

Study Guide On Mark

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Volume II

This study guide is designed to lead into a better grasp and 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" (paperback \$2.95) 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. OPEN DISPLAY OF POWER (Mark 6:45-56; Plain Talk pp. 97-100).

1. What were the two aspects of the truth of God taught by Jesus of Nazareth? (Plain Talk p. 97).
2. After sending His disciples on their way by boat, why did He stay behind? (Mark 6:45; Plain Talk p.98).
3. When He had sent the people away, what did He do? (Mark 6:46; Plain Talk p. 98).
4. What can we learn from the fact that He saw them “toiling in rowing”? (Mark 6:48; Plain Talk p.99).
5. After all, why were the disciples in that boat on that sea in that wind? (Mark 6:45; Plain Talk p.99).
6. Why were the disciples frightened when they saw Him on the sea? (Mark 6:49-50).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth ease their fears? (Mark 6:50).
8. How did the disciples react when Jesus of Nazareth got in the boat? (Mark 6:51-52).
9. What happened when He got out of the ship? (Mark 6:53-56).
10. What can be learned here about passing through storms in life? (Plain Talk p.100).

II. ANSWERING CRITICS (Mark 7:1-23; Plain Talk pp. 101-104).

1. How is the Gospel hindered by those who preach it? (Plain Talk p. 101).
2. What fault in the conduct of the disciples was pointed out by the Pharisees? (Mark 7:2; Plain Talk p. 101).
3. What regulations had the Pharisees developed? (Mark 7:3-4; Plain Talk p. 102).

4. How did the Pharisees and scribes state their criticism? (Mark 7:5; Plain Talk p. 102).
5. How did Jesus of Nazareth meet their criticism? (Mark 7:6-8).
6. How did Jesus of Nazareth find fault with the Pharisees and scribes? (Mark 7:9-13; Plain Talk p. 103).
7. How might such criticism be practiced in church life amongst us? (Plain Talk p. 103).
8. What profound principles in the matter of evaluating conduct did Jesus of Nazareth state? (Mark 7:14-16; Plain Talk pp. 103-104).
9. How did Jesus of Nazareth develop this principle even more plainly? (Mark 7:17-23).
10. Can you think of how this principle would operate in your congregation? (Plain Talk p.104).

III. MORE WORKS OF WONDER (Mark 7:24-8:9; Plain Talk pp. 105-108).

1. Are we to think we have a complete record of all the miracles Jesus of Nazareth performed? (Plain Talk pp. 105-106).
2. How would the cities of Tyre and Sidon be rated in the eyes of the Jews? (Mark 7:24).
3. What was the girl's problem when she had "an unclean spirit"? (Mark 7:25; Plain Talk p. 106).
4. What was unusual about the woman who came for help? (Mark 7:26).
5. How did Jesus of Nazareth show He was aware of common Jewish views? (Mark 7:27; Plain Talk p. 106).

6. How did the woman persist? (Mark 7:28).
7. Why did Jesus of Nazareth accept the woman's argument? (Mark 7:29; Plain Talk pp. 106 - 107).
8. How did Jesus of Nazareth deal with the man who was deaf and dumb? (Mark 7:31-35).
9. What effect did these wonder works have upon the public? (Mark 7:36-37).
10. Note the similarities between this miracle with the 4000 and the former case of the 5000. (Mark 6:34-44; 8:1-9).

IV. PRIORITY OF FAITH (Mark 8:10-26; Plain Talk pp. 109-111).

1. How can a person ever be sure a prophet is true? (Matthew 7:20; Plain Talk p.109).
2. Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus of Nazareth for a sign? (Mark 8:11-13; Plain Talk pp. 109-110).
3. How did Jesus of Nazareth respond to their request for a sign? (Mark 8:12-13).
4. What situation were the disciples in that gave Jesus of Nazareth an opportunity to teach? (Mark 8:14; Plain Talk p.110).
5. What did "the leaven of the Pharisees" mean? (Mark 8:15; Plain Talk p. 110; Matthew 16:12).
6. What did "the leaven of Herod" mean? (Mark 8:15; Plain Talk p.111).
7. Why did Jesus of Nazareth reprove them for being disturbed because of scarcity of food? (Mark 8:17-21).
8. What was the difference in procedure in healing the blind and healing the leper? (Mark 1:40-42; 8:23-25; Plain Talk p.111).

9. How did the procedure of Jesus of Nazareth differ from the request of the people? (Mark 8:22-25).

10. Why did Jesus of Nazareth seek to discourage public attention to Himself as a healer?

V. PETER'S CONFESSION (Mark 8:27-38; Plain Talk pp. 112-114).

1. What aspect of faith did Jesus of Nazareth emphasize? (Mark 8:27; Plain Talk p. 112).

2. What was common in each of the views of Jesus of Nazareth reported? (Mark 8:28; Plain Talk p.112).

3. When the disciples were challenged, what did they say? (Mark 8:29).

4. How did Jesus of Nazareth describe His own prospects? (Mark 8:31).

5. What did Peter urge Jesus of Nazareth to do? (Matthew 16:22; Plain Talk p. 113).

6. What response did Jesus of Nazareth give to Peter's suggestion? (Mark 8:33; Plain Talk p. 113).

7. What spiritual principle did Jesus of Nazareth discuss? (Mark 8:34-35; Plain Talk pp. 113-114).

8. What did Jesus of Nazareth point out as the basic choice a person must make? (Mark 8:34-38; Plain Talk p. 113).

9. How did Jesus of Nazareth emphasize the importance of spiritual action? (Mark 8:36-37).

10. How important is it to turn to Jesus Christ as a matter of choice? (Mark 8:36-38; Plain Talk p. 114).

VI. THE TRANSFIGURATION (Mark 9:1-13; Plain Talk pp. 115-118).

1. What spiritual truth is revealed in the transfiguration? (Mark 9:1; Plain Talk p. 115).

2. How were Peter, James and John specially honored? (Mark 9:2).
3. How was the transfiguration described? (Mark 9:2-3; Plain Talk p. 116).
4. What do you learn about Elias and Moses in this event? (Mark 9:4; Plain Talk p. 116).
5. How did the transfiguration affect the three disciples? (Mark 9:5-6; Plain Talk pp.116-117).
6. What was revealed to the disciples beyond what they saw? (Mark 9:7; Plain Talk p. 117).
7. What happened when the transfiguration was finished? (Mark 9:8; Plain Talk p. 117).
8. What did Jesus of Nazareth charge the disciples to do? (Mark 9:9; Plain Talk p. 117).
9. Did the disciples understand what they had been told? (Mark 9:10; Plain Talk p. 117).
10. What can we learn about interpreting predictive prophecy? (Mark 9:11-13; Plain Talk p.118).

VII. THE HEALING OF THE AFFLICTED SON (Mark9:14-29; Plain Talk pp.119-121).

1. Why was the crowd questioning the disciples? (Mark 9:14-16; Plain Talk p. 119).
2. Why did the father of the afflicted son question Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 9:17-18; Plain Talk p. 119).
3. Why did Jesus of Nazareth express rebuke? (Mark 9:19; Plain Talk p. 119).
4. What did Jesus of Nazareth ask the father to do? (Mark 9:19).
5. What evidence is reported to indicate the influence of an evil spirit? (Mark 9:17-18; 20-22).

6. How did the father of the child show his doubt? (Mark 9:22; Plain Talk p.120).
7. What lessons for the church can be learned from this incident? (Plain Talk p. 120).
8. How did Jesus of Nazareth respond to the evidence of doubt? (Mark 9:23; Plain Talk p. 120).
9. What did Jesus of Nazareth do about the situation? (Mark 9:25-27; Plain Talk pp. 120-121).
10. Why were the disciples unable to deliver the boy? (Mark 9:28-29; Plain Talk p. 121).

VIII. TEACHING THE DISCIPLES (Mark 9:30-50; Plain Talk pp. 122-124).

1. What amazing truth did Jesus of Nazareth teach His disciples? (Mark 9:30-32; Plain Talk p. 122).
2. What had the disciples been discussing? (Mark 9:33-34; Plain Talk pp.122-123).
3. Is the desire to excel necessarily evil? (Mark 9:34; Plain Talk p.123).
4. How did the Lord teach the truth? (Mark 9:35-37; Plain Talk p. 123).
5. What lesson can be learned about procedure aiming to excel?
6. Why did John forbid the man to serve in the name of Christ? (Mark 9:38; Plain Talk p. 123).
7. What general principle did Jesus of Nazareth express? (Mark 9:39-40; Plain Talk p. 123).
8. How did Jesus of Nazareth recognize the validity of any message? (Mark 9:41).
9. How did Jesus of Nazareth warn against offending other believers? (Mark 9:42-44; Plain Talk p. 124).

10. How do the words of Jesus of Nazareth guide me in my self-control? (Mark 9:45-50; Plain Talk p. 124).

IX. THE RICH YOUNG RULER (Mark 10:1-27; Plain Talk pp. 125-128).

1. What problem of interpretation did the Pharisees bring up? (Mark 10:2; Plain Talk p. 125).

2. Why did Moses permit divorce? (Mark 10:4-5; Plain Talk p. 125).

3. What did Jesus of Nazareth teach about marriage? (Mark 10:6-9; Plain Talk pp. 125-126).

4. What lessons can be learned about the significance of divorce today? (Plain Talk pp.125-126).

5. What did Jesus of Nazareth teach about children coming to Him? Mark 10:13-16).

6. Was there any evil in the desire of the young man for eternal life? (Mark 10:17; Plain Talk p. 126).

7. Where is the fault in the young man's question? (Plain Talk pp. 126-127).

8. What did Jesus of Nazareth tell the young man to do? (Mark 10:21; Plain Talk pp.126-127).

9. What seems to be the meaning of the "eye of the needle"? (Mark 10:25; Plain Talk pp. 127-128).

10. How can the rich be saved? (Mark 10: 27; Plain Talk p. 128).

X. THE SECRET OF PREEMINENCE (Mark 10:28-52; Plain Talk pp. 129-131).

1. Are there any compensations for the person who forsakes all for Christ? (Mark 10:28-31).

2. What seems to have made the disciples afraid to follow Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 10:32; Plain Talk p. 129).

3. What did Jesus of Nazareth predict would happen to Him? (Mark 10:33-34; Plain Talk pp. 129-130).
4. What did Jesus of Nazareth promise that made following Him worthwhile? (Mark 10:34; Plain Talk p. 130).
5. What did James and John request? (Mark 10:35-37; Plain Talk p. 130).
6. How did Jesus of Nazareth answer their request? (Mark 10:38-40).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth show their request was quite natural? (Mark 10:42; Plain Talk p. 131).
8. How did Jesus of Nazareth describe the spiritual attitude? (Mark 10:43-45; Plain Talk p. 131).
9. Why would Jesus of Nazareth ask the blind Bartimaeus what he wanted? (Mark 10:46-51; Plain Talk p. 131).
10. What lesson can be learned about praying and faith? (Mark 10:47-52; Plain Talk p. 131).

XI. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (Mark 11:1-10; Plain Talk pp. 132-134).

1. What procedure did the Holy Spirit use in revealing truth from God? (Plain Talk p. 132).
2. What was so amazing about the manner of Jesus of Nazareth entering Jerusalem? (Mark 11:1-10; Plain Talk p. 132).
3. What was amazing about Jesus of Nazareth riding on the colt? (Plain Talk p. 133).
4. What can be learned here about the control Jesus of Nazareth has over natural things? (Plain Talk pp. 133-134).
5. What insight can be gained about the rule of Christ in His Kingdom? (Plain Talk pp.133-134).

6. What lesson can be learned about spiritual obedience? (Plain Talk p. 134).
7. Is there any reason to think the colt felt rebellious and was controlled by force? (Plain Talk p. 134).
8. What does this incident promise the believer about his own desires? (Plain Talk p. 134).
9. How does the New Covenant agree with this revelation? (Hebrews 8:8-10; Plain Talk p. 134).
10. How does this incident agree with Old Testament prediction about the Kingdom of Messiah? (Isaiah 11:7-9; Plain Talk pp.133-134).

XII. EXERCISING AUTHORITY (Mark 11:11-33; Plain Talk pp. 135-138).

1. What common error about the conduct of Jesus of Nazareth is popular? (Plain Talk p.135).
2. What is an obvious reply to any who say that “hell” cannot be real? (Plain Talk p. 135).
3. What was the first place Jesus of Nazareth entered when He came to Jerusalem? (Mark 11:11).
4. Why did Jesus of Nazareth curse the fig tree? (Mark 11:12-14; 20-26; Plain Talk pp.135-136).
5. What lesson can be learned about the importance of being fruitful? (Matthew 7:19-20; John 15:4-6).
6. What did Jesus of Nazareth teach about faith in praying? (Mark 11:22-24; Plain Talk pp. 136-137).
7. What condition did Jesus of Nazareth insist was necessary for effectual praying? (Mark 11:25-26; Plain Talk p. 137).
8. Why did Jesus of Nazareth cleanse the temple? (Mark 11:15-17; Plain Talk pp.137-138).

9. What effect did the cleansing of the temple have upon the scribes and the chief priests? (Mark 11:18).
10. What can be learned to guide believers in answering critics? (Mark 11:27-33; Plain Talk p. 138).

XIII. PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD (Mark 12:1-12; Plain Talk pp. 139-141).

1. What is true in every man's relationship with God? (Plain Talk p. 139).
2. How did Jesus of Nazareth indicate that the Jews had been favored? (Mark 12:1; Plain Talk p. 140).
3. How did Jesus of Nazareth illustrate the interest of God in results? (Mark 12:2; Plain Talk p. 140).
4. How did Jesus of Nazareth show the treatment of the ministers of God by the Jews? (Mark 12:3-5; Plain Talk p. 140).
5. How does the sending of the son point toward Jesus Christ? (Mark 12:6-8).
6. How does the treatment given to the messengers warn about Gospel preaching? (Plain Talk pp. 140-141).
7. What will be the fate of those who rejected the Son? (Mark 12:9).
8. What does the Bible teach about the fate of the disobedient? (Plain Talk p. 141).
9. Just why were the husbandmen in the parable destroyed? (Mark 12:2-9; Plain Talk p. 141).
10. How does verse 10 point toward Jesus Christ?

XIV. ANSWERING OPPOSITION (Mark 12:13-44; Plain Talk pp. 142-144).

1. What can be learned from the procedure of Jesus of Nazareth in facing criticism? (Mark 12:13; Plain Talk p. 142).
2. Why did the Pharisees and the Herodians question Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 12:13-15).
3. How did Jesus of Nazareth handle the question? (Mark 12:15-17).
4. What was the significance of the question by the Sadducees? (Mark 12:18-23; Plain Talk p.143).
5. What did Jesus of Nazareth reveal about God in His answer? (Mark 12:24-27; Plain Talk p. 143).
6. What was the question asked by the scribe? (Mark 12:28; Plain Talk p.144).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth answer the scribe? (Mark 12:29-31; Plain Talk p. 144).
8. How did the scribe evaluate the answer by Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 12:32-34).
9. What question did Jesus of Nazareth ask in the temple? (Mark 12:35-37).
10. How did the action of the poor widow emphasize the warning given by Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 12:38-44; Plain Talk p. 144).

XV. END OF THE WORLD (Mark 13; Plain Talk pp. 145-148).

1. Because He came to seek and to save the lost, what is the Lord's attitude toward the world? (Plain Talk p. 145).
2. What did Jesus of Nazareth predict about the new temple being built? (Mark 13:1-2; Plain Talk pp. 145-146).

3. What two questions did four of His disciples ask Him? (Mark 13:3-4; Plain Talk p. 146).
4. What did Jesus of Nazareth warn against when thinking of the future? (Mark 13:5-8; Plain Talk p. 146).
5. What treatment can believers in Christ expect in this world? (Mark 13:9-13; Plain Talk p.147).
6. How did Jesus of Nazareth describe the coming destruction of Jerusalem? (Mark 13:14-23)
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth describe the event of Christ's return? (Mark 13:24-27).
8. What guidance did Jesus of Nazareth give about looking for the end of the world? (Mark 13:28-31).
9. What did Jesus of Nazareth say about fixing the time of His return? (Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7).
10. How did Jesus of Nazareth teach that His disciples should expect Him? (Mark 13:33-37; Plain Talk p. 148).

XVI. ANOINTING BY MARY (Mark 14:1-9; Plain Talk pp. 149-151).

1. What can be learned here about the popularity of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 14:1-2).
2. What was so impressive about the woman's act? (Mark 14:3).
3. What seems to have been the meaning of the anointing? (Mark 14:8; Plain Talk p. 150).
4. Why was the woman's act criticized? (Mark 14:4-5).
5. What can we learn from this criticism? (Plain Talk pp. 150-151).

6. How did Jesus of Nazareth respond to the criticism? (Mark 14:6-9).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth expose the insincerity of the critics? (Mark 14:7).
8. What did Jesus of Nazareth understand about the act of the woman? (Mark 14:9).
9. How did Jesus of Nazareth show His appreciation of the act? (Mark 14:9).
10. What was the woman's secret? (Plain Talk p. 151).

XVII. JUDAS PLANS TO BETRAY HIM (Mark 14:10 -11; Plain Talk pp. 152-154).

1. What does the fact that Judas was an apostle indicate? (Plain Talk p. 152).
2. Does John's comment about Judas indicate Judas had been stealing? (John 12:6; Plain Talk p. 152)
3. What evidence indicates Judas was esteemed to be honest? (John 12:6; Plain Talk pp. 152-153).
4. What seems to have happened to Judas? (John 13:2, 27; Plain Talk pp. 152-153).
5. What lessons can be learned in this incident? (Mark 14:10-11).
6. What was the spiritual nature of Judas' tragic error? (Plain Talk pp. 153-154).
7. Need such a temptation involve only money? (Plain Talk pp. 153-154).
8. What can we learn about the tactics of Satan? (John 13:2).
9. What does the final action of Judas seem to imply about Judas' own thinking? (Matthew 27:3-5).

10. In view of the eventual fate of Judas how shall his remorse be evaluated? (Acts 1:16-20; Matthew 27:3-5).

XVIII. PREPARATION FOR THE PASSOVER FEAST (Mark 14:12-16; Plain Talk pp. 155-157).

1. Are celebrations of certain days or events important? (Plain Talk p. 155).
2. How shall we understand personal aspects in any celebration? (Plain Talk p. 155).
3. What was the feast the disciples asked guidance about? (Mark 14:12).
4. What is so striking about the instructions given to the disciples? (Mark 14:13-14; Plain Talk pp. 155-156).
5. How could a believer “prepare” to eat the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper? (Mark 14:12; I Corinthians 11:27-34; Plain Talk p. 156).
6. How was the ministry of John the Baptist related to preparation? (Luke 1:76-79; John 1:23; Matthew 3:2-3; Acts 19:4; Plain Talk p.156).
7. How did Isaiah express his thoughts when he entered into communion with God? (Isaiah 6:5; Plain Talk p. 156).
8. How did Job express himself when he finally faced God? (Job 42:5-6; Plain Talk pp.156-157).
9. What is the practical significance of “repenting”? (Plain Talk p. 157).
10. With whom did Jesus of Nazareth eat the passover? (Mark 14:14; John 13:1; Psalm 51:17).

XIX. THE LAST SUPPER (Mark 14:17-31; Plain Talk pp. 158-159).

1. Did Jesus of Nazareth have any personal feelings about His betrayal? (Mark 14:18; John 13:18, 21; Plain Talk p. 158).
2. What evidence shows that no one suspected Judas? (Mark 14:19; Plain Talk p. 158).
3. What can be learned here about the importance of personal commitment? (Plain Talk p. 159).
4. Did Jesus of Nazareth tell anybody who His betrayer would be? (Mark 14:20; John 14:26; Acts 1:20).
5. What happened to Judas when he was identified? (John 13:27-30; Plain Talk p. 159).
6. Because men can sin and go unpunished for the present, will they escape judgment? (Mark 14:21; Psalm 73:17-20).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth arrange to commemorate His relation to His disciples? (Mark 14:22-25; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Plain Talk p. 159).
8. What does the bread used in the Lord's Supper represent? (Mark 14:22).
9. What does the cup used in the Lord's Supper represent? (Mark 14:23-24).
10. What showed the human nature of the disciples? (Mark 14:27-31; Plain Talk p. 159).

XX. THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE (Mark 14:32-42; Plain Talk pp. 160-162).

1. How important was praying to Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 14:32; Plain Talk p. 160).
2. What we can learn about preparation to pray? (Mark 14:32-33; Plain Talk pp. 160-161).

3. Why did Jesus of Nazareth call on certain disciples to join Him? (Mark 14:33; Plain Talk p. 161).
4. What can we learn from Peter being included? (Plain Talk p. 161).
5. What does the sorrowing of Jesus of Nazareth imply? (Plain Talk p. 161).
6. What can we learn about praying in this incident? (Mark 14:35-36; Plain Talk pp. 161-162).
7. How can we understand the disciples falling asleep? (Mark 14:37, 40; Plain Talk p. 162).
8. What guidance did Jesus of Nazareth give about praying? (Mark 14:38).
9. How can we understand Jesus of Nazareth praying three times? (Mark 14:35, 39, 41).
10. How can we understand there are aspects in this incident that go beyond our understanding?

XXI. JESUS OF NAZARETH ARRESTED BY SOLDIERS (Mark 14:43-52; Plain Talk pp. 163-165).

1. Because a person is righteous, should he expect continuous triumph? (Plain Talk p. 163).
2. With whom was Judas associated, when he came to betray his Master? (Mark 14:43).
3. What does the action of Judas suggest as to the appearance of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 14:44-45).
4. How did the one disciple resist the soldiers? (Mark 14:47; Matthew 26:51-54; John 18:10; Plain Talk p. 164).
5. What did Jesus of Nazareth ask the soldiers? (Mark 14:48-49).

6. Who was the young man with the linen cloth? (Mark 14:51-52; Plain Talk p. 164).
7. How can we understand the flight of the disciples? (Plain Talk p. 164).
8. Was the flight of the disciples an act of cowardice? (Mark 14:50; Plain Talk pp. 164-165).
9. What can we learn from this incident about the fortune of the Gospel in this world? (Plain Talk p. 165).
10. Did the flight of the disciples mean the work of Christ Jesus is in vain? (Plain Talk p.165).

XXII. ON TRIAL BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST (Mark 14:53-65; Plain Talk pp.166-168).

1. Why was Jesus of Nazareth brought to the court of the High Priest? (Plain Talk p.166).
2. Why was Jesus of Nazareth later brought to the court of Pilate? (Plain Talk p.166).
3. Why was the accusation before Pilate changed from the accusation before the High Priest? (Plain Talk p. 166).
4. What difficulty did His accusers have before the High Priest? (Mark 14:55-59; Plain Talk p. 167).
5. Where was Peter during the trial before the High Priest? (Mark 14:54).
6. How did Jesus of Nazareth respond to His accusers? (Mark 14:60-61; Plain Talk p. 167).
7. How did Jesus of Nazareth respond to the question of the High Priest? (Mark 14:61-62; Plain Talk pp. 167-168).
8. What can be learned here about the proper witness to be given? (Plain Talk p. 167).

9. What verdict did the court of the High Priest pronounce? (Mark 14:64).

10. How was Jesus of Nazareth treated by the crowd? (Mark 14:65; Plain Talk p. 167).

XXIII. THE DENIAL BY PETER (Mark 14:66-72; Plain Talk pp. 169-172).

1. What warning can any believer learn from Peter's denial? (Plain Talk p. 169).

2. What evidence shows that Peter was in a faulty frame of mind? (Mark 8:32-33; Plain Talk p. 169).

3. What weakness did Peter show when told he would forsake the Lord? (Mark 14:27-29; Plain Talk p. 170).

4. What human weakness did Peter show in Gethsemane? (Mark 14:33-38; Plain Talk p. 170).

5. What human weakness did Peter show when the soldiers arrested Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 14:46-47; John 18:10; Plain Talk p. 170).

6. What weakness did Peter show when they led Jesus of Nazareth to court? (Mark 14:53-54; Plain Talk p. 170).

7. Who accused Peter of being one of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 14:66-67).

8. What mistake did Peter make while waiting at the trial? (Mark 14:67-70; Plain Talk p. 171).

9. When did Peter realize how he had fallen? (Mark 14:72; Plain Talk p. 171).

10. How can we understand Peter's later conduct? (Acts 5:41; Plain Talk pp. 171-172).

XXIV. THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE (Mark 15:1-15; Plain Talk pp. 173-175).

1. Why was Jesus of Nazareth tried in the court of the High Priest during the night? (Plain Talk p. 173).

2. How was Jesus of Nazareth brought to Pilate's court? (Mark 15:1; Plain Talk p. 173).
3. Why did Pilate ask if He was "king of the Jews"? (Mark 15:2).
4. How did Jesus of Nazareth respond to the accusations by the Jews? (Mark 15:3-5; Plain Talk p. 173).
5. What custom did the Jews want Pilate to observe? (Mark 15:6-8); Plain Talk p. 174).
6. What sort of man was Barabbas? (Mark 15:7; Plain Talk p. 174).
7. Why did Pilate want to release Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 15:9-10; Plain Talk p. 174).
8. Why did the mob request the release of Barabbas? (Mark 15:11).
9. What was the nature of the foolishness of Pilate? (Mark 15:15; Plain Talk p. 175).
10. What can be learned here as to the danger of public pressure in any matter of conscience? Plain Talk p. 175).

XXV. THE CRUCIFIXION (Mark 15:16-37; Plain Talk pp. 176-178).

1. How did the soldiers mock Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 15:16-19; Plain Talk p. 176).
2. Why did Jesus of Nazareth submit to the abuse? (Matthew 26:53-54; Plain Talk p. 176).
3. Who helped Jesus of Nazareth on His way to Calvary? (Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26; Plain Talk p. 177).
4. Why did Jesus of Nazareth refuse to drink "wine mingled with myrrh"? (Mark 15:23; Plain Talk p. 177).

5. Why did the soldiers “cast lots” for His garments? (Mark 15:24; Plain Talk p. 177).
6. At what time of the day was Jesus of Nazareth crucified? (Mark 15:25).
7. Why were the two thieves crucified at the same time? (Mark 15:27-28; Plain Talk p. 178).
8. What did the mob call on Jesus of Nazareth to do? (Mark 15:29-33).
9. Can we understand why He could not do what they asked for? (Plain Talk p. 178).
10. What happened at the death of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 15:33-38; Plain Talk p. 178).

EVENTS FROM THE CROSS TO THE GRAVE (Mark 15:38-47; Plain Talk pp. 179-180).

1. What were the different attitudes among the people who saw Him die? (Plain Talk p. 179).
2. What happened to the veil of the temple at the time of His death? (Mark 15:38).
3. What do the other Gospels add to this account? (Matthew 27:51-54; Plain Talk pp. 179-180).
4. How was the centurion affected? (Mark 15:39; Plain Talk p. 179).
5. Who among His disciples were present at His death? (Mark 15:40-41; Plain Talk p. 179).
6. Who was Joseph of Arimathea? (Mark 15:43; Matthew 27:57; Luke 23:50-51; John 19:38).
7. Who arranged for the burial of Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 15:43-46; John 19:39).
8. Who else watched the burial? (Mark 15:47).

9. What lesson can be learned from this action by Joseph of Arimathea?

10. How did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus show their regard for Jesus of Nazareth? (Matthew 27:60; John 19:39).

XXVII. THE RESURRECTION (Mark 16:1-8; Plain Talk pp. 181-183).

1. Why is the resurrection so important to the Gospel? (Plain Talk p. 181; Romans 10:9).

2. Why did the women come to the grave? (Mark 16:1-2).

3. What practical problem did the women expect to have? (Mark 16:3; Plain Talk p. 182).

4. How had the problem been solved? (Mark 16:4; Matthew 28:2; Plain Talk p. 182).

5. Whom did the women see at the tomb? (Mark 16:5; Plain Talk p. 182).

6. What did the angel tell the women? (Mark 16:6-7; Plain Talk pp. 182-183).

7. What can be learned by noting that the angel mentioned Peter? (Mark 16:7).

8. How were the women affected by what happened? (Mark 16:8; Plain Talk p. 183).

9. Why did the women not tell everybody? (Mark 16:8; Plain Talk p. 183).

10. What is the testimony in history of the significance of the resurrection? (Plain Talk p. 183).

XXVIII. APPEARANCES AFTER THE RESURRECTION (Mark 16:9-13; Plain Talk pp. 184-186).

1. What is the common public attitude toward the resurrection? (Plain Talk p. 184).

2. Is it possible that men will preach who do not believe it? (Plain Talk pp. 184-185).
3. When a person believes, does he necessarily mean that he knows? (Plain Talk p. 185).
4. To whom did the risen Jesus of Nazareth appear first after His resurrection? (Mark 16:9; Plain Talk p. 185).
5. What shows the difficulty to believe the reality of the resurrection? (Mark 16:10-11; Plain Talk p. 185).
6. What did the risen Jesus of Nazareth look like on the road to Emmaus? (Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-31; Plain Talk p. 186).
7. How did the other disciples think of the reports that He had been seen alive? (Mark 16:13; Plain Talk p. 186).
8. What can we learn about witnessing in this account?
9. Why did Thomas not believe? (John 20:24).
10. Is it important to believe the witness of others? (John 20:29).

XXIX. THE GREAT COMMISSION (Mark 16:14-18; Plain Talk pp. 187-189).

1. Why were there eleven that “sat at meat”? (Mark 16:14; Acts 1:16-20).
2. Does it matter to Jesus Christ when His followers do not believe the record of what He has done? (Mark 16:14; Matthew 28:17; Luke 24:11; John 20:25; Plain Talk p. 189).
3. What has been characteristic of the Gospel of Mark? (Plain Talk p. 187).

4. How did Matthew state the great commission? (Matthew 28:18-20).
5. What does Mark include beyond what Matthew wrote? (Mark 16:15-18).
6. What does Luke include which is still different? (Luke 24:46-49).
7. How does John report it? (John 20:21-23).
8. How did the risen Lord express this to Peter? (John 21:15-17).
9. What does Mark's Gospel specially emphasize? (Mark 16:15-16; Plain Talk p. 189).
10. Is there any reason one should not accept Mark 16:17-18 as valid? (Mark 16:17-18; Plain Talk p. 189).

XXX. THE ASCENSION (Mark 16:19-20; Plain Talk pp. 190-192).

1. Why is the ascension such a fitting conclusion? (Mark 16:19-20; Plain Talk p. 190).
2. What can we learn about the Gospel in the ascension? (Plain Talk p. 190).
3. How does the ascension bring urgency to the Gospel? (Plain Talk pp. 190-191).
4. Where is Jesus Christ now? (Mark 16:19; Plain Talk p. 191).
5. What did the disciples do after the ascension? (Mark 16:20; Plain Talk p. 191).
6. How were results secured from their witness? (Mark 16:20; Plain Talk pp. 191-192).
7. What message are the disciples to spread? (Matthew 28:18-20; Plain Talk pp. 191-192).

8. Why can missionaries be encouraged? (Plain Talk pp. 191-192).
9. What caution should all preachers and teachers observe?
10. Why are the results of Gospel preaching called “signs”? (Plain Talk p. 192)