

Study Guide On Mark

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Volume I

This study guide is designed to lead into a better grasp and a deeper understanding of the book of Mark.

Because the text itself is part of the Holy Scriptures, which are taken to be the only authority, and the student is the one to whom the Word of God is sent, the questions are arranged to lead into the study of what has been written, and to challenge the student to reflect on the obvious meaning. Thus this guide is deliberately designed for personal use with the Scripture alone, and for personal reflection upon what has been written.

This study guide would be suitable for use in group study. You are encouraged to have a neighborhood Bible study group in your home. It can also serve as a useful aid in a Church Bible Class.

Other Aids

"Plain Talk on Mark" has been prepared for the student. This study guide shows page numbers in parenthesis with some of the questions. These references are to pages in "Plain Talk On Mark."

Four cassettes presenting the Gospel of Mark as taught by Dr. Gutzke are available for any who would want to hear his voice as he discusses this Scripture.

These cassettes (also available on 5 inch reels for tape players) are especially helpful when heard again and again in your own home or in your car. They have also served very well when some class or group had difficulty in securing a teacher.

Some Suggestions

- Pray expectantly before you begin study, whether alone or in a group.
- Read the passage to be studied more than once. Ask yourself — What does this passage say? What does it mean to believers? What does it mean to me, personally?
- Try to let God speak to you through His Word. Use commentaries only after you have studied the passage in the text, and have noted what it seems to say to you. Do not read out of the commentaries to the group — read the Bible.
- In group study start on time, and stick to the passage being studied. Ask for and expect God's Blessing.
- End on time. Announce time of next meeting. Close with prayer.

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I. THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Mark 1:1-8; Plain Talk on Mark pp. 5-8)

1. In what sense is the Gospel of Mark like a painting? (Plain Talk p.5).
2. What does Mark indicate to be the theme of his Gospel? (Mark 1:1; Plain Talk p.5).
3. How did Mark identify Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:1-3; Plain Talk p.6).
4. How was baptism an appropriate symbol of John's message? (Mark 1:4-5; Plain Talk pp. 6-7).
5. Did John the Baptist propose any change in the worship ritual? (Plain Talk pp. 6-7).
6. What does it mean to repent? (Mark 1:5; Plain Talk pp.6-7).
7. What basic element did John the Baptist bring into worship? (Plain Talk pp. 6-7).
8. How would the preaching of John be practiced today? (Plain Talk p.8).
9. What sort of man was John the Baptist? (Mark 1:6).
10. How did John the Baptist regard Jesus Christ? (Mark 1:7-8; Plain Talk p.8).

II. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS OF NAZARETH (Mark 1:9-11; Plain Talk pp. 9-11)

1. What was the relation of John the Baptist to Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:2-9; Plain Talk pp. 6-11).
2. What was John the Baptist's reaction when Jesus of Nazareth came to him? (Matthew 3:14; Plain Talk pp. 10-11).
3. What happened when John the Baptist baptized Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:10-11; Plain Talk p.11).

4. How does the account of the baptism show the three Persons in the Godhead? (Mark 1:10-11; p.11).
5. Was the baptism by John the Baptist needed by Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:9; Plain Talk p.11).
6. Why did Jesus of Nazareth come to be baptized by John the Baptist? (Matthew 3:15; Plain Talk pp.10-11).
7. What did being baptized by John the Baptist mean to the onlookers? (Plain Talk p.10).
8. How did His accepting baptism seem to His Heavenly Father? (Mark 1:11; Plain Talk p.11).
9. What evidence do we have that heaven is real? (Mark 1:10-11; Plain Talk p. 11).
10. What evidence do we have that the invisible world is real? (Mark 1:10-11).

III. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS (Mark 1:12-13; Plain Talk pp. 12-14).

1. Considering the nature of Jesus of Nazareth what do we learn about temptation? (Mark 1:13; Plain Talk pp.12-13).
2. Why was Jesus of Nazareth in the desert? (Mark 1:12; Plain Talk p.13).
3. How was Jesus of Nazareth tempted? (Matthew 4:3-10; Plain Talk p.13).
4. What do we learn about the reality of Satan? (Mark 1:13; Plain Talk pp.13-14).
5. Does Satan tempt only wicked people? (Hebrews 4:15; Plain Talk pp. 12-13).
6. How did Jesus of Nazareth overcome temptation? (Matthew 4:4,7,10; Plain Talk p.13).

7. When did Jesus of Nazareth receive any help? (Matthew 4:11; Plain Talk p. 14).
8. What had happened just before Jesus of Nazareth was tempted? (Mark 1:11).
9. What happened immediately after Jesus of Nazareth had been tempted? (Mark 1:14).
10. Why would Satan tempt Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:13; Plain Talk p.14).

IV. JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY (Mark 1:14-15; Plain Talk pp. 15-17).

1. What happened just before Jesus of Nazareth began preaching? (Mark 1:14-15; Plain Talk pp.15-16).
2. What was the theme of the preaching of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:14-15; Plain Talk pp. 15-16).
3. How did the message of Jesus of Nazareth compare with the message of John the Baptist? (Mark 1:15; Matthew 3:2; Plain Talk p.16).
4. What was the first thing the listener was called upon to do? (Mark 1:15; Plain Talk p.16).
5. What else must the listener do to obey the Gospel as preached? (Mark 1:15; Plain Talk p. 17).
6. If a man repents what does he show? (Plain Talk pp. 16-17).
7. How could a person miss the blessing of the Gospel? (Plain Talk p.17).
8. When should a person repent? (Mark 1:15; Plain Talk p.16).
9. Why should a person repent? (Mark 1:15).
10. What seems strange about this guidance to receive blessing? (Mark 1:15).

V. CALLING DISCIPLES (Mark 1:16-20; Plain Talk pp. 18-20).

1. What was the usual practice for recruiting followers of any teacher? (Plain Talk p.18).
2. What were Simon and Andrew doing when Jesus of Nazareth called them? (Mark 1:16; Plain Talk p. 19).
3. What did Simon and Andrew do when they were called? (Mark 1:18; Plain Talk p.19).
4. What did Jesus of Nazareth promise when He called Simon and Andrew? (Mark 1:17; Plain Talk pp. 19-20).
5. What can be learned here about a busy man and his church program? (Mark 1:16-18; Plain Talk pp.19-20).
6. Who were James and John? (Mark 1:19-20).
7. What were James and John doing when they were called? (Mark 1:19-20).
8. What did James and John do when they were called? (Mark 1:20).
9. With these examples in mind what seems a proper response to a call? (Mark 1:18, 20).
10. Would the call to follow and to serve necessarily come the first time one heard the Gospel? (Plain Talk pp. 19-20).

VI. TEACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUE (Mark 1:21-28; Plain Talk pp. 21-23).

1. How did the synagogue serve in the life of the Jews? (Plain Talk p.21).
2. Why did Jesus of Nazareth go to the synagogue? (Luke 4:16; Plain Talk pp. 21-22).

3. How did Jesus of Nazareth share in the program in the synagogue? (Mark 1:21; Plain Talk p.22).
4. How did Jesus of Nazareth impress those present in the synagogue? (Mark 1:22; Plain Talk p.22).
5. What is meant by “an unclean spirit?” (Mark 1:23; Plain Talk pp. 22-23).
6. What did the man “with an unclean spirit” do? (Mark 1:24; Plain Talk pp. 22-23).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth handle the interruption? (Mark 1:25; Plain Talk p.23).
8. What did the unclean spirit do? (Mark 1:26; Plain Talk p.23).
9. How did the incident impress the people in the synagogue? (Mark 1:27).
10. What effect did this incident have upon the public ministry of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:28; Plain Talk p.23).

VII. THE HEALING OF PETER’S MOTHER-IN-LAW (Mark 1:29-31; Plain Talk pp. 24-26).

1. How did Jesus of Nazareth happen to be in this house? (Mark 1:29; Plain Talk pp. 24-25).
2. How did Jesus of Nazareth find out about the woman’s need? (Mark 1:30; Plain Talk pp. 24-25).
3. What was unusual about this case of healing? (Mark 1:31; Plain Talk p. 25).
4. Tell exactly what happened. (Mark 1:30-31; Plain Talk p.25).
5. What evidence is there that she was completely healed? (Mark 1:31; Plain Talk p. 26).

6. What was the first thing that happened to the woman? (Mark 1:31; Plain Talk p.25).
7. What lesson can be learned for those who have loved ones in need? (Plain Talk pp. 25-26).
8. What did the woman do when she was healed? (Mark 1:31; Plain Talk p. 26).
9. Point out how much of this account is natural. (Plain Talk pp. 24-26).
10. What was supernatural in this incident? (Plain Talk p.15).

VIII. HEALING MANY (Mark 1:32-34; Plain Talk pp. 27-28).

1. How did the people in Galilee know about Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:28).
2. How did the sick and afflicted come to Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:32; Plain Talk p. 27).
3. What was the condition of those who were diseased? (Mark 1:32-34; Plain Talk pp. 27-28).
4. What was the condition of those who “were possessed with devils”? (Mark 1:32-34; Plain Talk pp. 27-28).
5. Why would the people come “at even”? (Mark 1:32; Plain Talk p.27).
6. Who should be considered as being “diseased”? (Plain Talk p. 28).
7. Who should be considered as being “possessed with devils”? (Plain Talk pp. 27-28).
8. What is the social responsibility of such as are healthy and free? (Plain Talk pp. 27-28).
9. What does Mark mean when he writes that the devils knew Him? (Mark 1:34).

10. What shows the authority of Christ over demons? (Mark 1:34).

IX. PREACHING THROUGHOUT GALILEE (Mark 1:35-39; Plain Talk pp. 29-31).

1. How busy had Jesus of Nazareth been the night before He went out to pray? (Mark 1:32-34).

2. What can we learn about the importance of prayer? (Mark 1:35; Plain Talk pp. 29-30).

3. What time of the day did Jesus of Nazareth use for prayer? (Mark 1:35; Plain Talk p.30).

4. To what sort of place did Jesus of Nazareth go to pray? (Mark 1:35; Plain Talk p. 30).

5. What reason did His disciples offer to bring Him back? (Mark 1:37; Plain Talk p. 30).

6. Why did Jesus of Nazareth not stay in one place? (Mark 1:38; Plain Talk p. 30).

7. How did Jesus of Nazareth show that the Gospel comes “not in word only”? (Mark 1:39; Plain Talk p. 31).

8. Why did Jesus of Nazareth preach “in their synagogues”? (Mark 1:39; Plain Talk p. 31).

9. How do demons hinder the soul? (Plain Talk p. 31).

10. What lesson can be learned to encourage Foreign Missions? (Mark 1:38; Plain Talk p. 30).

X. HEALING THE LEPER (Mark 1:40-45; Plain Talk pp. 32-34).

1. How is the Word of God presented in preaching? (Plain Talk p. 32).

2. How is the leper like a sinner coming to Christ? (Mark 1:40; Plain Talk p.33).

3. What did the “kneeling down” show? (Mark 1:40; Plain Talk p.33).
4. What two basic truths did the leper’s words reveal? (Mark 1:40; Plain Talk p.33).
5. How was Jesus of Nazareth affected by the coming of the leper? (Mark 1:41; Plain Talk p.33).
6. What did Jesus of Nazareth do in response? (Mark 1:41; Plain Talk p.34).
7. Why is the “touch” of the hand of Jesus of Nazareth so important? (Mark 1:41).
8. What action of Jesus of Nazareth effected the cure? (Mark 1:42; Plain Talk p.34).
9. What do the instructions given to the healed man imply? (Mark 1:43- 44; Plain Talk p.34).
10. How shall we understand the healed man’s later conduct? (Mark 1:45; Plain Talk p.34).

XI. HEALING THE PALSIED MAN (Mark 2:1-12; Plain Talk pp. 35-37).

1. Why was the public so interested in Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2:1-2; Plain Talk p. 35).
2. What did Jesus of Nazareth do to the crowd? (Mark 2:2; Plain Talk p.35).
3. What lesson can we learn from the way the palsied man came? (Mark 2:3; Plain Talk p. 36).
4. What lesson can we learn from the way the four men managed? (Mark 2:4; Plain Talk p. 36).
5. What lesson can we learn from the response of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2:5; Plain Talk p. 36).
6. What is so noticeable about the response of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2:5-7; Plain Talk pp. 36-37).

7. Why were the scribes disturbed by the words of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2:6-7; Plain Talk p. 37).
8. Why did Jesus of Nazareth heal the palsied man? (Mark 2:10-11; Plain Talk p. 37).
9. How did Jesus of Nazareth heal the palsied man? (Mark 2:11; Plain Talk p.35).
10. What effect did this miracle have upon the crowd? (Mark 2:12).

XII. CALLING OF LEVI (Mark 2:13-14; Plain Talk pp. 38-40).

1. How did Jesus of Nazareth serve the community in which He lived? (Mark 2:13; Plain Talk p.38).
2. What method did Jesus of Nazareth use in dealing with people? (Mark 2:13; Plain Talk pp. 38-39).
3. Is it necessary to assume the Levi was unacquainted with Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2:14; Plain Talk p. 40).
4. What instruction did Jesus of Nazareth give to Levi? (Mark 2:14; Plain Talk p. 40).
5. What can we learn here about the message of the Word of God to men? (Mark 2:13-14).
6. What lesson can be learned for the procedure of evangelism? (Mark 2:13-14).
7. What error had misled the Jews about the Word of God? (Plain Talk p. 39).
8. Why does man need to be called to come to God? (Plain Talk p. 39).
9. In what way are the Ten Commandments valid? (Plain Talk p. 39).

10. Did Jesus of Nazareth give any reasons or promises to Levi? (Plain Talk p. 40).

ANSWERING CRITICS I (Mark 2:15-22; Plain Talk pp. 41-43).

1. What does the confidence of any critic show? (Plain Talk p. 41).

2. What was Jesus of Nazareth criticized about? (Mark 2:16, 18).

3. Why did the scribes and Pharisees feel justified in criticizing Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2: 16-17; Plain Talk p. 41).

4. What mistake did the critics make in judging the conduct of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 2:16-17; Plain Talk p.42).

5. What lesson can be learned for the practice of evangelism? (Plain Talk p.42).

6. What aspect of the conduct of the disciples was criticized? (Mark 2:18; Plain Talk p. 42).

7. How did Jesus of Nazareth defend the conduct of His disciples? (Mark 2:19).

8. Will the experience of the followers of Christ be always glad? (Mark 2:20; Plain Talk pp. 42-43).

9. What two illustrations did Jesus of Nazareth use to teach what is necessary that men might have the blessing of God? (Mark 2:21-22; Plain Talk p.43).

10. What profound spiritual truth did Jesus of Nazareth teach? (John 3:7; Plain Talk p. 43).

XIV. ANSWERING CRITICS II (Mark 2:23-28; Plain Talk pp. 44-46).

1. Under what circumstances do people find it easy to criticize others? (Plain Talk p. 44).

2. What is the modern meaning of “cornfield”? (Mark 2:23; Plain Talk p.44).
3. What did the disciples actually do that was criticized? (Mark 2:23; Plain Talk pp. 44-45).
4. What accusation did the Pharisees make? (Mark 2:24; Plain Talk p.45).
5. How did Jesus of Nazareth meet the accusation? (Mark 2:25-26; Plain Talk p.45).
6. What profound truth did Jesus of Nazareth point out about the law? (Mark 2:27-28; Plain Talk pp. 45-46).
7. On what ground was the conduct of David justified? (Mark 2:25-26; Plain Talk p. 45).
8. What can be learned here about the valid use of regulations? (Plain Talk pp. 45-46).
9. Did Jesus of Nazareth regard regulations as of no value? (Mark 2:27; Plain Talk pp. 45-46).
10. When do regulations become a snare? (Plain Talk pp. 45-46).

XV. HEALING ON THE SABBATH (Mark 3:1-6; Plain Talk pp. 47-49).

1. Is there any way for sincere believers to avoid criticism? (Plain Talk p. 47).
2. Contrast the point of view of Jesus of Nazareth with that of the Pharisees. (Mark 3:1-5; Plain Talk pp. 47-48).
3. What were the Pharisees interested in? (Mark 3:2; Plain Talk pp. 47-48).
4. How did Jesus of Nazareth face the critics? (Mark 3:3-5; Plain Talk p.48).

5. What provision in the law of Moses did Jesus of Nazareth follow? (Mark 3:4; Plain Talk p. 48).
6. Is it ever right to be angry? (Mark 3:5; Plain Talk p. 48).
7. Why was Jesus of Nazareth angry? (Mark 3:5; Plain Talk pp. 48-49).
8. What was the reaction of the Pharisees to the open challenge of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 3:6; Plain Talk p. 49).
9. Since the Herodians were Jews who collaborated with the Roman government, why did the Pharisees counsel with them? (Mark 3:6).
10. What can be learned about proper conduct in face of criticism? (Plain Talk p. 49).

XVI. PREACHING TO THE MULTITUDES (Mark 3:7-12; Plain Talk pp. 50-52).

1. Why do people oppose Gospel preaching? (Plain Talk p. 50).
2. Why do believers preach when it arouses opposition? (Plain Talk p. 50).
3. Why did Jesus of Nazareth withdraw from the city? (Mark 3:7; Plain Talk p. 50-51).
4. How did Jesus of Nazareth withdraw from the crowd? (Mark 3:9; Plain Talk pp. 50-51).
5. What can be learned here for the promotion of evangelism? (Plain Talk pp. 50-51).
6. What two afflictions did Jesus of Nazareth remove? (Mark 3:10-11; Plain Talk pp. 51-52).
7. What can be learned here about mass evangelism? (Mark 3:7-12; Plain Talk pp. 51-52).

8. What can be seen here as a limitation of mass evangelism? (Mark 3:9; Plain Talk pp. 50-51).
9. Can there ever be any spiritual work done in a multitude? (Mark 3:10-11).
10. Why did Jesus of Nazareth discourage wide publicity? (Mark 3:12).

XVII. ORDAINING THE APOSTLES (Mark 3:13-19; Plain Talk pp. 53-55).

1. What should be the basic element in a call to serve in ministry? (Plain Talk p. 53).
2. Why did Jesus of Nazareth go “up into a mountain”? (Mark 3:13).
3. What can be learned here about the circumstances when a call is given? (Mark 3:13).
4. Where does the call start? (Mark 3:13; Plain Talk p.54).
5. When does the call begin? (Plain Talk p. 54).
6. What was the first phase of the call? (Mark 3:13; Plain Talk p. 54).
7. What did Jesus of Nazareth do when He “ordained” them? (Mark 3:14-19; Plain Talk p.55).
8. What was the first thing the ordained person should do? (Mark 3:14; Plain Talk p.55).
9. What two functions were the apostles to perform? (Mark 3:14-15; Plain Talk p. 55).
10. Does being “ordained” guarantee faithful performance? (Mark 3:19; Plain Talk p.55).

XVIII. ANSWERING THE CRITICS (Mark 3:20-30; Plain Talk pp. 56-58).

1. How would you account for the great interest of people in Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 3:20).
2. What caused His friends to want to restrain His preaching? (Mark 3:21; Plain Talk p. 56).
3. Did anyone deny that great works were really being done? (Mark 3:20-21).
4. How did the scribes account for His power? (Mark 3:22; Plain Talk pp. 56-57).
5. How does their accusations show the scribes believed Satan was real? (Mark 3:22; Plain Talk p. 57).
6. How did Jesus of Nazareth answer the accusation? (Mark 3:23-27; Plain Talk p.58).
7. What can be learned about arguing for the truth? (Mark 3:23-27; Plain Talk pp. 57-58).
8. How was the accusation of the scribes like blaspheming the Holy Ghost? (Plain Talk pp. 56-58).
9. What can be learned here by way of warning in interpreting spiritual experience? (Mark 3:29-30; Plain Talk p. 58).
10. What can be seen here about the natural mind's interpretation of the work of Christ? (Romans 8:7; I Corinthians 2:14; Plain Talk p. 58).

XIX. WHO IS MY MOTHER? (Mark 3:31-35; Plain Talk pp. 59-61.)

1. What three relationships are involved in living? (Plain Talk p. 59).
2. Which relationship does Jesus of Nazareth give top priority? (Matthew 10:37; Plain Talk p. 59).
3. Why did His mother and brethren call Him? (Mark 3:21, 31).

4. How did Jesus of Nazareth teach the priority of spiritual over social? (Mark 3:33-34).
5. How did Jesus of Nazareth characterize the spiritual? (Mark 3:35; Plain Talk p. 61).
6. Does this incident mean that Jesus of Nazareth ignored His family? (John 19:26-27).
7. Does the Bible discount family ties? (I Timothy 5:8).
8. Are social relationships of no significance? (Plain Talk pp. 60-61).
9. How does serving God help the believer's family (Plain Talk pp. 60-61).
10. What distinguishes those who are closest to the Lord Jesus? (Mark 3:35).

XX. PARABLE OF THE SOWER (Mark 4:1-20; Plain Talk pp. 62-65).

1. What is a parable? (Matthew 13:34; Plain Talk p. 62).
2. What can any teacher learn about teaching in the use of parables by Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 4:2; Plain Talk p. 62).
3. Was this parable told to teach people about farming? (Plain Talk p.63).
4. How is casting seed by hand similar to preaching and teaching? (Mark 4:14-20; Plain Talk p.64).
5. What does "the wayside" indicate about any Sunday School class or church service? (Mark 4:15; Plain Talk p. 64).
6. What can be seen here about the activity of Satan? (Mark 4: 4, 15).

7. Who are the “stony ground” hearers? (Mark 4:5-6; 16-17; Plain Talk p. 64).
8. What was the real reason the stony ground did not bear fruit? (Plain Talk p. 64).
9. Who are the “thorny ground” hearers? (Mark 4:7, 18-19; Plain Talk pp. 64-65).
10. Why would the title “Parable of the Soils” be better? (Plain Talk p. 63).

XX. PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM (Mark 4:21-32; Plain Talk pp. 66-68).

1. How can a person on earth ever learn the truth of the invisible world? (Romans 1:20; Plain Talk p.66).
2. What one condition is necessary in order to be saved? (Ephesians 2:8; Plain Talk p.66).
3. How can a person believe? (Romans 10:17; Plain Talk p. 66).
4. How is the revelation of the truth of God related to salvation? (Mark 4:21-25).
5. After one has heard the Word, how does faith emerge? (Mark 4:26-29; Plain Talk p. 67).
6. What can one learn here that will help in evangelism? (Mark 4:21-32).
7. How does this encourage Bible stories for children and Bible memory work? (Plain Talk pp. 67-68).
8. Do you think the lack of understanding of the processes of generating faith should prohibit preaching and teaching? (Mark 4:26-29).
9. What does the parable of “the mustard seed” teach? (Mark 4:30-32; Plain Talk pp. 67-68).
10. What can we learn here about the importance of a Sunday School class? (Plain Talk p. 68).

XXII. STILLING THE STORM (Mark 4:33-41; Plain Talk pp. 69-71).

1. How is the hand of God seen differently in events than in natural process? (Plain Talk p.69).
2. Why did Jesus of Nazareth use parables? (Mark 4:33; Plain Talk pp. 66, 69).
3. Why did Jesus of Nazareth take time to expound the parables to His followers? (Mark 4:34).
4. How would you compare a parable and a miracle? (Mark 4:36-39; Plain Talk pp. 69-70).
5. What can we learn about events which involve the believer? (Mark 4:36, 38; Plain Talk p.70).
6. What can be learned about that which happens to believers? (Mark 4:35).
7. How can we understand the Lord being asleep in the storm? (Mark 4:38; Plain Talk p. 70).
8. What can believers learn about events bringing trouble into their lives? (Mark 4:39-40; Plain Talk p. 70).
9. How did Jesus of Nazareth still the storm? (Mark 4:39; Plain Talk p. 71).
10. How can this incident affect the living experience of any believer? (Mark 4:41; Plain Talk p. 71).

XXIII. HEALING THE GADARENE DEMONIAK (Mark 5:1-20; Plain Talk pp. 72-74).

1. How can this incident be understood as preaching the Gospel? (Mark 5:1; Plain Talk p. 72).
2. What were the evidences that this man was not normal? (Mark 5:3-5; Plain Talk p. 72).
3. What was unusual about the man's behavior when he saw Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 5:6-7).

4. What had Jesus of Nazareth done when He saw the man? (Mark 5:8-9).
5. How did the demon answer Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 5:9).
6. Where did Jesus send the demons? (Mark 5:11-14).
7. When the people heard what happened to the swine and saw the delivered man what did they ask Jesus of Nazareth to do? (Mark 5:15-17).
8. What did the delivered man ask Jesus of Nazareth to do? (Mark 5:18).
9. What did Jesus of Nazareth tell the delivered man to do? (Mark 5:19).
10. What did the delivered man then do? (Mark 5:20).

XXIV. HEALING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER (Mark 5:21-24; 35-43; Plain Talk pp.75-77).

1. What request did Jairus make? (Mark 5:22-23; Plain Talk p. 76).
2. What does this incident show about the attitude of Jairus? (Mark 5:22; Plain Talk pp. 75-76).
3. How did Jairus think about Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 5:23).
4. What does the report of the girl's death show about the limits of their faith? (Mark 5:35).
5. What did Jesus of Nazareth say to the father? (Mark 5:36).
6. Whom did Jesus of Nazareth take with Him to the bedside of the dead girl? (Mark 5:37, 40; Plain Talk p.77).

7. How was Jesus of Nazareth esteemed when He said the girl was not dead? (Mark 5:39-40; Plain Talk p. 77).

8. How did Jesus of Nazareth treat the dead girl? (Mark 5:41).

9. What happened to the girl? (Mark 5:42-43; Plain Talk p.77).

10. Can you understand the Lord's instruction to say nothing about this in public, when you remember the Great Commission in Mark 16:15? (Mark 5:43 and 16:15).

XXV. HEALING THE ISSUE OF BLOOD (Mark 5:25-34; Plain Talk pp. 78-80).

1. Can the living Lord Jesus Christ heal the physical body by His Word? (Mark 1:40-42; Plain Talk p. 78).

2. How sick was the woman? (Mark 5:25-26; Plain Talk p. 79).

3. How could she have heard of Jesus? (Mark 5:27; Plain Talk p. 79).

4. What did her faith lead her to expect? (Mark 5:27-28; Plain Talk pp. 79-80).

5. What happened when she touched His garment? (Mark 5:29; Plain Talk p. 80).

6. Why did Jesus of Nazareth ask "Who touched my clothes?" (Mark 5:30-32; Plain Talk p.80).

7. Why did the woman confess despite her fears? (Mark 5:33; Plain Talk p.80).

8. What was added to the woman because of her open confession? (Mark 5:34; Plain Talk p.80).

9. Has this incident any message for us? (Plain Talk p.80).

10. What did Jesus of Nazareth emphasize to the woman? (Mark 5:34).

XXVI. UNBELIEF OF HIS NEIGHBORS (Mark 6:1-6; Plain Talk pp. 81-83).

1. Is unbelief a serious matter for a believer? (Matthew 17:19-20; Plain Talk p.81).

2. What example did Jesus of Nazareth set for using the Sabbath? (Mark 6:1-2; Plain Talk p.81).

3. What two aspects marked the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 6:2; Plain Talk pp.81-82).

4. Why were others present so puzzled? (Mark 6:3; Plain Talk p. 82).

5. What evidence did the people consider in arriving at an estimate of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 6:35; Plain Talk pp.82-83).

6. What was lacking in their opinion of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 6:3; Plain Talk pp. 82-83).

7. What about the common practice of referring to “the Carpenter of Nazareth”? (Mark 6:3; Plain Talk p. 83).

8. Did this failure to recognize Him as the Son of God make any difference? (Mark 6:5; Plain Talk p. 83).

9. What can be learned here for effectual evangelism? (Plain Talk p. 83).

10. What shall we say about emphasizing that Jesus of Nazareth was a man? (Plain Talk p.83).

XXVII. SENDING OF HIS DISCIPLES (Mark 6:7-13; Plain Talk pp. 84-87).

1. Did Jesus of Nazareth let the unbelief of His neighbors stop His ministry? (Mark 6:6).

2. How are souls brought to faith in God? (Plain Talk pp.84-85).

3. What authority can a preacher have to present the Gospel? (Mark 6:7; Plain Talk p.85).
4. How did Jesus of Nazareth organize His preachers? (Mark 6:7).
5. How did Jesus of Nazareth equip His ministers? (Mark 6:7; Plain Talk p. 86).
6. How can power be exercised? (Mark 6:7; Plain Talk p.86).
7. What can the church learn about responsibility to support evangelism? (Mark 6:8-11; Plain Talk p.86).
8. What was the thrust of the preaching of His ministers? (Mark 6:12; Plain Talk p. 87).
9. What is reported about their effectiveness? (Mark 6:13; Plain Talk p.87).
10. What lessons can be learned for evangelism?

XXVIII. DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Mark 6:14-29; Plain Talk pp.88-90).

1. How did the public try to account for the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 6:14-16; Plain Talk p.88).
2. Why did Herod put John the Baptist in prison? (Mark 6:17).
3. Why did Herod's wife have such spite against John the Baptist? (Mark 6:18-19, 24; Plain Talk p.89).
4. How did Herod feel about John the Baptist? (Mark 6:20; Plain Talk p.89).
5. What was the occasion when Herod gave John the Baptist over to be beheaded? (Mark 6:21-22; Plain Talk p.90).

6. How was Herod trapped into this action? (Mark 6:23-26; Plain Talk p.90).
7. Who was the real power in bringing this to pass? (Mark 6:19, 24).
8. What can be learned here about congregational treatment of pastors? (Plain Talk p.90).
9. What can be learned here about the peril of not acting in response to the truth? (Plain Talk p.90).
10. How did Jesus of Nazareth esteem John the Baptist? (John 5:35).

XXIX. DEPARTING INTO PRIVACY (Mark 6:30-32; Plain Talk pp. 91-93).

1. Why is it imperative that ministers of the Gospel should “rest awhile”? (Mark 6:31; Plain Talk p. 91).
2. Why was it so proper that the apostles should report to Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 6:30; Plain Talk p. 91).
3. What was the content of their reports? (Mark 6:7, 12, 30; Plain Talk pp. 91-92).
4. What was the significance of the “desert place”? (Mark 6:31; Plain Talk p. 91).
5. What can one learn about the need for rest and food? (Mark 6:31).
6. How could reporting in a group be helpful? (Plain Talk p. 92).
7. What can be learned about ministers taking vacation? (Mark 6:31).
8. Did the public want them to go or to stay? (Plain Talk p.92).
9. What does it mean “into a desert place by ship privately”? (Mark 6:32; Plain Talk pp. 92-93).

10. What can be learned about the importance of a “quiet time”? (Plain Talk p.93).

XXX. FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND (Mark 6:33-44; Plain Talk pp. 94-96).

1. Can you realize that doing the Lord’s work will profit by being orderly? (Plain Talk p. 94).

2. What brought the crowd together? (Mark 6:33; Plain Talk p. 94).

3. What moved Jesus of Nazareth to compassion about the crowd? (Mark 6:34; Plain Talk p.94).

4. What did His compassion lead Him to do? (Mark 6:34; Plain Talk p.95).

5. What practical problem was recognized by the disciples? (Mark 6:35-36).

6. What startling command did Jesus of Nazareth give? (Mark 6:37; Plain Talk p. 95).

7. Why did the disciples hesitate to obey? (Mark 6:37; Plain Talk p. 95).

8. How did Jesus of Nazareth instruct them to prepare? (Mark 6:38-40; Plain Talk p.95).

9. How did Jesus of Nazareth conduct that meal? (Mark 6:41-42; Plain Talk p.95).

10. What is the evidence they ate real food? (Mark 6:43-44; Plain Talk p. 96).