

Life Group Questions - Mark 1

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Repent and Believe in the Good News that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.

Outline

1. Teeing up the book
2. Mark 1
3. Their arresting questions is our arresting question

Interpretation Help

Gospel Centrality

1. Because of the Good News Jesus was the truly the Son of God, the Suffering Servant, the Glorious Savior, those who repent and believe will be saved.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. How are you feeling about the challenge to CHBC to participate in sharing the Good News through 1 on 1 bible reading? What excites you about this? What are your fears?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. Teeing up the book
 - A. **Gospel genre** = biography, theology, and missionary playbook
 - B. **Date/Context** = earliest gospel (late 60's) written to Rome in a brief, to the point style
 - C. **Author** = Divinely inspired through Peter's testimony interviewed recorded by John Mark
 - D. **Structure** = Two folds, Ch. 1 – Ch. 8a (8:22-26) // Ch. 8b – Ch. 16
 - i. Two stage healing of blind man (cf. 8:22-26) = two folds
 - ii. 3 Acts: *Ministry in Galilee* (1–8a) //FOLD// *On the Way* (8b–10) *To Jerusalem* (11–16)
 - E. **Mark and the Big Picture:**
 - i. Jesus is the Messiah but not on Israel's terms and reworks their expectations and clearly define what it means for him to be King
 - ii. The true Messiah-King
 - a. Isaiah 53 – A suffering servant King
 - b. Exodus – a king who will truly save by replacing Israel
 - c. Whole OT – Jesus will fulfill all of the story of the OT
 - F. **Putting it together: Who is this Man?**
 - i. He has authority to heal sickness, restore creation, defeat evil forces

- ii. He has authority to forgive sins
- iii. Peter confesses that Jesus is Christ/Messiah (8:29)
- iv. The centurion confesses that Jesus is the Son of God (15:39)
- v. Mark uses the OT to say that Jesus is Yahweh (LORD)
- vi. God the Father says to Him: “You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased (1:11)
- vii. SUM: *Jesus is the Suffering Servant King who is also the Savior of Glory and we must have one main reaction... repent and believe in this gospel (cf. 1:15)*

2. Mark 1

A. Introductions

- i. Jesus is anchored in the history and prophecy of Israel: Mal 3:1 + Exod. 23:20 + Isa. 40:3 (vv. 1–3)
- ii. John the Baptizer salutes Him: Jesus ultimately replaces the temple and sacrificial system as he represents Israel in baptism (vv. 4–8)
- iii. Jesus passes the test: He is the true and better Adam; replay of Gen. 3 (vv. 12–13)
- iv. Jesus begins his ministry (vv. 12–45)
 - a. The Big Idea: *see SUM above* (vv. 14-15)
 - b. The True Israel calls the New Israel: 12 disciples (vv. 16-20)
 - (i) Back to first things: Israel is to bless the nations
 - (ii) Leave it all to follow the Lord
 - c. Authority time (vv. 21-45)
 - (i) Demonic (vv. 21-28)
 - (ii) Sickness (vv. 29-34)
 - (iii) Disease (vv. 40-45)
- v. The primacy of Word ministry (vv. 35-39)
 - a. The proclamation of the Kingdom was the core of Jesus’ ministry
 - b. Why is verbal declaration so important? Works can be variously interpreted but God’s pattern is clear – The *Word* of God interprets and empowers the *Work* of God.

Traveling Through the Cross

1. Is there any area of your life that you are still asking the question, *Who is this Man?* In other words, are you living under the complete authority of the Lord of lords?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

1. What are ways you can take God at His Word this week? In what ways are you looking forward to seeing God’s Works on display empowered by His Word?
2. Martin Luther said the whole of the Christian life is *repentance*. Are there any areas of your life God is calling you to repent of and therefore live in the reality of the gospel as His children?
3. If you are engaged with 1 on 1 Mark bible reading, how can your group come around your through prayer during this time?
4. If you are not engaged with 1 on 1 Mark bible reading who are non believers on your heart your group can pray for in hope for an opportunity to begin reading with them?

