Mark: Jesus is an Obedient Servant—Follow Him A Survey of the Bible

Message Slides

Mark Chart - Wilson

Interpreting Mark - Darrell Bock

Occasion and Purpose of Mark - Dan Wallace

The Miracles of Jesus - Wilson

Context: Who, Where, When and Why?

- Who composed Mark?
- Who was Mark's original audience?
- When was Mark written?
- Where were Mark and his readers?
- Why was he writing?

Content: How and What?

• How is Mark organized?

Introduction to Jesus Christ, "The Son of God" (1:1-15)

- The Public Ministry of Jesus, "The Son of Man" (1:16-8:26)
- Calling Disciples & Conflict with Religious Leaders (1:16-3:12)
- Mysteries of the Kingdom & Miracles of Power (3:13-6:6)
- Sending Disciples & Misunderstandings about Jesus (6:7-8:26)
 - Blind Man Story #1 Vision Restored Progressively (8:22-26)
 - Peter's Confession: "You are the Christ." (8:27-29)
- The Private Teaching of Jesus to His Followers (8:27-10:52)
- Jesus' Prediction of His own Death (8:27-9:1)
- The Transfiguration Reveals Jesus' Glory (9:2-13)
- Jesus' Teaching on Discipleship & the Disciple's Struggle (9:14-10:45)

- Blind Man Story #2 Vision Restored Immediately (10:46-52)
- The Redemptive Ministry of Jesus in Jerusalem (11:1-15:47)
- Conflict in Jerusalem & Prediction of Judgment (11:1-13:37)
- Jesus Suffering & Death in Jerusalem (14:1-15:47)

Epilogue: The Resurrection of Jesus (16:1-8)

• What is the message of Mark?

Conviction: So What?

- Where does this fit?
- Mark is the shortest gospel and is full of action focusing more on Jesus' ministry than His teaching.
- Mark, cousin of Peter, got eyewitness reports from him, a follower of Jesus Himself, he be "young man" in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- This is the most "story like" of all the gospels with character development, plot, tension, and even a cliffhanger ending.
- What should we believe?
- Jesus is the Messiah/Christ—the long awaited Savior promised in the Old Testament.
- Following Jesus is often a confusing struggle but worth it.
- Jesus obediently suffered to fulfill His calling. We should expect nothing less for ourselves.
- How should we behave?
- Follow Jesus in spite of confusion.
- Follow Jesus in spite of fear.

Next Steps

- Embrace a life of following Jesus in spite of confusion, fear, and struggling.
- Be thankful that Jesus is patient with us and understands the struggle we have following Him.

This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- •. Monday Mark 1:16-45
- •. Tuesday Mark 2:1-3:12
- •. Wednesday Mark 8:22-26;10:46-52
- •. Thursday Mark 9:2-13
- •. Friday Mark 16:1-8

Home Church

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another.

Home Church Questions

- What about Ken's presentation of Mark was most helpful and challenging?
- Read 1:17. Jesus's invitation to Simon and Andrew was to follow him as he transformed them from "fishermen" to "fishers of men." Share with the group how he has transformed your life. What area of your life is he working on transforming right now?
- Over 40 times, Mark described Jesus as a man of action, marked out by the description "immediately." Is there any action in your life that you know you need to take, but have put it off?
- Read <u>4:35-41</u>. Among the gospels, Mark is unique in recording Jesus's words, "Peace, be still." What turmoil or tension are you now experiencing for which Jesus is saying to you "Peace, be still," "Why are you so afraid?" and "Have you still no faith?"
- One theme that stands out in Mark's gospel is Jesus's rebukes directed at his disciples. From what sources may God's rebuke come into our lives to correct and direct us?
- What is your personal take-away from the book of Mark?

Finances

Weekly Budget 32,692 Giving For 01/21 43,966 Giving For 01/28 21,352 YTD Budget 1,013,462 Giving 1,071,724 OVER/(UNDER) 58,262

Souper Bowl Sunday

Fellowship, this is a great opportunity for you to minister here in Conway. We're encouraging Fellowship families to bring hearty soups, canned chili, spaghetti sauce, tuna helper, canned meats, and Knorr brand pastas to restock the Bethlehem House shelves. Bring your food items here to Fellowship on Sunday, February 11. In 2023, we were able to raise 1200 lbs. of food. Let's see what we can do this year!

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you chose to worship with our Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Fellowship Women's Galentine's

Ladies, bring your friends, neighbors, and daughters for a night of cookie decorating on February 12, 6:30 p.m., here at Fellowship. Cost is \$10 per person. Register at <u>fellowshipconway.org/register</u>. Child care by texting Shanna at 501-336-0332.

Father Daughter Dance

Guys, enjoy dinner with your daughter(s) grades 5-12th, March 2. Then join us at Renewal Ranch from 7-9:30 p.m. for dancing and a night of fun!

Fellowship Kids Baptism Class

Join us for our baptism class, where we will discuss the character of God, sin, salvation, baptism, and what comes next. We will meet all four Sundays in February during the second service in Room 2101. Contact Heather at https://heather.new.org/ Register at Fellowshipconway.org/register.

Fellowship Women's Directory

We have over 100 ladies listed in our Women's Directory and would love for you to be added! Please send your name, address, email, phone number, and picture (if you have one) to Tracy Williams at tracylee3313@att.net. Also, grab the instructional flyers in the Atrium for more details. You must be in the directory to view it.

Men's Muster

Men, mark your calendar for our retreat on April 19-21. More details to come!

Stoby's Czech fundraiser update

Fellowship, thank you for rallying around the team heading to the Czech Republic this summer by coming to the Stoby's Pancake Fundraiser last Sunday. The team raised just under \$3,800. Thank you for supporting the youth and college students.

Crucifixion Dinner

Join us on Good Friday for our annual Crucifixion Dinner, where we remember the high price Jesus paid on our behalf. We invite you to fast during the day as you meditate on the life and death of Jesus leading up to a time of worship and remembrance, breaking the fast with a bowl of chicken broth and bread. Join us March 29 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. Child care for 6 years and younger.