

I. PREPARATION FOR JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY

MK 1: 1-13

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Literary Introduction: Mk 1:1

- "The beginning of the _____ (good news) of Jesus Christ [the Son of _____].

THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- As written by the prophet Isaiah and _____ JB proclaims a baptism of _____ in the _____ (vv 2-6)
- John is clothed in _____ with a leather _____. He ate locusts and _____.
- John speaks of Jesus coming after him. "I baptize with water, he will baptize you with the _____. (v8)

The Baptism of Jesus (vv9-11)

- Jesus came from _____ and was baptized by _____ in the _____.
- Heavens open up, Spirit descends like a _____.
- Voice speaks to Jesus
"_____."
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Temptation of Jesus Mk 1:12-13

- _____ drove Jesus into the _____.
- Jesus remains in desert for _____.
- Jesus is tempted by _____.
- _____ ministered to Jesus.
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Questions for I. Preparation for Jesus' Public Ministry

1. How does Mark refer to his work?
2. What is the title Mark uses for Jesus?
3. Who is the first person to "speak" in Mark's Gospel?
4. What is the basis for John the Baptist's message?
5. Who does John the Baptist baptize in the Jordan River?
6. What descends upon Jesus as he is baptized?
7. Although not mentioned, who is "the voice" at the baptism?
8. Who leads Jesus into the desert?
9. What is Jesus tempted with in the desert, according to Mark?

II. The Mystery of Jesus

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The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry (Galilee means land of the Gentiles) Mk 1:14-15.

- Who got arrested? (Mk 1:14)
- Where did Jesus go to proclaim the Gospel?
- Jesus says "This is the time of _____. The _____ of _____ is at hand. Repent and _____ in the gospel. (we hear this on Ash Wednesday!)
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The Call of the First Disciples Mk1:16-20

- Where does this action take place?
 - Jesus calls how many fishermen?
 - Jesus was at the Sea of _____.
 - Jesus said " Come after me, _____."
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The Cure of a Demoniac Mk1:21-28

- This is Jesus' first miracle in Mk. It is an exorcism.
- Jesus is in _____ in the synagogue
- People were _____ at his teaching.
- Jesus did not teach like the _____.
- Unclean spirit knows Jesus' identity.
- Jesus says, "Quiet! _____!"
- All were _____.
- Jesus' _____ spread throughout all of Galilee.
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The Cure of Peter's Mother in Law Mk 1:29-31

- Where is Jesus?
- What did Peter's mother-in-law lay sick with?
- Jesus approached, _____ her hand and helped her up.
- What did Peter's mother-in-law do when she was healed?
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Other Healings Mk 1: 32-34.

- Who were brought to Jesus to be healed? _____.
- Who were gathered at the door?
- The demons know who Jesus is. He prevents them from _____.

Jesus Leaves Capernaum ()

- What did Jesus do in a deserted place?
- What did Jesus do in the synagogues? Where?
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The Cleansing of a Leper ()

- Jesus touched the leper and said "Be made _____"
- Jesus told the man to go to the priest and not tell anyone.
- What does the man do?
- What was the result?
- Jesus remained in deserted places, but people kept coming to him
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A Cycle of Five "Conflict Stories" (Mark 2:1–3:6) (See handout)

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The Mercy of Jesus (Mk 3:7-12)

- Jesus withdraws from the crowd again!
- Who followed Jesus?
- Jesus told his disciples to have a boat ready, why?
- Jesus cured many, and many touched him.
- What did the unclean spirits do and say?
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The Mission of the Twelve (Mk 3:13-19)

- Where was Jesus when he summoned the 12?
- What did he name those he appointed?
- The 12 were sent out to preach and _____
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Blasphemy of the Scribes ()

- Scribes from Jerusalem challenge Jesus. What did they believe?
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Jesus and Beelzebul Mk 3:23-29.

- How did Jesus speak "to them" (v23)?
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Jesus and His Family ()

- Who does Jesus say is his "mother and my brothers and sisters" (v35)?
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Chapter 4 consists of 4 parables and the calming of the Sea

- **Parable of the Sower Mk 4:1-9**
 - **Purpose of the parables Mk 4:10-20**
 - Jesus is alone with the _____.
 - They question him about the _____.
 - **Parable of the Lamp (_____)**
 - **Two Parables about the Kingdom**
 - **Seed Grows of Itself (_____)**
 - **The Mustard Seed (_____)**
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The Calming of the Storm at Sea: Mk 4:35-41.

- Whom did Jesus leave? _____
- What was Jesus doing when the storm came? _____
- What was the command Jesus used to calm the sea? _____
- What was the response of the Twelve? _____
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The Healing of the Gerasene Demoniac (_____)

- What does the man with a demon say to Jesus?
- What was the response of the people to this exorcism? (v17)
- What was the response of the people in the Decapolis?
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Jairus' Daughter and the Woman with the Hemorrhage

- Notice Jesus crosses the sea again!
- Who gathered around Jesus?
- Who is Jairus?
- What is wrong with Jairus' daughter?
- Who followed Jesus as he went to visit the sick girl?
- What did the woman with a hemorrhage think would happen if she touched Jesus' cloak?
- Jesus "knows" that someone touched him.
- According to Jesus, what healed the woman? (v34)
- Before Jesus got to Jairus' daughter it was believed she had died.
- Who did Jesus take into the house with him?
- What was the reaction of the people to Jairus' daughters' "cure?"
- **The sandwich technique is at play here! What are the pieces?**

The Rejection at Nazareth Mk 6: 1-6

- Jesus argues with some Pharisees about purity laws and ritual traditions.

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The Syrophenician Woman's Faith ()

- Was Jesus able to escape notice?
- What was wrong with the woman's daughter?
- Did Jesus heal the daughter?

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The Healing of the Deaf Man ()

- Jesus enables a deaf mute to see and talk.
- What was Jesus' order those who witnessed the miracle? (v36)
- What did the people do in response to Jesus?

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The Feeding of The Four Thousand. ()

- What was up with the crowd?
- Jesus felt pity for them.
- How many loaves were there?
- What did Jesus do with the loaves?
- How many baskets left over?

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The Demand for a Sign ()

- Who asks for a sign?
- What did Jesus do after this conversation?

The Leaven and the Pharisees Mk 8:14-21

- Do the disciples understand the significance of the yeast and bread?

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The Blind Man of Bethsaida ()

- Notice that the man begins to see SLOWLY.
- What does Jesus tell the man not to do?

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III. The Mystery Begins to be Revealed

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This section of Mark's Gospel is built around three Passion predictions, each of these is followed by the misunderstanding of one or more of the disciples, and further teaching by Jesus about the requirements for true discipleship.

Peter's Confession about Jesus Mk 8:27-30

- Peter gets it "right." He says Jesus is the Messiah.
- What is Jesus' response to this correct answer?
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The First Prediction of the Passion ()

- Jesus begins to teach that the Son of Man much _____ greatly and be _____ by the _____, the _____ and the _____ and be _____ and rise after _____. V31
- Peter takes issue with this and Jesus tells him to get behind him.
- Peter is not thinking as God does but as _____ do. V.33.
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Conditions of Discipleship (Mk 8:34- 9:1)

- Jesus says, "whoever wishes to come after me must _____ himself, take up his _____ and follow _____. (8:34)
- "For whoever wishes to _____ his life will lose it, but whoever _____ his life for my sake and that of the _____ will save it." (8:35)
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The Transfiguration of Jesus (Mk 9: 2-8)

- Who is with Jesus?
- Who appears?
- Who responds? How so? What feelings?
- What does the voice from the cloud say?
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The Coming of Elijah (Mk 9:9-13)

- What are the three disciples to do in regards to the Transfiguration?

- Coming down the mountain, Jesus tells Peter, James and John that the Son of Man must _____ greatly and be treated with _____.

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The Healing of the Boy with a Demon (Mk 9:14-29)

- Notice the large crowds are arguing with the scribes.
- What is the reaction of the crowds to Jesus? (v15)
- The disciples were unable to drive out the evil spirit
- Jesus says, "Everything is possible to one who has _____ (9:23)
- Jesus' response to disciples about why they could not expel the evil spirit. "This kind can only come out through _____." 9:29.

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The Second Prediction of the Passion (Mk 9:30-32)

- Jesus is once again traveling but does not want anyone to know.
- "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will _____ him, and three days after his death he will _____." (9:31).
- The Disciple sure as heck don't understand the second prediction of the passion! Do you blame them?

IV. The Full Revelation of the Mystery (Mk9:33-16:8)

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The Greatest in the Kingdom (9:33-37)

- Disciples misunderstand, argue over who is to be the greatest in the kingdom. But the Last shall be _____ and the first shall be _____.
- To be first means one has to be a _____ . 9:37.
- Jesus uses a child to prove his point. (innocence, trust, faith)

Another Exorcist (Mk 9:38-41)

- Others are driving out demons!
- Jesus says "Whoever is NOT against us is for us."
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Temptations to Sin (Mk 9:42-49)

- Tough sayings of Jesus.
- Jesus give harsh words to those who causes children to sin.
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The Simile of Salt (Mk (9:49-50)

- Jesus says, "Keep salt in yourselves and you will have _____ with one _____." (9:50)
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Marriage and Divorce (Mk 10:1-12)

- Who is testing Jesus in this pericope?
- Note they were trying to trick him into obeying the letter of the law once again.
- Jesus says that their hearts are hardened.
- Jesus says "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must _____."
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Blessing of Children (Mk 10:13-16)

- Jesus gets upset when people do not allow children to come to him.
- Who does the Kingdom of God belong to?
- Jesus embraced the children, and _____ them and placed his _____ on them (Mk10:16)
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The Rich Man (Mk 10:17-31)

- Man runs to Jesus and asks "...what must I do to inherit eternal _____?" (10:17)

- The man follows the commandments, but is lacking one thing.
- Jesus says, "Go, _____ what you have, and give to [the] _____ and you will have treasure in _____; then come _____ me." (10: 21)
- What happens to the man's face?
- The man went away _____ because he had many _____. 10:22
- This is where we get the catch phrase about it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a _____ than it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. (Mk 10:25)
- All things are possible with _____ (10:27)
- Again, the first shall be _____ and the last will be _____
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The Third Prediction of Passion (Mk 10:32-34)

- Where are Jesus and his disciples going in this pericope?
- They were amazed and _____.
- This prediction of the suffering Jesus will encounter is rather graphic.
- Jesus says he will be handed over to whom? (chief priests and _____) and they will condemn him to _____ and hand him over to the _____. He will be mocked. Spit at, scourged, put to death and rise in _____.
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Ambition of James and John (Mk 10: 35-45)

- Who wants to sit on the right and left of Jesus at the time of "Glory?"
- What is Jesus' response?
- What is the response of the other 10 apostles?
- Jesus says that Gentiles lord their power over people. Jesus says this is not so for his disciples.
- Whoever wishes to be _____ among you will be your _____ (10:43)
- Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the _____ of all (10:44)

- The Son of Man did not come to be _____ but to _____ and give his _____ as a _____ for many. (Mk 10:45)

The Blind Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52)

- What town does this pericope take place?
- Once again there was a large crowd!
- A blind man came out of the crowd seeking _____. 10:47
- Many _____ him. (10:48)
- Yet, Jesus called out for him.
- Immediately his sight is returned and he followed Jesus.
- Ok, this story of the blind man is key in its placement in the Gospel. Right after this story, Jesus enters Jerusalem.

The Entry into Jerusalem (Mk 11: 1-11)

- Jesus and his disciples enter Jerusalem in a triumphant procession (1-10)
 - They enter the Temple briefly and left for _____ since it was already late (11:11)
 - What did the people cry out? (11:9)
 - What did people put on the ground? (11: 8)
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Jesus Curses a Fig Tree (Mk 11:12-14)

- Was there fruit on the tree?
- Fig tree is a typical symbol of Israel.

Cleansing of the Temple (Mk 11:15-19)

- Who heard of Jesus' commotion in the Temple? (Mk 11:18)
- What did these guys want to do? (Mk 11:19)
- What was their emotion/feelings toward what was happening?

The Withered Fig Tree (Mk 11:20-25)

- Ok, do you see the "sandwiching" here?
- Jesus emphasizes prayer and forgiveness.

The Authority of Jesus Questioned. (Mk 11:27-33)

- What three groups of “authorities” question Jesus? (Mk 11:27)
- Jesus does not fall into their trap.
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In Mk 12:1-44 we find Controversies with the Jerusalem Authorities

Parable of the Tenants. (Mk 12:1- 12)

- The message of this parable is directed against the Temple authorities. They are not happy with this challenge!
- What do the Temple authorities seek to do to Jesus? (Mk 12:12)
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Paying Taxes to the Emperor (Mk 12:13-17)

- Who was sent to “ensnare” Jesus? (Mk 12:13)
- What did Jesus “know” about them through their question? (Mk 12:15)
- Jesus says, “Repay to _____ what belongs to _____ and to _____ what belongs to _____.” (Mk 12:17).
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The Questions about the Resurrection (Mk 12:18-27)

- Who questions Jesus about “resurrection?” (Mk 12:18)
 - They don’t believe in the resurrection.
- They give Jesus a complicated unlikely scenario.
- Jesus does not fall into their trap.
- Jesus’ response: “He is not God of the _____ but of the _____.” (Mk 12:27)
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The Greatest Commandment (Mk 12:28-34)

- Who challenges Jesus this time? (Mk12:28)
- What is the question? (Mk 12: 29)
- Jesus responds with “2 commandments.” What are they?
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The Question about David’s Son (Mk 12:35-37)

- Where is Jesus teaching in this pericope? (Mk 12:35)
- Scribes are questioned about the Son of David.
- What is the response of the crowd? (12:37)

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Denunciation of the Scribes (Mk 12:38-40)

- Who does Jesus tell the people to be aware of?
- What do these people do? "They _____ the houses of the _____ and, as a pretext, recite lengthy _____." (Mk 12:40)

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The Poor Widow's Contribution (Mk 12:41-44)

- What does Jesus say about the poor widow's contribution?
- The rich contributed out of their surplus. The widow contributed all she had, her whole _____." (12:44)

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The Destruction of the Temple Foretold (Mk 13:1-2)

- Jesus and a disciple discuss the grandeur of the Temple and how it will be destroyed.

The Signs of the End (Mk 13:3-8)

- Jesus is with Peter, James and John and Andrew.
- Take heed: let no one lead you astray (13:5-6)
- Wars, earthquakes and famines will come, but the end is not yet (13:7-8)

The Coming Persecution (Mk 13:9-13)

- Jesus tells disciples that they will be arrested and put on trial for believing in him
- "You will be _____ by all because of my name. But the one who _____ to the end will be saved. (13:13)

The Great Tribulation (Mk 13:14-23)

- Jesus warns to be on the look out for false messiahs.

The Coming of the Son of Man (Mk 13:24-27)

- This passage is basically a quote from the Book of Daniel

The Lesson of the Fig Tree (Mk 13:28-31)

- This is the third story of the fig tree. (Mark likes to write in threes)
- Jesus tell us to WATCH! (Sounds like Advent, no?)

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Chapter 14 begins the Passion of Jesus According to Mark.

Although it is still part of IV. The Full Revelation of the Mystery, we'll treat it separately here!