.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Thursday - Mark 10:35-45 - A Servant Leader

Despite Jesus' teachings on self-sacrifice and His prophecies of His own death, the disciples still misunderstand. Two of them, James and John, want to get positions of power in Jesus' new kingdom. So, they come to Jesus and ask Him to give them what they want. Sometimes when we pray we forget to ask God for what He wants, and instead we ask for what we want. Jesus knows that if these brothers realised what they are asking for, they would keep quiet. Following Christ involves suffering and pain. Jesus wants James and John to understand that all who follow Him must pay this cost.

The other disciples are really annoyed that James and John get to Jesus first, but Jesus is going to explain to them again what it really means to be great in His kingdom. We see in these verses the high importance Jesus puts on serving others. The disciples should follow Jesus' own example and care more for others than they do for themselves. They should pray and work to see those around them become Christians and those who are Christians become stronger.

Jesus describes His death as a ransom. He gives His life as the price to pay to God for the debts of sinful men and women. His life is given for others as a sacrifice. This is the ultimate example of serving others that we are to follow.

### Questions

1. What do James and John ask Jesus for?
2. Why are the other disciples angry?
3. How do we become great in God's kingdom?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would care about others more than ourselves.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Friday - Mark 10:46-52 - Opening the Eyes of the Blind

In these verses we have a wonderful picture of coming to Christ. The first thing we see is the great faith of this blind beggar. Even though he can't see all the miracles Jesus has done, his soul isn't blind. He calls Jesus the Son of David. This is the name the Old Testament writers gave to the Messiah, the Promised One. So, this blind beggar realises who Jesus is, even when all those who have been around Jesus don't. With this understanding of who Jesus is and how much He needs Him, the beggar is ready to ask for help.

So, the beggar patiently fights his way to Jesus. Despite all the discouragements put in his way, he is determined to come. He believes Jesus can help him. He doesn't care about what other people think or say, he just cares about getting healed. When Jesus calls him, he throws off anything that might trip him up and runs to his Saviour. We need to persevere just like this in coming to Jesus and asking for His forgiveness of our sins.

Finally, after being healed, out of gratitude to Christ, the beggar follows Him. God's grace and salvation should have that effect on our lives. We should give ourselves to serving God and following Him in all that we do.

### Questions

1. Why did the blind beggar call Jesus the Son of David?
2. What did he do when Jesus called him?
3. What did he do when Jesus healed him?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Jesus can forgive all our sins.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Mark 11:1-11 - Public Triumph and Humility**

Jesus so often does things privately or just to a small group of disciples, but now He is about to do something very public. He wants all of Jerusalem to know that their King is coming. His death is the most important part of His ministry, and He wants it to be a public death. So, He sends His two disciples to get a donkey, and they unquestioningly go and do exactly what Jesus says.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is very much like a Jewish conqueror's triumphant ride. The people shouting praises, the coats and palm branches flung down as a royal carpet, all give the impression of a majestic king. But when you look at the details you see that it really is a humble entrance. He rides on a borrowed donkey with no saddle, not a magnificent horse or chariot. He is surrounded by common people, not the great rulers of the world. In comparison to what He deserves as the Son of God come to earth, it seems a very poor welcome. It is a good reminder of how humble Jesus became here on earth.

The people are caught up in the idea of an earthly king come to get rid of their enemies. In just a few days, they will kill this same Jesus they are now praising. But for now they are happy to rejoice in the coming of the King of the Jews.

### **Questions**

1. Why did Jesus come publicly into Jerusalem?
2. What did Jesus ride?
3. Why did the people praise Jesus?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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