



The
MARK of the GOSPEL

Take Your Mark - Make Your Mark

THE ROMANS ROAD TO HEAVEN

*The message of salvation is called the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
It can be summed up in four passages from the Book of Romans.*

ROMANS 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

No one is holy like God. Some people express their sinfulness in worse ways than others, but we are all plagued by moral and spiritual imperfection that the Bible calls sin.

ROMANS 5:8

God demonstrated His own love for us in this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

We would never be able to make up for our guilt or become good enough to earn heaven on our own. Jesus was innocent, but he died in our place so we could be forgiven of guilt and set free.

ROMANS 6:23

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

If we get what we deserve, we will die and be separated from a holy God and His heavenly home forever. But Jesus paid for our eternal life and offers it to us as a gift free for the asking!

ROMANS 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

You can pray right now in your own words to be saved.

You can confess that you are guilty of sin and that you believe in Jesus. You can ask Jesus to forgive you and save you. You can open your heart and receive Him as Savior and Lord of your life.

If you prayed to receive Christ, you have been "born again".

Birth is followed by growth. Start growing in your faith. Read the Bible and pray. Get involved in a Bible teaching church. Make Christian friends. Get baptized as a testimony of your faith in Christ. Share your testimony and the Gospel with others.

Believe the Gospel - Proclaim the Gospel

Mark 1:15, 16:15

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***Believe
the
Gospel***

*Jesus said,
"The kingdom of God
is near.
Repent and
believe the Gospel."*

Mark 1:15

***Proclaim
the
Gospel***

*Jesus said,
"Go into
all the world
and
proclaim the Gospel."*

Mark 16:15



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MARK CHAPTER 9
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GOSPEL

S _____ leads to **G** _____ (1-13)

F _____ leads to **F** _____ (14-29)

S _____ leads to **H** _____ (30-37)

C _____ leads to **R** _____ (38-41)

P _____ leads to **I** _____ (42-50)

DIGGING DEEPER

*See the next page 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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READ 1-13

What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen in person?
How would that compare to the experience described here?

Read Luke 24:24-27, Romans 8:18, 1 Peter 4:12-14, and discuss the relationship between suffering and glory.

See Romans 12:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. The same Greek word, metamorphosis, is used there as in Mark 9. talk about the metamorphosis that Christians go through when they go from lost to saved, rebellious to submissive, ignorant to informed.

READ 14-29

What is Jesus feeling here? Why?

How does this scene illustrate John 10:10?

See v.24. What is this man thinking? How is he feeling? How does he deal with it? Can you sympathize with him? Have you ever faced a "crisis of faith"? How did you work through it?

READ 30-37

What does it mean to be "the greatest"? How would Jesus define greatness? According to Jess, how does one achieve greatness?

What does it mean to be a servant? Does a servant do what people need or what people want? Who is the "servant" to whom— doctor or patient? (How about the phrase, "doctor's orders?") Parent or child? Politician or people? Police or citizen?

READ 38-41

What makes someone "one of us" or not?

See Psalm 133:1-3. What makes unity "good and pleasant"?

See John 17:20-23 on the importance of our unity to Jesus.

See Romans 15:1-7. Discuss "one heart and mouth". Consider the difference in "accept one another" vs endorsing error or sin.

See Ephesians 4:1-3. Consider the traits of humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, love and how they contribute to unity.

See Colossians 3:12-17. How do forbearance and forgiveness relate to one another? How do they contribute to unity?

What could you do to help establish, affirm, or enhance unity?

READ 42-50

How can one person cause another person to sin? Who do you influence? Spouse? Children? Co-workers? Fellow students? Friends? Neighbors? Think about how serious Jesus views negative influence. Are there ways you could improve your influence on others by being a better example or a more positive role model?

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