

Study 1: Introducing Mark's Gospel

A. Portraits of Jesus

1. 4
2. They miss out a lot of the details that would normally be included in a biography.
(Mark says nothing about the birth of Jesus or His childhood. He says nothing about His appearance.)
3. F, F, T, T
4. *Living on Jesus.* (This means being connected to Him as a living person and receiving nourishment from Him for our daily lives.)
5. He is like that today.
6. Jesus Christ the same - yesterday, today and forever.
7. a. His power b. His authority
 c. His dying on the cross d. That He is alive for us today
8. T, T

B. The story of Jesus as told by Mark

1. a. Mary b. a widow c. Her home in Jerusalem was used by early Christians
2. Barnabas
3. Peter
4. AD 50
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I.	Jesus introduction
II.	The steady rise of opposition to Jesus the teacher and miracle-worker
III.	Jesus withdraws to teach His disciples
IV.	Further outreach and greater rejection
V.	Journey to Jerusalem
VI.	Entry to Jerusalem and events leading to Jesus' death
VII.	Jesus' resurrection and abrupt end to the gospel

6. F, T, F, T, T, F

Study 2: God prepares Jesus for Ministry

A. Jesus is the Son of God

1. Good news
2. F, F, F, F, T, T
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God
4. Believe it
5. The ministry of John the Baptist

B. Preparation for ministry

1. That Jesus' Messiahship would be spiritual in nature
2. a. Forgiveness of sins b. A clean conscience
3. Malachi and Isaiah
4. Repentance
5. The experience of God's forgiveness
6. Jesus
7. The Holy Spirit
8. His baptism expressed His commitment to a new way of life and His commitment to His ministry. He was identifying with the people.
9. His willingness to do God's will despite temptations to move in a different direction.

C. Training workers

1. When John the Baptist was put in prison.
2. The good news that God's royal power was at worka new phase in the work of God's Kingdom.
3. a. Repentance b. Faith.
4. He brought His first workers into the work with Him.
5. successors replacements.
6. *'Take up their cross and follow Him'*

Study 3: Jesus the Messiah

A. Jesus was a person of great authority

1. showy, pretentious, brash, obtrusive. (He did not put on a *performance*.)
2. T, F, T, F, F, F, T
3. a. trying b. advertising c. spread
4. Peter's mother-in-law.
5. b.
6. faith and authority.

B. Drawing on the source of great authority

1. The fact that He was the Son of God and baptised with the Holy Spirit.
2. Prayer

C. Jesus was a person whose preparation for ministry was full of wisdom

1. A leper came to Him asking for cleansing and Jesus healed him. This showed Jesus' compassion.
2. No
3. Jesus wanted to get on with His work of preaching. He was not in a hurry to become famous. If He became well-known, it would hinder His work as the Jewish authorities would get angry.
4. The leper spread the news everywhere and for a while Jesus was not able to go into the towns of Galilee. The disobedience of the healed leper did Jesus damage and He was forced to face opposition from the authorities sooner than He needed to.
5. T, T, F, F, T, F, T
6. You are left with the words: suffering, isolation, criticism, judgement and an infectious skin disease.
7. acceptance inclusion freedom
8. authoritative teaching authority over demons banished diseases

Study 4: A Friendly Saviour

A. Jesus' friendly actions provoke criticism and hostility

1. a. people b. not fasting c. Sabbath-breaking
2. sustained hatred of Jesus and a plot to destroy Him.

B. Jesus criticised for His authority to forgive

1. well known.
2. his friends.
3. they broke through the fragile roof.
4. F, F, T, T, T, F, F
5. anyone.
6. The way in which Jesus' observers are offended by His words.
7. Jesus is acting as if He were God.
8. They were searching around in their minds to find ways to criticise Jesus.
9. b.
10. ease.

C. Jesus was criticised for His friendliness toward sinners

1. Levi.
2. tax collector.
3. yes.
4. followers.
5. They are described as *ordinary people* and people who were *careless about the regulations of the religious leaders of the day*.
6. T, T, F, T
7. yes
8. They are often the worst kind of people.
9. offended.
10. T, T, T
