

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus' Kingdom
and the Ultimate Victory

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF

MARK



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LOVE AND HATE



Getting into the Word

Why the tenants act the way they do (cf Jeremiah 25:4)? What is the result of their action? What does this mean for Jesus' audience (11:24)?

2. What is "Ceasar's" and what is God's (v17)? Read also 1 Peter 2:13-17.

3. How does the resurrection (v18-27) inform how we live now?

4. Can you make sense of Jesus' use of Psalm 110 in v36-37? Try and put it in your own words. What's the significance of Jesus' statement here?



Responding to Jesus

1. How would you describe Jesus from this passage?

2. How does Jesus' words and actions reveal the "good news" of the kingdom?

3. How might we respond to him?

- What does Jesus say about "discipleship"?
- How do others respond to him in the passage?



Proclaiming Jesus to the World

1. How have you seen Jesus interact with people that is expression of his love of God and neighbour? How might we love our neighbour in a way that helps people see the love of God?

NEAR THE END



Getting into the Word

1. What did the temple symbolise for the Jews, and what would the destruction of the temple be associated with for them?
2. Jesus is speaking here of both the destruction of the temple, as well as a future day to come. What are some of the signs of the times to come?
3. What are some of the commands given to the readers to do in these last days?
4. When will all these things occur?



Responding to Jesus

1. How would you describe Jesus from this passage?
 - What is Jesus' concern for his disciples as he speaks about what is to come?

2. How does Jesus' words and actions reveal the "good news" of the kingdom?

- What about this do we long for?
- What are you unsure about?

3. How might we respond to him?

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Proclaiming Jesus to the World

1. In light of the impending return of Jesus, what should our priorities be as we wait for the return of Jesus?
2. How can our lives look different than the rest of the world as suffering and destruction comes?

THE NIGHT BEFORE



Getting into the Word

1. What predictions of Jesus do you observe in this chapter, and what do they tell us of Jesus and his disciples?
2. What can you remember about the Passover and the Passover meal? (You might like to skim Exodus 12.)
3. Jesus speaks of a new covenant in his blood. How does the Old Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-34 describe what the new Covenant will do? How will Jesus fulfil this (think Mark 10:34, and also “the cup” in Mark 14:36)?
4. From the characters in Mark 14, why is the new covenant needed?
5. What do the below add to the Passover imagery/ context?
 - Mark 14:12-24
 - John 1:36
 - 1 Cor 5:7



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1. How does Mark 14 change how we might share Jesus with others? (Also, remember, that Muslims and Jews rely on the Old Covenant, which itself speaks of a New Covenant).

THE CLIMAX OF JESUS AS KING AND SUFFERING SERVANT



Getting into the Word

1. There are interesting power and political dynamics operating in 15:1-15. How did each player use their power:

- The chief priests?
- Pilate?
- The crowd?
- Jesus?

2. Psalm 22 describes king David's struggle with suffering. In what ways does Jesus' death and suffering echo Psalm 22:1-8? What is the significance of Jesus quoting Psalm 22:1?

3. What happened as Jesus took his last earthly breath, and why?

4. Your Bible may have some extra verses in Mark 16 after verse 8 that the earliest manuscripts do not have. What do you think about the gospel ending at verse 8? Why do you think there may be other verses (from v9) in some manuscripts?



Responding to Jesus

1. How would you describe Jesus from this passage?
 - What are the different titles given to Jesus in this passage, and what is their significance?
2. How do Jesus' words and actions reveal the "good news" of the kingdom?
 - What about this do we long for?
 - What are you unsure about?
3. How might we respond to him?
 - How do others respond to Jesus in the passage? What are the reactions of those around Jesus?
 - As followers of Jesus, or people thinking about Jesus, what are some of the emotions that come from his death and resurrection?



Proclaiming Jesus to the World

1. How do you go about explaining Jesus' resurrection to someone in our postmodern world? Are there aspects of Mark's telling of the story that are helpful in such explanations?
2. Jesus is now risen and we await his return (Titus 2:11-14, for example). What does it mean to you personally to know the risen Lord Jesus, and how might we relate that to someone we know?

**PRAYER POINTS OR
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