

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



Mark

MEMORIZATION – Mark 12:29b-31 – Jesus states the most important commandments: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Chapter 1

1. Mark begins his account by writing of a messenger spoken of by the prophet Isaiah over 500 years earlier. Who is this messenger who came to prepare the way for the Messiah?

2. What does John preach?

3. As John preaches he speaks of one who will baptize not with water, but with _____.

4. In the book of Mark, how old is Jesus when Mark begins his account (circle one)?

- a) before birth
- b) youth
- c) grown man

Extra credit: Look at the beginning of the book of Matthew. How old is Jesus when Matthew begins his account?

5. From where does Jesus come for His baptism?

6. This is a classic example of the Trinity. The Son is being baptized.

a) Where is the Spirit?

b) Where is the Father?

7. What does the voice say?

8. a) Where does the Spirit send Jesus?

b) How long is Jesus there?

c) What is happening?

Extra credit: For more details of this time read Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.

9. When does Jesus go into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God?

10. Who are called as the first two disciples?

11. Who are disciples #3 and #4?

12. To what city do Jesus and the disciples go?

13. Where does Jesus teach on the Sabbath?

14. Jesus is “recognized” by an evil spirit. What does the evil spirit call Jesus?

15. To whose house do they go?

16. When He gets there, who does Jesus heal?

17. After sunset (when the Sabbath is over), who gather at the door?

18. And what occurs?
19. Why won't Jesus let the demons speak?
20. What does Jesus do very early in the morning while it is still dark?
21. True or false: Jesus travels throughout Galilee preaching in synagogues and driving out demons.
22. The leper is healed, but instead of being quiet about it as Jesus requested, the leper talks "freely" and spreads the news. So Jesus can't even enter a town openly without being mobbed. He stays in "lonely places." Does this keep the crowds away?

Chapter 2

1. The paralytic is brought for healing. Jesus (circle one):
 - a) heals him
 - b) forgives his sin
 - c) both
 2. By claiming to forgive sins Jesus equates Himself with (circle one):
 - a) the teachers of the law
 - b) God
 - c) the Pharisees
 3. This is disciple #5. Who is it?
- Extra credit: Check Matthew 9:9. What is Levi's other name?
4. Who fasts now (circle all that apply)?
 - a) disciples of John
 - b) the disciples of the Pharisees
 - c) disciples of Jesus
 5. What will happen when the bridegroom is taken from Jesus' disciples?

6. When the Pharisees are upset by the disciples' "breaking" of the Sabbath, Jesus answers them, "The _____ was made for _____, not _____ for the _____. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Chapter 3

1. Jesus is at the synagogue with a man with a shriveled hand. He is "deeply distressed" - at what?

2. What is the reaction of the Pharisees to this healing?

Extra credit: Find the places mentioned in verse eight on a map. Are all of these places in Israel?

3. What do the evil spirits cry out when they see Jesus?

4. Out of His many disciples Jesus appoints some to be especially involved in His ministry. How many are appointed as apostles? List them.

5. True or false: Jesus' family members are part of His following.

6. How do the teachers of the law explain Jesus' ability to drive out demons?

7. In response, Jesus says, "If a kingdom is _____, that kingdom cannot stand."

8. That which is good they call evil. "I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against _____ will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, 'He has an _____'."

Chapter 4

1. Match the scattered seed and the result.

<u>Seed</u>		<u>Result</u>
On path	_____	a) big crop
Rocky places	_____	b) thorn choked
Among thorns	_____	c) birds eat
Good soil	_____	d) no roots/sun scorched

2. Jesus quotes a prophet in His answer about parables. Which prophet is it? When the Old Testament prophet spoke it became clear who repented and who was stubbornly resisting the Lord. According to Jesus' answer, the parables work in the same way.

3. Jesus helps the disciples take the sower parable and apply it to life. Match the seed/hearer with the result:

<u>Seed/hearer</u>		<u>Result</u>
On path/not understanding	_____	a) Satan snatches away
places/believes briefly	_____	b) falls away when trouble or persecution come
Among thorns/unfruitful	_____	c) choked by worries/wealth
Good soil/accepts the word	_____	d) produces a crop

4. True or false: Jesus uses parables frequently in His teaching.

5. A storm comes up and nearly swamps the disciples' boat. Where is Jesus?

6. When Jesus calms the storm, are the disciples surprised by His power over the wind and waves?

Chapter 5

1. How many pigs drown? Spend a moment picturing this herd of pigs rushing down a steep bank and into the water.

2. As a result of the healing of this demon possessed man what do the Gerasenes ask of Jesus?

Extra credit: The healed man begs to accompany Jesus, but Jesus tells him to go to his family and tell them what the Lord has done for him. We read that the man witnesses in the Decapolis. Find the Decapolis on a map. Is it in Jewish or Gentile territory?

3. What is Jairus' occupation?

4. Look at the faith of this woman suffering from bleeding. She thought, "If I just touch His clothes, I _____ be healed." (circle one):

- a) may
- b) might
- c) will

5. Who witness Jesus raising Jairus' daughter?

Chapter 6

1. List the half-brothers of Jesus.

2. True or false: Jesus is treated as a hero in His hometown.

Extra credit (because you have to do math): The 12 are split into how many groups to be sent out?

3. What do they preach?

4. What do they do to demons?

5. Are they able to heal the sick?

6. Who does King Herod believe Jesus to be (circle one):

- a) Elijah
- b) John the Baptist raised from the dead
- c) a prophet like those of long ago

7. How does John the Baptist die?

8. Jesus and the disciples try to retreat privately, but crowds follow them and then get caught late in the day without food. The disciples say, "Send them away so they can buy food." Instead, Jesus feeds them all.

a) What food does He start with?

b) What does Jesus do before breaking the loaves?

c) "They all ate and were _____."

d) How many leftovers are picked up?

e) How many are fed?

9. The disciples are rowing across the lake. How is Jesus crossing the lake (circle one)?

a) rowing

b) sailing

c) walking

Chapter 7

1. Jesus does not require His disciples to follow the rules of ceremonial washing and the Pharisees challenge Him on it. What Old Testament prophet does Jesus quote in response?

Extra credit: When was Isaiah prophesying and to whom?

2. Jesus says to the Pharisees, "You have let go of the commands of _____ and are holding on to the traditions of _____."

3. What come out of a man's heart and make him unclean?

4. Is the Syrophenician woman Jewish?

Chapter 8

1. The crowd has been with Jesus for three days. This time:
 - a) how many loaves are there?
 - b) what does Jesus do before breaking the bread?
 - c) besides bread, what do they have?
 - d) “The people ate and were _____.”
 - e) how many leftovers are picked up?
 - f) how many are fed?

2. Who is Jesus (circle one)?
 - a) John the Baptist
 - b) Elijah
 - c) a prophet
 - d) the Christ (Messiah)

3. Jesus gets very specific. He speaks “plainly” about what will happen to the Son of Man.
 - a) Does He mention death?
 - b) Does He say He will rise from the dead?

Chapter 9

1. Which disciples are with Jesus for the transfiguration?
2. What “color” are the clothes of the transfigured Jesus?
3. With whom is the transfigured Jesus talking?
4. A cloud appears and what do the disciples hear?

5. Read 9:9-10. Can't you picture Jesus listening to the discussion of the disciples and just smiling to Himself and shaking His head?

6. The teachers of the law say that Elijah must come before the Messiah. Jesus says that Elijah has come. Who is Elijah? See Matthew 17:10-13.

7. A loving father asks that his son be healed and uses the phrase, "I do believe; help me _____." Make this your own prayer on difficult days.

8. Jesus is teaching His disciples and tells them that He will (circle all that apply):

- a) be betrayed
- b) be killed
- c) rise after three days
- d) be beheaded

9. True or false: But they did not understand what He meant and were afraid to ask Him about it.

10. Oh, the disciples are so human! What are they arguing about on the road to Capernaum? Think about how that conversation would sound ("I have spent one-on-one time with Him." "I was chosen first." "Well, He stays at my house!")

11. Even when Jesus asks, the disciples don't tell Him their topic, yet His teaching addresses the issue. "If anyone wants to be _____, he must be the _____, and the _____ of _____."

Chapter 10

1. Divorce has been a difficult issue throughout the ages. Pharisees come to Jesus and use this topic to test Him.

- a) What did Moses permit?
- b) According to Jesus, why did Moses write this law?
- c) At creation how was it supposed to be?

d) “Therefore what _____ has joined together, let _____ not separate.”

2. True or false: When the disciples question Jesus privately He softens His stance.

3. The rich young man has grown up in a religious system that taught how to fulfill God’s law without teaching what is in the Psalms, “...there is no one who does good, not even one.” (See Psalm 14:3b) With one instruction (“...sell everything you have...”) Jesus shows the young man what devotion should look like. The young man goes away sad. Think about what you are devoted to. Is it God?

4. The rich have their own obstacles in their faith walk – it’s as difficult as getting a camel through the eye of a needle. “With man this is impossible, but not with God; _____ are possible with _____.”

5. “_____ He took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to Him.”

- a) To whom will Jesus be betrayed?
- b) To what will they condemn Him?
- c) To whom will Jesus be handed over?
- d) What will they do to him?
- e) What will happen three days later?

6. As Jesus speaks of the end, two disciples “jockey for power.” Who are they?

7. And Jesus teaches of servanthood. “For even the Son of Man did not come _____, but _____, and to give His life as a _____ for many.”

8. In what city does Jesus encounter blind Bartimaeus?

9. Jesus heals him and what does Bartimaeus do?

Chapter 11

1. "Hosanna!" is a Hebrew expression of praise that means "Save!" Think about this word being shouted as Jesus enters Jerusalem for the purpose of sacrificing Himself on the cross for us.
2. The fig tree has (circle one):
 - a) leaves
 - b) figs
 - c) both
3. The temple is a marketplace. People are (circle one):
 - a) buying and selling
 - b) changing money
 - c) selling doves
 - d) carrying merchandise
 - e) all of the above

Extra credit: What two prophets does Jesus quote here?

4. True or false: The chief priests and the teachers of the law fear Jesus and begin looking for a way to kill Him.
5. Who question the authority of Jesus?

Chapter 12

1. Jesus tells a parable against the chief priests, teachers of the law and elders. He quotes Psalm 118. Read Psalm 118:22-23.
2. Who send the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to ask questions and trap Him?
3. The Sadducees ask Jesus a trick question regarding the resurrection. Jesus not only answers their question, but also corrects them regarding their lack of belief in the resurrection. "He is not the God of the _____, but of the _____. You are _____."

4. Write out the most important commandment.

5. Write out the second most important commandment.

6. Jesus teaches in the temple courts and the large crowd listens to Him with _____.

7. How much does the widow put into the offering (circle one)?
 - a) a tithe
 - b) a lot of money
 - c) everything

Chapter 13

1. Jesus predicts the future of the temple complex. What does He say?

2. List some of the “beginning of birth pains.”

3. “And the gospel must first be preached to _____.”

4. Bad news for the disciples. They will be arrested and brought to trial. But they are not to worry about what to say. Who will give them words?

5. Those in Judea should flee immediately to the mountains when they see what?

Extra credit: The “abomination that causes desolation” is mentioned in what Old Testament book?

6. Jesus quotes from Isaiah and says that following this distress, “the _____ will be _____, and the _____ will _____; the _____ will _____ from the sky, and the _____ will be _____.”

7. "At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in _____ with great _____ and _____."

8. "Heaven and earth _____ pass away, but _____ _____ pass away."

9. Who knows about that day or hour?

Chapter 14

1. The Passover is how many days away?

2. Who are looking for a way to arrest and kill Jesus?

3. How much is the perfume used in the anointing worth?

4. According to Jesus, for what does the anointing prepare Him?

5. Choose one:

a) The chief priests approach Judas about betraying Jesus.

b) Judas approaches the chief priests about betraying Jesus.

6. How many disciples prepare for the Passover meal?

7. True or false: Jesus knows He will be betrayed.

8. "On the night on which He was betrayed Jesus took the bread when He had supped...." In our minds we often think back to Maundy Thursday and connect the communion to thoughts of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. However, we should think back much earlier than Maundy Thursday. On that first Maundy Thursday what meal were the disciples celebrating?

9. Jesus takes the Passover meal and makes the connection to Himself. “This is My body...This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

For over a thousand years the Passover meal had been celebrated. In that celebration was a picture of salvation purchased with innocent blood – a preview of a salvation that was to come – and on a far grander scale. On that first Maundy Thursday Jesus says that He is the sacrifice. From that time on as believers have celebrated the Lord’s supper we have celebrated the fulfillment of all that was promised in the Passover meals throughout history. Think about it

10. After the meal, where do they go?

11. Jesus tells the disciples they will all fall away, but “after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” In that sentence what does Jesus say will happen before He goes into Galilee?

12. Jesus takes which disciples with Him?

13. At Gethsemane Jesus is deeply disturbed. Write out His prayer in verse 36.

14. Who sent the armed crowd?

Extra credit: Everyone flees – including a young man who leaves his clothing behind. Who might the young man be?

15. Where is Jesus taken and who gathers?

16. They can’t find evidence to convict Jesus until – to what question does Jesus answer “I am?”

17. Peter denies Jesus three times. When the rooster crows, what does he do?

Chapter 15

1. Jesus is taken to Pilate. What does Jesus answer when Pilate asks Jesus if He is king of the Jews?

2. a) Who is released per the custom?
b) What was his crime?

3. Pilate gives in and hands Jesus over to be crucified. Jesus is (circle all that apply):
 - a) flogged
 - b) robed in purple
 - c) crowned with thorns
 - d) mocked
 - e) struck on head with staff
 - f) spit on

4. a) Name the father of Alexander and Rufus.
b) What is he forced to do?

5. What happens to Jesus' clothes?

6. What hour is it when they crucify Jesus?

7. What is the written notice of the charge against Jesus?

8. Who are crucified with Jesus?

9. What happens to the sky from the sixth hour to the ninth hour?

Extra credit: What time is the sixth hour?

10. What does Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?

Extra credit: Read Amos 8:9-10. "I will make that time like mourning for _____." Think about the fulfillment.

11. When Jesus breathes His last, what happens to the curtain of the temple?
12. List the women named here as watching from a distance.
13. Of what is Joseph of Arimathea a prominent member?
14. Who assures Pilate that Jesus is dead?
15. Who "buries" Jesus?
16. Who see where Jesus is laid?

Chapter 16

1. The body is buried just before the Sabbath begins and now that the Sabbath is over, the women go to anoint the body with spices. Name the women.
2. When the women get to the tomb:
 - a) what do they see?
 - b) what do they hear?
3. Mark 16:9-20 reads like a post script. Who sees Jesus first?
4. True or false: Those mourning and weeping celebrate when they hear the news of Christ's resurrection.
5. What is the appearance mentioned in verses 12-13?

6. To whom does Jesus appear in Mark 16:14?
7. Jesus says to His disciples: “Go into _____ and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever _____ and is _____ will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”
8. According to verse 19 where does Jesus sit?
9. The disciples preach the gospel everywhere. How does the Lord confirm His word?

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