



The
MARK of the **GOSPEL**

Take Your Mark - Make Your Mark



CHAPTER 1: JESUS: THE STAR OF THE GOSPEL

Read 1-13

Look up these references to Mark, the author of this Gospel, to piece together his spiritual journey: 1 Peter 5:24, Acts 12:12, 25,13:4-5, 13, 15:36-41; Colossians 4:10, Philemon 24, 2 Timothy 4:11.

When did you first understand the gospel? Prepare a three minute version of your testimony of how you became a Christian, then practice it in a "safe" place (friend, family dinner time, small group.)

Talk about how verses 9-11 illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. Why does Mark mention that Jesus was with "wild animals"?

Read 14-20

What are distinct benefits of large gatherings vs. small groups? Why and how did Jesus use both? How could you be involved in both?

What is the good news? Who needs to repent and why? Talk about what it means to truly "believe" (see John 1:12).

What does it mean to be "fishers of men"? What resources do you have that could help in the spiritual "fishing business"? What could you do personally to help influence someone toward Jesus this year?

Read 21-34

Why did Jesus tell the demons to be quiet?

Survey these verses to review what the Bible says about the spirit world and how we should respond: Matt 4:1-11, Luke 8:12, Eph 4:27, 6:10-12, 1 Tim 3:6, 2 Tim 2:26, Heb 2:14, James 3:15, 4:7, 1 Peter 5:6-11, 1 John 3:8, 10, Matt 25:41, 1 John 4:4, Rev 20:10.

Read 35-39

Talk about the difference in priorities displayed in this scene in Jesus versus the disciples. Why was prayer so important to Jesus? (Compare Luke 5:15-16). Is there any significance to the time of day?

Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Why or why not? What could you do to improve it in 2011?

Read 40-45

Think of how Jesus' response to the leper sets him apart from everyone else. Do a concordance study of the word "compassion". Talk about how you/your family/your group/your church could better reflect the compassion of the Lord.

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Mark 1:15, 16:15



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I _____ (1-13, 24-26)

S _____ (14-20)

A _____ (21-34)

P _____ (35-39)

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DIGGING DEEPER

See the back for a study guide that you can use in a variety of ways - in your LIFE group, at the family dinner table, with friends over coffee, in private devotions - to help you understand the Bible better and apply it to your life.

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