



**The Holy Gospel
according to**

St. Mark

*The beginning of
the good news of
Jesus Christ, the Son
of God.*

Mark 1:1

**A Guide for Mentors and 6th Graders
2020-2021**



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Declaration of Commitment

I promise to fulfill my responsibilities as part of the Confirmation journey.

As a 6th grader,

I promise to meet regularly with my mentor, to pray for him or her, and to complete to the best of my ability, the journey through Mark's Gospel. I will value the relationship with my mentor and look forward to growing in our faith in Jesus together. When we have completed Mark, my mentor and I will meet with Pastor and share what this experience meant to us.

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Mentor Signature

As a parent or guardian,

I promise to support my 6th grader in this journey by supporting regular meetings the mentor, praying for them, and by encouraging their relationship so that they might grow in their faith in Jesus together. I realize that my support and assistance in this program is vital.

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St Mark, represented as a lion in Christian iconography, is derived from the prophetic visions of John in Revelation 4:7. The lion is one of the four living creatures, described in Revelation, placed around the throne of the Almighty and have been chosen as symbols for the four evangelists.

*The voice of the one who cries in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight." (Gospel according to Mark 1:1–3)*

The lion also symbolizes the power of the Evangelist's word, the wings symbolize the spiritual elevation, while the halo is the traditional Christian symbol of holiness.

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Introduction

Welcome to our 6th grade Confirmation mentoring ministry!

You are about to begin a most interesting and rewarding journey...learning more about Jesus by going through the Gospel of Mark together with another Christian who we call a mentor.

A mentor is not necessarily one who knows all the answers, one who can cite vast numbers of Scripture passages from memory, or who is super religious. No, a mentor is one who loves Jesus and is trying to grow in that love every day. A mentor is one who loves kids like you and is willing to share this journey of faith with you. Your mentor will be a wonderful guide on this adventure.

You will need several things for your journey:

You will need each other. Get to know your mentor better. Ask questions. Listen. Develop a good friendship. Don't forget...your mentor said "yes" to your invitation because your mentor cares about you. So you can safely trust your mentor. Don't be afraid about being honest and open. The more you are willing to share yourself with each other, the better this journey will be.

Both of you will be doing the same things in each session and both of you will be sharing your thoughts and feelings about what you are learning. Mentors have much experience and wisdom to share. 6th graders have much enthusiasm and excitement. How good it will be to share your stories and learn from each other!

You will need a Bible. It is recommended that you use either the NRSV or the NIV translation of the bible, though you may use whichever translation you wish. It is helpful if both the mentor and mentee have the same translation.

You will need this guided booklet. The two of you will be traveling through the Gospel of Mark in the Bible with this booklet as your guide. There are ten sessions. You will be doing some reading, lots of discussing, and some creative activities together. Use this booklet as the guide for your time together. Feel free to do your own thing if it meets your needs better. We have given you space for your answers and reactions. Don't be afraid to mark it up! This is yours to keep. Some people get another notebook to record their answers and reactions. That's up to you.

Here's how the mentor program works...

The two of you will get together and decide what's best for you: where and when will you meet, what you will do when you do meet.

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In between meetings, do your part. Read through your appointed session, Record your work ahead of time.

In meeting, go through the session together, the mentor may lead or the mentee. Be friends, talk, explore, investigate, wonder out loud.

3

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Have fun! This is not school. There are no tests. The goal of your journey is to come to love Jesus more deeply and to learn from each other. So enjoy the process!

Session One: Getting Acquainted

The goal for this first session is to “break the ice” between you and help you get started in your relationship. Remember, your relationship is very important in this program. So relax and be yourself!



1. When you want to get to know someone, you ask them questions. Be a detective. Find out as much as you can about your partner.

- ✦ Tell about your family.

- ✦ Talk about some of your “favorites”
 - activity in school
 - thing to do when you have free time
 - movie or book or food
 - friend

- ✦ What is one thing that makes you sad? happy?

- ✦ What is one thing you really like about your life today?

- ✦ What is one thing you really like about your church today?

2. Talk about your expectations for your times together.

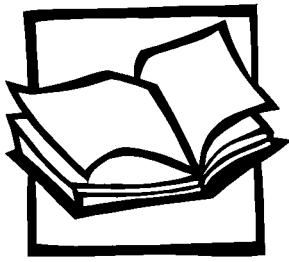
- ✦ What do you hope will happen during this time

- ✦ Are you excited or nervous?

3. Say a short prayer about your time together. You might say, “Thank you, God, for this time. Help us learn about Jesus and grow in our love and service to you Amen.”

4. Now spend some time talking about the Bible.

- ✦ Open to the “Contents” page.
- ✦ The word “Bible” means “library”.



The Bible is a collection of books, a library.

✦ Notice that this library contains 66 books and is divided into two parts: The Old and New Testaments.

We believe the bible is the Word of God and the authority in our lives.

That means that when we read the bible, we are hearing what God wants us to know about himself and what God has done for us. And as we go about our lives, we turn to the bible to learn how to live and how to make right choices and decisions.

5. The Old Testament, or the Hebrew Bible, is a collection of books that tell the story of God and his people, Israel. Here you will find stories of creation and Noah, Abraham and his family, David and Goliath, and prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah. Each story tells us something important about God.

✦ Find and read Psalm 23. This is a favorite of many people because it says some wonderful things about our God. Talk about how God is pictured as a shepherd and what the shepherd does for his sheep?

✦ Tell your partner which of these images means most to you and why.

6. The New Testament is a collection of books that tell us the story of Jesus, the one in whom we see the heart of God.

✦ Find and read John 3:16-17.

What does this reading say God has done for us?

What do you think of when you think of eternal life?

7. If we want to know God, we look at Jesus. Jesus is "Immanuel", God with us. Jesus shows us what God is like, how he feels, how he acts. We will look at Jesus by reading the Gospel of Mark together.

✦ Mark is called a "Gospel" which is a word that means "good news." But Mark isn't the only Gospel in the New Testament.

What are the other three Gospels?

8. Together with your partner, take a few minutes and list below all the things you can remember about Jesus. His life, things he said, things he did. It will be fun to re-read this list at the end of our time together and see what we've learned.

9. Read the following statement of faith together. Circle the words or phrases that stand out in your mind as interesting. Underline words or phrases you do not understand and would like to know more about.

From the Apostles Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Your Cross Project

Go around the church building and see how many crosses you can find. Remember the shape of a cross and think about where you find that shape even if it is not “officially” a cross. Christians for 20 centuries have believed that Jesus’ death on the cross is the heart of our faith and God’s resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter the beginning of eternal life.

- ✦ Plan and design a cross that the two of you will make together.

- ✦ How big will it be?

- ✦ What kind of Cross will you make? Will it be a picture? Something free-standing made of wood?

- ✦ What materials will you need to make your cross?

- ✦ What will you do with your cross when you are finished?

So your journey together has begun. We hope you will become good friends with each other and with Jesus. One thing that people who love Jesus do is pray together.

- ✦ Choose a time when you will pray for one another during the day. Talk about how it will feel that someone is praying for you at that exact time each day.

- ✦ Close your time together with each of you saying a short prayer. Thank God for your partner and ask God to be with you as you study Mark’s gospel together.

Your Mark Journal

Have you ever kept a journal? A journal is a place to record experiences on a journey. Think of going on a vacation, school year activities, family highlights, thoughts on what happened today. Without a record of your journey, important details and discoveries might be forgotten.

Over the coming weeks as you meet together, you should read the entire Gospel of Mark. Decide together what your reading schedule should be (for example, 3 chapters a week), so that both of you are reading at the same pace. As you read each chapter, record your comments, reactions and questions in your Mark "Journal," provided below. Then take time to share your ideas with each other.

Chapter 01 _____

Chapter 02 _____

Chapter 03 _____

Chapter 04 _____

Chapter 05

Chapter 06

Chapter 07

Chapter 08

Chapter 09

Chapter 10

Chapter 11

Chapter 12

Chapter 13

Chapter 14

Chapter 15

Chapter 16

Now return to Session One. Look at your list of things you knew about Jesus when you began this journey. List here three of the most important things you learned about Jesus from your study of the Gospel of Mark.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Session Two: The Beginning of Jesus Ministry

In this session we will learn about the events leading to the start of Jesus' public ministry.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 1:1, *Introduction*

✦ What does "gospel" mean?

3. Read Mark 1:2-8, *John the Baptizer Appears*

✦ Where was John's coming written?

✦ What was John's baptism for?

✦ Many people were coming to John. T F

✦ What did John eat and wear?

✦ Who was John preparing a path for?

4. Read Mark 1:9-15, *Jesus, the Son of God, Appears*

✦ Who sees the Spirit descending upon Jesus like a dove?

✦ Who hears the voice from heaven?

✦ Who sent Jesus into the wilderness to be tested?

✦ Draw a picture of Jesus' time of temptation...

✦ What does Jesus call people to do?

5. Read Mark 1:16-20, *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

✦ Who were the disciples that Jesus calls

6. Read Mark 1:21-28, *Exorcism in the Synagogue*

✦ Where did Jesus and the first disciples go?

✦ Where did Jesus' authority come from?

✦ Who, in the synagogue, knew who Jesus was?

✦ What did Jesus command the evil spirit to do before commanding him to come out of the man?

7. Read Mark 1:29-45, *Healing Increases Jesus' Reputation*

✦ Who did Jesus heal at Simon and Andrew's home?

✦ Why, do you think, did Jesus not want any of the demons he cast out or people he healed proclaim who he was?

✦ What were all the things that Jesus healed?

8. Has anyone ever done something for you so that you could be successful? As you close, share that person and occasion with your partner and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

Session Three: Controversy at Capernaum

In this lesson, you will learn how Jesus' teachings and actions have authority and power beyond what the scribes could claim. In this new authority Jesus shows a better way to live. A way of grace. This caused conflict with the religious establishment and even his family.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 2:1-12, *Healing the Paralytic*

✦ At this time in his ministry, which town is home to Jesus?

✦ Why did the Paralytic man's friends have to lower him through the roof?

✦ On the surface, what is more difficult, to say that someone's sins are forgiven, or tell them to get up and walk? Why?

✦ In reality, Jesus proves his power to forgive sin by healing the paralytic. What was the controversy?

3. Mark 2:13-17, *Jesus Calls Sinners*

✦ Who did Jesus call to follow him by the sea and what did he do?

✦ Tax collectors of the day abused their power to enrich themselves and were reminders of Roman occupation. Because of this the people hated them. Jesus ate with them and asked one to be a disciple, why was this such a controversy?

4. Read Mark 2:18-28, *Jesus Defends His Disciples*

✦ As Jesus begins to change the customs of the time in keeping strictly to the law, he lifts up relationship as a defense for his disciples. In this passage there are two controversies. What are they and draw a picture of them.

Controversy one:

...and people came and said to Jesus, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Controversy two:

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

5. Read Mark 3:13-19, *Choosing of the Twelve*

✦ List the Twelve Apostles

_____	,	_____	,	_____
_____	,	_____	,	_____
_____	,	_____	,	_____
_____	,	_____	,	_____

6. Read Mark 3: 20-30, *Jesus Charged with Demonic Possession*

✦ Jesus's family tried to restrain him from teaching because the crowds were growing out of control. The scribes, seeing that the people were flocking to Jesus as he healed people and cast out demons, charged him of being possessed by a demon himself. Fear and jealousy are powerful motivators, have you ever felt these emotions or been on the receiving end them before? As you close talk about those occasions with your partner and pray for those that feel those emotions and those that receive them. How might Jesus respond?

Session Four: Parables of the Kingdom

Parables are short stories that Jesus used to teach the disciples and crowds when speaking plainly didn't suit his purpose. These stories are self-contained, we shouldn't read into them more than is there. In these lessons, Jesus taught new ways of looking at and thinking about the world and God's relationship with creation. Generally, this viewpoint pushed against conventional wisdom.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 4:1-9, *The Parable of the Sower*

✦ What are the different kinds of soil?

_____, _____
_____, _____

✦ Why do you think the sower is so careless with his seed?

3. Read Mark 4:10-12, *The Secret of the Kingdom*

✦ Why did Jesus not speak plainly to the people?

✦ Do you think that's fair?

4. Read Mark 4:13-20, *Interpretation of the Parable of the Sower*

✦ What is being sown? _____

✦ What is the soil on the path?

✦ What is the soil on rocky ground?

✦ What is the soil choked with weeds?

✦ What is the good soil?

✦ Which are you right now, why?

5. Read Mark 4:21-25, *A Series of Proverbs*

✦ Have you ever hidden the fact that you are a Christian? Why?

✦ If you are really following Christ can you hide your faith, put the bushel over the lamp?

✦ If you do not exercise your faith then you will lose it. What are some ways you can make sure your faith stays strong and grows?

6. Read Mark 4:26-34, *Two Parables About Seeds*

✦ Draw a picture of the parable of scattered seed and the parable of the mustard seed.



7. Faith is a gift from God. Some people have more, some people have less.

Howevermuch God gave you, it is sufficient for your needs. You can grow in faith your whole life in discipleship or you can lose it. Mentors, tell your 6th Graders a little about your faith journey, your ups and your downs and why you exercise your faith today.

Session 5: Miracles Around the Sea of Galilee

In this session you will learn about the miracles Jesus performed around the Sea of Galilee.

Something is miraculous when it doesn't normally occur and demonstrates astonishing power or commitment. These stories share how extraordinary our Lord was even before his victory over death and sin on the cross.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 4:35-41, *The Storm at Sea*

✦ Draw a picture of Jesus calming the storm.

✦ Discuss with together: have you ever been scared and lost faith like the disciples?

3. Read Mark 5:1-20, *The Gerasene Demoniac*

✦ What does Jesus have to do with us? We are sinful, broken people undeserving of God's grace. Why does Jesus care?

✦ Why, do you think, did the Gerasenes want Jesus to leave after he cast out "legion?"

4. Read Mark 5:21-43, Two Healing Stories

✚ These healings are a study of contrasts. There is the important religious figure, Jairus, whose 12 year old daughter is ill unto death and the outcast, unnamed woman, who has been ritually unclean for 12 years. Jesus’ ministry is ultimately one concerned with the restoration of relationships and communities. When he healed them he did more than restore their health he restored their places in society. Have you ever felt outcast at school or work because of an illness or malady?

✚ How did, or how might have Jesus restored your friendship or place?

5. Read Mark 6:1-6a, Disbelief in Nazareth

✚ For most of these miracles Jesus has been moving back and forth across the Sea of Galilee. News of what he has done has been spreading East through the Decapolis and back West through Galilee and Samaria. In this chapter Jesus goes home to Nazareth, they have heard about what he has been up to and yet, he can do no works of power there aside from a few healings. Why?



✚ The people of Jesus’ childhood town could not understand where his wisdom and authority came from because they thought they “knew” who he was. Because of their unbelief it was difficult for Jesus to do anything miraculous. Today, there are still works of power done in the church, they are called Sacraments; the means of God’s grace. However, for them to affect a person’s life in this world, one must have faith that they offer the power to forgive and restore one’s relationship with God. Think about and share a time when you felt the power of Christ working through a sacrament and share with your partner.

Session 6: Jesus Continues Preaching in Galilee

In this session you will see Jesus go back out on a preaching circuit of Galilean towns. All of his work points towards his care and compassion for the people he is ministering to. The difference now is that the disciples too pick up his ministry. In reading this you are invited to think about the ministry that Jesus is calling you to do.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 6:6b-13, *Sending Out the Disciples*

✦ What do you think it would be like to be sent off the way the disciples were? Would you be scared or excited? Would you go?

✦ Jesus tells the disciples to shake off the dust from places that do not receive them. This is to say that they should carry nothing with them from those that reject Christ's message. Rejection is hard, especially when you are trying to share something that is important to you. How might Jesus' advice to the disciples help?

3. Read Mark 6:14-29, *The Death of John the Baptist*

✦ Why was John murdered?

✦ Why do you think Herod thought that Jesus was John raised from the dead?

✦ Guilt and sin can have the power to cloud our eyes to what is really going on. Herod could not see the work of God through Jesus because of what he did to John. Have you ever missed something because your conscience was acting against you?

4. Read Mark 6:30-44, *Feeding the Five Thousand*

✦ As the disciples came back to Jesus to tell him about their ministry what did Jesus ask them to do?

✦ Why is it important to rest?

✦ Jesus cares for all of our needs, from asking us to rest from labor to giving us food that satisfies. What is the bread that Jesus give to us now that has the power to satisfy our hunger for everlasting life?

5. Read Mark 7:24-30, *The Syrophenician Woman*

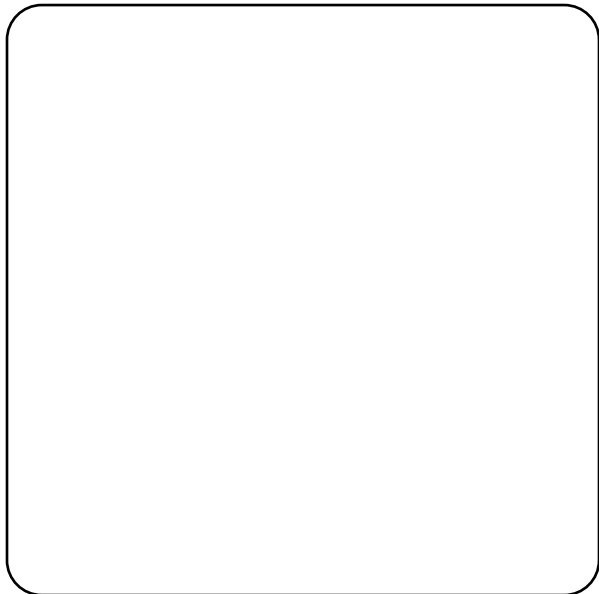
✦ Jesus has left Galilee and has gone to Tyre in Phoenicia. These people were Gentiles, which meant that they were not Jews and so were not, at this time, part of God's chosen people. Jesus has a conversation with a woman and seems to be mean to her. What do you think he was really doing? Was he being mean? Was this a test, or something else?

✦ In Christ we are to reach out to those who are different from us. Is it hard for you to be nice to someone who looks or speaks differently than you do? How do you do at welcoming outsiders into your group of friends?

6. Read Mark 7:31-37, *Healing a Deaf Man*

✦ Why do you think Jesus continues to instruct people not to tell others about the things he has done?

✦ Draw a picture of the healing.



7. Read Mark 8:11-13, *Demand for a Sign*

✦ Why is it so hard for people to believe without seeing? Why do they need a sign?

✦ What is the sign we have been given to believe?

✦ Is the sign of the cross enough for our faith today?

Session 7: Preparing the Disciples for Suffering

In this lesson you will learn that it was hard for the disciples to accept the true nature of Jesus' ministry. They, like all the Jews, believed that the Messiah would come as a military and political King like David. What they got was the Prince of Peace, humble and obedient to the will of the Father, even to death on the cross.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 8:27-30, *Jesus Is the Messiah*

✦ Who were some of the people others thought Jesus could be?

_____ , _____ , _____

✦ Who right proclaimed who Jesus was?

3. Read Mark 8:31-33, *First Passion Prediction*

✦ What is the "Passion of Christ?"

✦ Who was to reject the "Son of Man?"

_____ , _____ , _____

✦ What did Jesus call Peter for rebuking him?

✦ Peter rightly proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but didn't understand what that meant. What does Messiah mean to you?

4. Read Mark 8:34—9:1, *Taking Up the Cross*

✦ What does it mean to "deny yourself?"

✦ Can you have everything you want and not be satisfied?

✦ Can you have nothing and have everything?

✦ What do you want the most, this answer will tell you where your heart and God is?

5. Read Mark 9:2-13, *The Transfiguration of Jesus*

✦ Who did Jesus take with him up the mountain?

_____ , _____ , _____

✦ Who appeared with Jesus during the Transfiguration?

_____ , _____

✦ The disciples saw more than was normally apparent about Jesus during the Transfiguration. This both astounded and scared them. Have you ever seen something like that in your life? What was it and did you share the experience with someone else?

6. Read Mark 9:30-32, *Second Passion Prediction*

✦ Did the disciples understand what Jesus was saying this time any more than in Mark 8:31? Why do you think, is it so hard for them to understand?

7. Read Mark 9:33-37, *Dispute over Greatness*

✦ The disciples still do not understand what Jesus is about. They are concerned with things like power and glory in human terms. As they were coming home to Capernaum, they were arguing about who was greatest among themselves. Who does Jesus use to change their outlook and how?

8. Read Mark 10:32-34, *Final Passion Prediction*

✦ Draw a comic panel depicting Jesus' third prediction of his death and resurrection.

On the way to Jerusalem...

Handed over to the Chief Priest and Scribes...

Handed over to the Gentiles and death...

Resurrection!

Session 8: Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem

The struggle the disciples have with Jesus' role and identity as Messiah is now expanded to the center of Jewish life. In this session you will learn about the struggle between Jesus and the Jewish temple authority on who truly speaks God's Word even as Jesus comes closer to God's purpose of salvation.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 11:1-11, *Entry into Jerusalem*

✦ Jesus fulfills prophecy by his manner of entrance into Jerusalem. Zechariah 9:9 looks to the king that would come "humbly riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The people at the time who have heard about the works Jesus has accomplished and seeing this entrance cry out in expectation. Jesus, having predicted the manner of his death, comes to Jerusalem with different expectations. Draw an image of the entry.

✦ After entering and looking at the temple. Where does Jesus go?

✦ Have you ever done something you know will be difficult or painful? What was it?



3. Read Mark 11:15-19, *Cleansing the Temple*

✦ Why was Jesus so angry with those who were selling and buying at the temple?

✦ Have you ever been really upset about something? What was that anger tied to?

4. Read Mark 11:27-33, *Challenge to Jesus' Authority*

✦ Jesus has a way of turning his enemies arguments on their heads. The scribes authority came from the Law. Where did Jesus' authority come from?

5. Read Mark 12:1-12, *Parable of the Vineyard Tenants*

✚ Who was Jesus referring to as the wicked tenants?

✚ Who were the servants?

✚ Why wasn't Jesus arrested?

6. Read Mark 12:18-27, *Resurrection of the Dead*

✚ What do you think happens to human relationships when we die an earthly death?

✚ Is death something that scares you?

✚ Do Christians really experience death?

7. Read Mark 12:28-34, *The Greatest Commandment*

✚ What are the two greatest commandments?

1. _____

2. _____

✚ Are these hard commandments to keep?

8. Read Mark 12:38-40, *Warning About the Scribes*

✚ What was Jesus problem with the scribes?

✚ Do you know anyone like that?

✚ How is Jesus different?

9. With your partner, review the ways that Jesus was different from the religious authority at the Temple. Think about why these differences are good for us today. Thank the Lord through prayer.

Session 9: The Passion and Death of Jesus

In this session you will learn about the events that led directly to Jesus' crucifixion. One of the questions that has been asked since this time is why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Keep this question in mind throughout this lesson.



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 14:3-9, *Jesus is Anointed*

✦ Why were some of the disciples upset that Jesus' feet were anointed?

✦ What was Jesus being anointed for?

✦ How can you do what you can to support Christ's mission?

3. Read Mark 14:10-11, *Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*

✦ Who is known for all time as the betrayer?

✦ Have you ever been betrayed before?

4. Read Mark 14:12-31, *The Passover Meal*

✦ Why is the Passover so important, what did it represent?

✦ Who becomes the sacrificial lamb for Christians, that allows judgement for sin and death to Passover us?

✦ The disciples were deeply bothered by what Jesus tells them during this meal. Peter says that he will never desert him. What do you say, would you ever deny Jesus?

5. Read Mark 14:32-42, *Prayer in Gethsemane*

✦ Did Jesus want to die for the world, was he excited about it?

✦ What allows him to move forward with his destiny?

✦ What do you think is the significance of the disciples falling asleep in the garden when Jesus asks them to stay awake?

6. Read Mark 14:43-52, *Jesus is Arrested*

✦ What was the sign Judas gave that would identify Jesus?

✦ How many disciples deserted Jesus?

7. Read Mark 14:53-65, *Trial Before the Sanhedrin*

✦ The Sanhedrin were comprised of the religious class and they wanted Jesus silenced. What was the problem with the witness that came to bear testimony against Jesus?

✦ What finally gave the Sanhedrin "justification" for Jesus being condemned?

8. Read Mark 14:66-72, *Peter Denies Jesus*

✦ What is the significance of Peter's denial?

✦ How many times did he deny?

✦ What would it feel like if one of your best friends or parents denied you?

9. Read Mark 15:1-20, *Jesus Before Pilate*

✦ Why did the Sanhedrin turn Jesus over to the Romans?

✦ Why did Pilate think the Jews handed Jesus over?

✦ Who was responsible for the death of Christ?

10. Read Mark 15:21-41, *Jesus is Crucified*

✦ Draw the crucifixion.



Session 10: Jesus is Risen

In this session you will learn that the disciples had lost hope and only thought to prepare Jesus' body for burial. This was their outlook even though Jesus had told them multiple times what would happen. Because they did not understand, the women who went to the tomb were in for a surprise!



1. Share highs and lows and pray for them and your time together.

2. Read Mark 16:1-8, *The Women at the Tomb*

✦ Who went to the tomb and why?

✦ What were they looking for?

✦ What did they find?

✦ The women fled in terror and told no one. What would you have done?

3. Read the Shorter Ending of Mark

✦ Some ancient authorities have the end of chapter 8 as the conclusion to Mark's Gospel. One includes this shorter ending. Why do you think it was tacked onto the end of Chapter 8?

4. Read Mark 16:9-20, *The Longer Ending of Mark: Post Resurrection and Ascension*

✦ Most ancient authorities have vs 9-20 follow directly after vs 8, though some mark them as doubtful to the original writing. Why so you think an early disciple may have added this longer ending to Mark's Gospel?

✦ Who did Jesus first appear to after the Resurrection?

✦ What did she do?

✦ When she told the other disciples, was she believed
yes no

✦ Then to how many did Jesus appear?

✦ When they told were they believed?
yes no

✦ Then who did he appear to?

✦ What did Jesus command them to do?

✦ What is necessary for salvation?

✦ After this testimony, do you believe? Why?
yes no

5. You have completed your final session of this mentor year. Take a moment to think about what you have both learned over the year. Pray for your partner giving thanks for your time together to receive what God had to give.

✦ Return to page 13 and finish out your Mark Journal.

God's blessing and peace.

