

# SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

**"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39**

## MARK

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## **MARK 1**

1. Compare how each of the four gospels begins concerning Christ.

### **THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST** (verses 2-8)

2. What was John the Baptist's message?
3. What was John the Baptist's ministry?
4. What was John the Baptist's spirit?

### **THE BAPTISM OF JESUS** (verses 9-11) (Matthew 3:13-17)

5. What important facts do you find taking place?
6. Why did Jesus command John to baptize Him?

### **THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS** (verses 12-13) (Matthew 4:11-11)

7. List the facts concerning Jesus' temptation.

8. Why was Jesus tempted?

THE CALL OF THE FISHERMEN (verses 14-20)

9. What was Jesus' message?

10. What do we learn from the fishermen's actions?

JESUS AND THE DEMONS (verses 21-28)

11. What do you learn about the demons?

12. How did Jesus' actions affect the people?

THE LORD'S PREACHING TOUR (VERSES 35-39)

13. The Lord began His work with \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 35)

14. The Lord's work was to \_\_\_\_\_. (verses 38-39)

15. What do we learn from the Lord's actions?

## JESUS' HEALING OF THE LEPER (verses 40-45)

16. What qualities did the leper manifest?
17. What seems strange about the Lord's command to the leper?

## MARK 2

### JESUS HEALS A PALSIED MAN (verses 2-12) (Matthew 9:2-8; Luke 5:18-26)

1. What lesson do we learn from the actions of the four men in verses 1-5?
2. On what basis did Jesus both heal and forgive the man?
3. What powerful truth is found in verse 7?
4. What was Jesus' true motive in healing the man in verses 8-12?

### THE CALL OF LEVI (verses 13-14) (Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27-28)

5. List all the facts and truths you can about Jesus calling Levi and Levi's response.

### JESUS EATS WITH SINNERS (verses 15-17)

6. What facts about Jesus are seen in verses 15-16?
7. Explain Jesus' answer in verse 17.

### THE QUESTION ABOUT FASTING (verses 18-22)

8. Explain verses 18-20.
9. Explain verses 21-22.

### JESUS' DISCOURSE OF THE SABBATH (verses 23-28) (Matthew 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5)

10. What truth are we given in verse 27?
11. What truth are we given in verse 28?

## **MARK 3**

### **JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH** (verses 1-6) (Matthew 12:9-13; Luke 6:6-10)

1. What is the subject being considered?
2. Consider the wisdom of Jesus' reply in verse 4.

### **MANY HEALED AT THE SEASIDE** (verses 7-12) (Matthew 12:15)

3. What was Jesus seeking to do and how in verses 7-10?
4. List what you find relating to the demons and Jesus in verses 11-12.

### **JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES** (verses 13-19) (Matthew 10:1-4; Luke 6:12-16)

5. What two reasons are given by Jesus concerning these that He ordained in verses 13-15?
6. What wrong judgment did the disciples make about Jesus in verses 20-26?

**THE UNPARDONABLE SIN** (verse 22)  
(Matthew 12:25-27)

7. What was Jesus accused of in verse 22?
8. Define what is the unpardonable sin and the result of committing it in verses 28-29.

**JESUS' TRUE KIN** (verses 31-35)  
(Matthew 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21)

9. What is the qualification for being kin to Jesus in verses 31-35.

**MARK 4**

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER** (verses 1-20)  
(Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; Luke 8:4-15)

1. Describe the place and circumstance of this parable?
2. What is a parable?
3. Describe the areas in which the sower sowed and what happened in each case from verses 3-8.
4. What did Jesus mean in verses 9-13?

5. Give Jesus' interpretation of the parable in verses 14-20.

A CANDLE UNDER A BUSH (verses 14-20)

6. What is Jesus' message in verse 1?

7. What is the strong message in verse 2?

8. What important message does Jesus give in verses 23-25?

THE PARABLE OF THE SEED (verses 26-29)

9. What do you learn from these verses?

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED (verses 30-32)  
(Matthew 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19)

10. What is the lesson of the mustard seed?

JESUS' USE OF PARABLES (verses 33-34)

11. Find two important facts in these verses.

JESUS QUIETS THE SEA (verses 35-41)  
(Matthew 8:24-27; Luke 8:23-25)



12. What truth do we learn about Jesus and his use of Parables?

13. What do we learn from Jesus' words to the Disciples?

## **MARK 5**

### **THE GADARENE DEMONIAK HEALED** (verses 1-20) (Matthew 18:28-34; Luke 8:26-39)

1. How does the man's condition relate to one's lost condition?

2. What is meant by "worship" of the demonic man?

3. Compare 3:11 with 5:8 and how they respond to Jesus.

4. What did Jesus ask this man (demon) that He did not ask the others?

5. What did the demons ask Jesus to do and why?

6. What is implied in that there were 2000 hogs?

7. Describe the healed man's condition and apply it to becoming a Christian.

8. What sad condition is shown by the owner of the hogs?

9. What do we learn from verses 19-20?

JESUS RAISES JAIRUS' DAUGHTER (verses 22-24, 35-43)  
(Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26; Luke 8:49-56)

10. Describe Jairus' position and faith.

THE LORD HEALS THE WOMAN (verses 25-34)  
(Matthew 9:20-22; Luke 8:43-48)

11. What truths do we see in the sick woman's actions?

12. Compare the words of the rulers and people with those of Jesus.

13. Why were only three disciples allowed to be with Jesus?

14. How does the response of the people to the Lord in verses 39-40 apply to today?

## **MARK 6**

### **REJECTED AT NAZARETH AGAIN** (verses 1-6) (Matthew 13:54-58)

1. In what location is Jesus now?
  
2. What were the things about Jesus that astonished men?
  
3. What facts do we learn from verse 3?
  
4. What is often true, yet sad, found in verse 4?
  
5. What hindered Jesus' work in His own country?

### **JESUS SENDS THE TWELVE TO PREACH AND TO HEAL** (verses 7-13) (Matthew 13:54-58)

6. List all of the facts given as Jesus sent the twelve out.
  - A. As to what they were not to take with them.
  
  - B. As to their ministry.

JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BEHEADED (verses 14-29)

(Matthew 14:1-2, 6-12; Luke 9:7-9)

7. Who did people think that Jesus was?

8. Why did Herod have John beheaded?

9. How did Herod feel about John?

10. How did Herod feel about having John beheaded?

JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND (verses 35-44)

(Matthew 14:15-21; Luke 12:9-17; John 6:5-14)

11. What was taking place and why?

12. How did Jesus feel about the people that had followed Him?

13. How was Christ's attitude different from the disciples?

14. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to feed the five thousand?

15. How much food did Jesus have?

16. What do we learn about the results?

**JESUS WALKS ON THE SEA** (verses 45-52)

(Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:16-21)

17. Jesus sends the disciples to Bethsaida and where does He go?

18. What brought comfort to the disciples in the storm?

19. What does verse 52 tell us?

**JESUS HEALS MANY AT GENNESARET** (verses 53-56)

(Matthew 14:34-36)

20. What happens as Jesus comes to Gennesaret?

**MARK 7**

**JESUS EXPLAINS WHAT DEFILES** (verses 1-23)

(Matthew 15:1-9)

1. What were the Pharisees and scribes upset about?

2. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' question of keeping traditions of the elders in verses 5-6?
  
3. Explain what Jesus said that the Pharisees and scribes had done with God's Word in verses 8-9.
  
4. Explain the meaning of verses 10-12.
  
5. Explain defilement in verses 14-16 and list more verses to support the teaching.
  
6. What is interesting about Jesus' question to the disciples in verse 18?
  
7. What does the description of man's heart in verses 20-23 tell us about God's grace?

THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN'S FAITH (verses 24-30)  
(Matthew 15:21-28)

8. Explain facts concerning the woman and her need.
  
9. What did Jesus mean in verse 27?

10. Explain the woman's response to Jesus in verse 28.

11. What did Jesus understand about her words, "For this saying"?

### JESUS HEALS A DEAF AND DUMB MAN (verses 31-37)

12. Explain the word "sigh" in verse 34 and compare Romans 8:23 and II Corinthians 5:2 where the word is also used.

## **MARK 8**

### FEEDING OF THE FOUR THOUSAND (verses 1-9)

(Matthew 15:32-38)

1. What two reasons did Jesus give for feeding the crowd?

2. What different facts do you find here than when Jesus fed the five thousand?

### THE DEMAND FOR A SIGN (verses 11-13)

(Matthew 16:1-4)

3. What did the Pharisees seek from Jesus?

4. Why do you think the Pharisees were seeking a sign from Jesus?

### THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES (verses 14-21)

5. What difference do we see here in Jesus' dealing with the disciples from His usual dealings with them?
  
6. List all the questions that Jesus asked the disciples.
  
7. What would have been the main concern that Jesus had regarding the disciples?

### JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN (verses 22-26)

8. Find two interesting facts in Jesus healing the blind man.

### PETER'S CONFESSION (verses 27-30)

(Matthew 16:13-19; Luke 9:18-21)

9. Who did people say that Jesus was and why?

### JESUS FORTELLS HIS DEATH (verses 31-38)

10. Why did Peter react to Jesus' teaching on His suffering and death as he did?
  
11. Why was Jesus referred to as Satan?



12. What did Jesus mean by the words "for thou savorest not the things that be of God" in verse 33?
  
13. What are the three-fold characteristics of discipleship in verse 34?
  
14. Explain verse 35.
  
15. What is the answer to verse 36?
  
16. What is the answer to verse 37?
  
17. Discuss the word "ashamed" in verse 38.

## **MARK 9**

### **THE TRANSFIGURATION (verses 1-13)** (Matthew 17:1-9; Luke 9:28-36)

1. What event is Jesus referring to in verse 1?
  
2. Jesus takes what three disciples and why in verse 2?

3. Upon what mount did this take place?
4. Describe Jesus' appearance from verse 3.
5. Who appeared with Jesus in verse 4?
6. What was the significance of the two individuals who appeared with Jesus?
7. Explain Peter's words in verses 5-6.
8. What great truth do we learn from verses 7 and 8?
9. What great doctrine and event did the three disciples not understand in verses 9-10?
10. Who is Elijah in verses 11-13?

THE POWERLESSNESS OF THE DISCIPLES (verses 14-29)

(Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-42)

11. Describe the condition of the boy in verses 14-17.

12. What do we learn from the disciples' inability in verse 18.
  13. Who is Jesus speaking to in verse 19?
  14. What does verse 24 mean?
  15. What is meant by Jesus' answer in verse 29?
  16. Why did Jesus want to pass through Galilee unnoticed?
  17. What was the disciples' response to Jesus teaching?
- WHO IS THE GREATEST? (verses 33-41)
18. What were the disciples disputing about?
  19. How did the Lord define who is greatest and how to be great?
  20. What was John's concern in verse 38?

21. Explain the Lord's answer to John in verses 39-41.

TEMPTATION TO SIN (verses 42-50)

22. What is the main message of these verses?

23. What is meant by the words, "their worm dieth not" in verses 44, 46 and 48?

24. What is the truth of verse 50?

**MARK 10**

JESUS ON DIVORCE (verses 2-12)

(Matthew 19:3-12)

1. What was the Pharisees' question to Jesus and why in verse 2?

2. What did Jesus command the Pharisees to do and why in verse 3?

3. Lay out God's plan concerning marriage from verses 6-9.

4. What do the words "let not man put asunder" mean in verse 9?

5. What is the Lord's only answer to divorce and to whom in verses 11-12?

JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN (verses 13-16)  
(Matthew 19:13-15)

6. For what reason did the parents bring the children to Jesus in verse 13?

7. What did Jesus mean by "such is of the kingdom of God" in verse 14?

8. What do you learn from verse 15?

9. Discuss verse 17, both positively and negatively.

10. What was Jesus implying in verse 18?

THE RICH YOUNG RULER (verses 17-31)  
(Matthew 19:16-30)

11. What did Jesus know the young man lacked in verses 21-22?

12. Why were the disciples astonished at Jesus' answer concerning money in verses 23-26?

13. What did Jesus assure the disciples concerning in verses 29-31?

**THE REQUEST OF JAMES AND JOHN MARK** (verses 35-45)  
(Matthew 20:20-28)

14. What was the request of John and James and how did the Lord answer them in verses 35-40?

15. How did the Lord wisely answer the disturbed disciples in verses 41-45?

**BLIND BARTIMEUS RECEIVES SIGHT** (VERSES 46-51)  
(Matthew 20:29-34)

16. How many facts about blind Bartimeus' actions and condition can we relate to man's spiritual condition in verses 46-52?

**MARK 11**

**THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM** (verses 1-11)  
(Matthew 21:1-11)

1. What attitude does Jesus manifest in verse 2?

2. What can we gather from Jesus and the man who owned the colt in verse 3?
  
3. Discuss why the disciples began to prepare the donkey for the entry in verse 7.
  
4. What were the people saying as Jesus went riding into Jerusalem in verses 9-10.

JESUS CURSES THE FIG TREE (verses 12-14)  
(Matthew 21:17-22)

5. What is the message Jesus was teaching in cursing the fig tree?

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE (verses 15-19)  
(Matthew 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-48)

6. Describe how and why Jesus cleansed the temple.
  
7. What passage of scripture did Jesus refer to?
  
8. Why did the scribes and Pharisees seek to kill Jesus?

**THE LESSON FROM THE WITHERED FIG TREE** (verses 20-26)

9. What lesson was Jesus teaching in verses 20-26?
  
10. What important lessons are given on prayer in verses 25-26?

**JESUS' AUTHORITY QUESTIONED** (verses 27-33)  
(Matthew 21:23-27)

11. Discuss the wisdom in how the Lord replied to those who questioned Him.

**MARK 12**

**PARABLE OF THE WICKED HUSBANDMAN** (verses 1-12)  
(Matthew 21:33-41; Luke 20:9-16)

1. Who does the vineyard represent?
  
2. Who are the servants?
  
3. Who is the son?
  
4. Summarize the parable that Jesus taught.



THE QUESTION OF THE TRIBUTE MONEY (verses 13-17)

(Matthew 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26)

5. What truth is Jesus teaching in verses 13-17 regarding the tribute money?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Find other passages dealing with this subject.

THE QUESTION ABOUT THE RESURRECTION (verses 18-27)

(Matthew 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-40)

7. What important doctrine did the Sadducees reject?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What passage is being referred to in verses 19-23?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What does verse 25 teach and what cults are proven to be wrong according to this verse?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Find other verses dealing with God as "living".

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT (verses 28-34)

(Matthew 22:34-40)

11. What do you find interesting about the scribe in verses 28 and 32?

12. What did Jesus mean in verse 34?

THE QUESTION OF DAVID'S SON (verses 35-37)  
(Matthew 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44)

13. Explain verses 35-37.

JESUS DENOUNCES THE SCRIBES (verses 38-40)  
(Matthew 23; Luke 20:45-47)

14. What was Jesus' description of the scribes?

15. What would the scribes receive and why in verse 40?

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING (verses 41-44)  
(Luke 21:1-4)

16. Why did the Lord speak so strongly about the giving of these individuals?

17. List all of the lessons we see in the widow's giving.

## MARK 13

THE SIGNS OF THE END (verses 1-23)  
(Matthew 24:1-14; Luke 21:5-19)

1. Why did the disciples ask Jesus about the stones in verse 1?
  
2. What is interesting about Jesus' response to the disciples in verse 2?
  
3. What did Jesus warn the disciples about in verse 5?
  
4. List four things that Jesus told the disciples to watch for in verses 6-9.
  
5. What did Jesus say must be done?
  
6. Why did Jesus give the disciples the truth found in verse 11?
  
7. What two tragic things will believers suffer according to verses 12-13?
  
8. What is the abomination of desolation in verse 14?
  
9. Describe what people will be experiencing during this difficult time according to verses 15-23.

10. What is encouraging in verse 20?

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN (verses 24-37)  
(Matthew 24:15-42; Luke 21:20-36)

11. How is the Lord's return described in verse 26?

12. Find other verses regarding the Lord's return and define which of his two comings they address.

13. What generation is addressed in verse 30?

14. What great promise and truth are found in verse 31?

15. What are we warned about and must not be deceived about in verse 32?

16. Why is it that the son lacked knowledge in verse 32?

17. What three-fold action is the believer to undertake as we wait for the Lord's return in verse 33?

18. Who is the Son of man in verse 34?
  
19. What are believers to learn from verses 34-36?
  
20. What is the key word in verse 37 that summarizes the Lord's teaching in Chapter 13?

## **MARK 14**

### **THE PLOT AGAINST JESUS** (verses 1-2) (Matthew 26:1-5; Luke 22:1-6)

1. What were the priests and scribes seeking to do?

### **JESUS ANNOINTED AT BETHANY** (verses 3-9)

2. In what city was Jesus at this time?
  
3. In whose home were they?
  
4. Describe the ointment.
  
5. What great commendation did Jesus give to Mary?

THE WORK OF JUDAS (verses 10-11)  
(Matthew 26:14-16)

6. Find other verses relating to Judas.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How would the disciples know where to find an upper room?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How did Jesus describe Judas' life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Explain the "Lord's Supper" in verses 22-25.

PETER'S DENIAL FORETOLD (verses 26-31)

10. What would have been a good hymn for verse 26?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Describe Peter's words and feelings in verses 29-31.

GETHSEMANE (verses 32-42)  
(Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1)

12. Describe Jesus' words and actions in verses 32-35.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What spiritual warning is given to us in verse 38?

14. How do you think the three disciples felt in verse 44?

THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS (verses 43-52)  
(Matthew 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-13)

15. Why did Judas have to kiss Jesus?

16. Why did Peter attack the man in verse 47?

17. Find other verses describing Jesus' actions concerning this man.

18. Who is the young man in verse 51?

JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST (verses 53-65)  
(Matthew 26:57; Luke 22:54; John 18:13-14)

19. Why was the high priest so angry in verses 60-64?

20. What lessons do we learn from Peter and his denials of the Lord?

21. What do we learn about Peter in the last sentence of the chapter?

## **MARK 15**

### **JESUS BEFORE PILATE** (verses 1-5)

(Matthew 27:1-2; Luke 23:1-5)

1. Why did Pilate ask the question that he asked in verses 1-2?

2. Explain Jesus' answer to Pilate.

3. What was Pilate's response to Jesus' answer?

### **JESUS SENTENCED TO DIE** (verses 6-19)

(Matthew 27:15-30; John 18:39-19:3)

4. Who was the prisoner who was released and what was his crime?

5. What was the "sin" of the chief priests?

6. Why did Pilate not release Jesus?



7. Describe the soldiers' actions toward Jesus.

THE CRUCIFIXION (verses 20-41)

8. Name the place of Christ's crucifixion and its meaning.

9. Find the Old Testament verse prophesying the event in verse 23.

10. Find the Old Testament verse prophesying the event in verse 24.

11. What is the "third hour"?

12. What Old Testament verse states this truth found in verse 28?

13. What is the "sixth hour"?

14. What is interesting about Jesus using the words, "My God"?

15. What is the message of verse 38?

16. Find a verse in Psalm 38 that supports the Lord's acquaintances basically leaving Him.

**THE BURIAL OF JESUS** (verses 42-47)  
(Matthew 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-53)

17. Who was the man who asked for Jesus' body? List facts that you find about him.

18. Why did Pilate marvel in verses 44-45?

19. Find the Old Testament prophecy which was fulfilled by Joseph.

**MARK 16**

**THE RESURRECTION** (verses 1-8)  
(Matthew 28:1-7; Luke 24:1-2; John 20:1-2)

1. Name the women who came to the tomb.

2. What surprise did the women have?

3. What was the angel's message to the women?

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES (verses 9-13)  
(Matthew 28:8-15; John 20:11-17)

4. Who first saw the risen Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
5. What was the response of the women's witness?

JESUS COMMISSIONS THE ELEVEN (verses 14-18)  
(Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-49)

6. What was Jesus' message to the eleven disciples?
  
  
  
  
  
7. What is the great commission?
  
  
  
  
  
8. Explain verse 16 and give other proof texts.