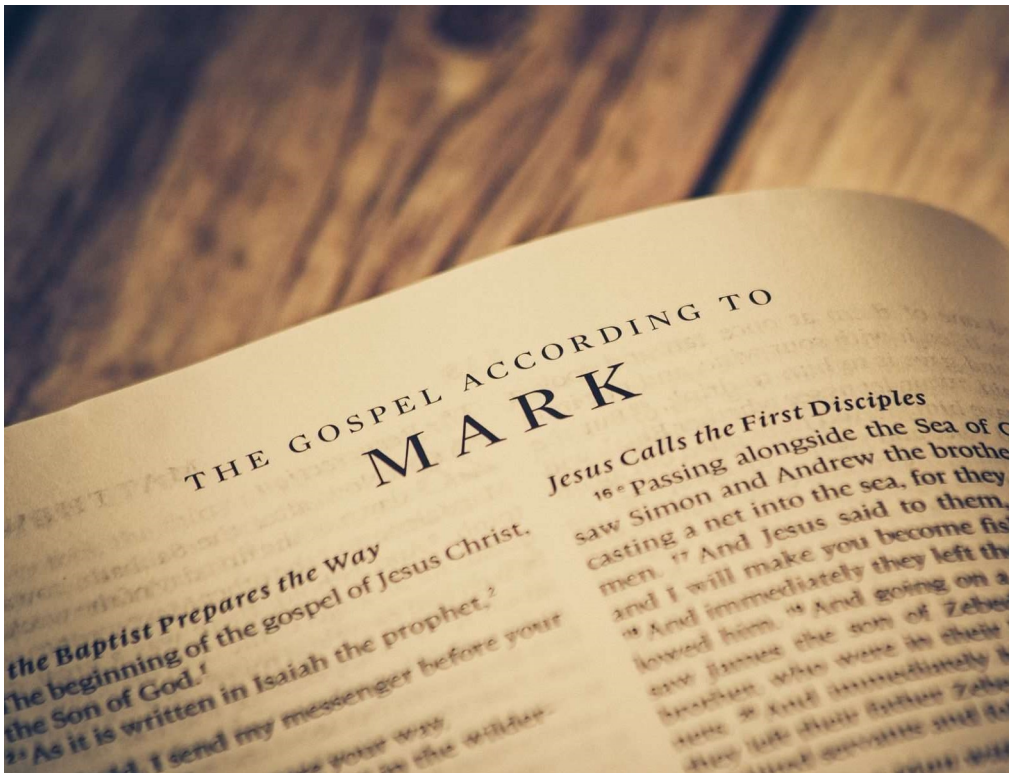


# Let's Worship God

25th-30th November 2019

Mark



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus Calls the First Disciples  
16: Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon, who were mending their nets. He called to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

## Monday - Mark 11:12-19 - Outward Appearances Count for Nothing

As Jesus is returning to Jerusalem, He is hungry. This is just another proof that Jesus is really a man. Jesus can understand and sympathise with us in the pain and suffering of being human, because He is a man - He experienced it. Seeing a fig tree covered in leaves, He goes to it expecting it to have fruit. But there is none. So, He curses the fig tree. This is a picture of Jesus coming to Israel. The Jews seem to be so religious. They have all the outward signs of being full of fruit. But it is all just a show. When God comes to look for the fruit, there is none there, and so the Gospel goes to the Gentiles. There is a warning here for people who pretend to be Christians, who pretend to have the fruit of repentance and faith, God knows whether or not they have true fruit, and He judges them accordingly.

The Pharisees, who are so shocked by the children shouting Hosannas to Jesus, are not shocked at all at the way the Temple has been turned into a shopping market. Again, all the Pharisees care about is appearances. No one even tries to stop Jesus because they all know that He is right, but He goes ahead and gives a Scriptural reason for what He is doing. It's easy to condemn the market in the Temple, but when we come to worship God and our minds are filled, not with thoughts of God, but with our business and daily lives, aren't we doing the same thing?

### Questions

1. What does Jesus being hungry tell us about Him?
2. What did Jesus do inside the Temple and why?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that we have a Saviour who understands what it means to be human.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."  
Mark 10:28

**Praise: Psalm 90 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Tuesday - Mark 11:20-26 - The Power of Prayer

Peter is amazed at how powerful Jesus' curse is. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach the disciples about prayer and faith. First of all, He makes the tremendous promise that a faithful prayer can remove mountains. Mountains are a picture of all the problems we have in this life that seem so impossible to solve. They can be sickness, work situations, relationships with other people, or what seems the most mountainous, a heart that is hard against God. There is no circumstance or attitude that God does not have power over.

What is required to move these mountains? Well, first you have to ask. This may seem simple, but sometimes we wonder why God hasn't solved a problem for us, and we've never asked Him to. When we ask God by praying, we must have faith. What kind of faith? Well, we have to believe that God has the power to move the mountains. Faith in God also involves wanting His will to be done, not ours. When you have faith in God, you believe in who He is and the power He has, but you also believe that His way is best. So, you ask for the mountains to be removed His way in His time. Finally, no prayers will be heard by God if they don't come from a forgiving heart. If we refuse to forgive others, how can we ask God for forgiveness and help in our prayers. Considering all the mountains in our lives, it's amazing that we don't spend more time asking God to move them.

### Questions

1. Why was Peter amazed?
2. What kind of things are mountains, and how do we get rid of them?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's power and promises to us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Wednesday - Mark 11:27-33 - Whose Authority?

The chief priests, the men responsible for teaching others about God, are so spiritually blind themselves, that they grow in their hatred of Jesus. They can't successfully attack the things He says or the way He lives His life. They don't know what to do to discredit Him. But it is obvious that Jesus is speaking with authority. He acts as though He has the right to say and do what He does. The chief priests, teachers, and elders angrily demand that Jesus tell them why He thinks He has any authority to tell them what to do.

Jesus answers their question with another question. He implies that His authority is coming from the same source as John the Baptist's authority - in other words, God. If they know where John's authority comes from, they should know where His authority comes from. He is giving them the opportunity to realise who He is and confess their sin of not believing Him, but they refuse to open their eyes.

Instead of trying to come up with an answer that is true, they try to come up with an answer that is "safe." But they are stuck. They either embarrass themselves by admitting that they don't believe something they know to have come from God, or they risk the anger of the crowd by denying something everyone knows to be true. So, ashamed to admit the truth, because of implications for themselves, they lie and pretend not to know.

### Questions

1. What did the religious leaders want to know about Jesus?
2. Where did His authority come from?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be bold to tell others the truth about Jesus.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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**Thursday - Mark 12:1-12 - The Goodness, Patience, and Judgement of God**

Jesus now tells a parable that points straight at the Jewish nation. In this parable, the owner is God, and the tenants are the Jews. God has shown them goodness, made them His special people, given them numerous blessings. In return, they are to show faith and obedience. But when He sends them prophets and leaders to tell them what is expected of them, they refuse to hear and kill these men. Yet, God is still patient and long-suffering with them. He sends His only Son, Jesus, to them; He can do no more. But the Jews reject and kill Jesus. So, God judges them by taking away the Gospel and His kingdom from them and giving it to the Gentiles. Jesus, the stone rejected by the Jews, will be the cornerstone of God's Church which includes both Jews and Gentiles.

It's easy to blame the Jews for rejecting Jesus and killing Him. But this parable also speaks to those who have heard the good news of salvation, who have heard the truth of God's Word but refuse to believe, hating God and His Son. God will destroy these people and give opportunities to believe to others.

The religious leaders are enraged at this parable, especially the idea that God will reject the Jews and turn to the Gentiles. They would like nothing better than to kill Jesus right then, but fear of the crowd keeps them away.

**Questions**

1. Who is the landowner and who are the tenants?
2. What did the Jews do to the prophets?
3. Why did this parable make the Pharisees so angry?

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray that God would change the hearts of those around us, so that instead of rejecting Jesus, they would love Him.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

**Memory Verse**

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### Friday - Mark 12:13-17 - A Tricky Question

You can almost see the Pharisees working themselves up into a frenzy in their desperation to get rid of Jesus. Their hatred of Jesus drives them to unite with the Herodians, usually their enemies. The two groups come together, out of mutual hatred for Jesus, to try to test Him on a political subject since He is so good at avoiding their religious traps. Full of flattery they put their question to Jesus, asking Him if they should pay taxes or not. If Jesus says no, the Herodians (supporters of Herod and the Roman government) will immediately bring charges against Jesus for causing rebellion. If Jesus says yes, the Pharisees will stir up the crowds to attack Jesus because He admits the Romans have a right to be ruling Israel.

Jesus, though, is not deceived. He calls for a coin and says that since the coin belongs to Caesar, it should be given back to him. Governments are set up by God, and if we accept their benefits, we should be willing to pay their taxes. But then Jesus goes on to make the point that God also should be given what belongs to Him. What belongs to God? Everything. He is the Creator and ultimate authority, so every person, thought, action, and thing belongs to Him and should be used for Him. Anything less than wholehearted service to God is robbery.

### Questions

1. Who did the Pharisees unite with?
2. How did they try to trick Jesus?
3. What does God own?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for our government leaders.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Mark 12:18-27 - Failed Again in the Attempt to Trick Jesus**

The Pharisees and Herodians have failed in their attempts to trip up Jesus, so now the Sadducees have a go. The Sadducees only believe in the first 5 books of the Bible, they deny that angels exist, and they don't believe in a resurrection. They come to Jesus wanting to make the idea of resurrection look ridiculous by coming up with an almost impossible situation.

Jesus rebukes them for two things. First, they don't understand the Bible. It is amazing how many wrong ideas and beliefs come from a lack of knowledge about the Bible. Reading and studying God's Word is one of the ways God has provided to protect us from believing and thinking wrong things. The other thing Jesus rebukes the Sadducees for is their failure to believe in God's power.

Jesus tells them that heaven is very different from earth. There is no marriage in heaven. Christ is husband to all, and nothing will be missing for our happiness. Jesus also goes on to tell them that God is the God of the living. God does not say, "I was the God of Abraham," but, "I am the God of Abraham". These men are still existing, and the Sadducees are quite mistaken in their beliefs.

### **Questions**

1. What did the Sadducees not believe in?
2. What two things did Jesus rebuke them for?

### **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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