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**Study Questions**  
*The Good News About Jesus According to Mark*  
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**A Summary of the Gospel of Mark**  
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### **Opening Discussion**

1. Can a person truly believe something but not act on that belief? Why or why not?

### **Bible Study**

1. In one sentence, what is the theme of the Old Testament?

### **Pre-Mark Background**

Genesis 1-2: God created people to dwell with Him in Paradise.

Genesis 3: Adam and Eve sinned condemning the entire human race and separating us from God (Romans 5:12).

Genesis 3: God promises that He will crush the head of the serpent through the seed of a woman. There is a hint that the shame of our sin will be covered by God through the shedding of blood (Genesis 3:21).

Genesis 15: God made a unilateral covenant with Abraham promising to shed His blood to atone for His people's inability to keep the covenant.

Leviticus: God established the law to reveal sin and remind His people of His covenant promise to Abraham and his people.

Psalms 22: A foreshadowing of the Messiah.

Isaiah 53: Prophecy concerning the Messiah as our sin-bearer.

2. Try to answer each of the following questions in one sentence.

### **Who is Jesus?**

1:1-13: God in the flesh (as promised in the Old Testament)

Announced by John the Baptist

Affirmed by the Father and Holy Spirit

Tempted by Satan (the serpent)

Watched by wild beasts

Ministered to by angels

2:1-12: One with authority to forgive sins

2:13-22: A friend of sinners and tax collectors who needed a Savior

4:35-5:43: One with power over nature, demons, disease and death

6:1-13: God of the miraculous for those who believe

6:30-56: One for whom nothing is impossible

7:24-37: One who must be relentlessly pursued as the only hope

8:1-26: One who sets us free to focus on His purpose

9:2-29: God of the impossible: Help my unbelief

14:12-72: The Christ, the Son of the Blessed One

15:1-39: Our sin-bearer

16:1-20: The risen Savior

### **What Did Jesus Do?**

10:45: Gave Himself as a ransom for sin

14-16: Shed His blood for our sins fulfilling God's redemptive plan as promised in the Old Testament.

### **How Should We Respond?**

1:15; 10:45; 16:16: Repent and believe that Jesus, God in the flesh, shed His blood as a ransom for our sin, that we will be saved.

1:17: Follow Jesus and become a fisher of men

8:34-38: Deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus. Whosoever shall lose his life for His sake shall save it.

### **What are the Risks of Religion?**

2:1-12: Rules over people

2:13-22: Unusable to Jesus: Old wineskins

7:1-23: Emphasizes external over internal: Tradition over truth.

10:1-12: Emphasizes technicalities of the law over the spirit of the law

10:13-31: Performance-based righteousness

11:1-12:12: An inability to produce righteous fruit

12:13-44: Puts rituals over relationship

14:1-15:39: Total spiritual blindness

### **How does Jesus Identify a True Follower?**

1:14-28: Is a fisher of men

3:7-35: Does the will of God

4:1-34: Hears and believes

6:14-29: Counts the cost

6:30-56: Trusts Him

7:1-23: Chooses the commandment of God over the tradition of men

8:1-26: Trusts Him and is about His business

8:27-9:1: Loses his life to save it

10:1-12: Right heart over right procedure

12:13-44: Is concerned with relationship over ritual

14:1-11: Takes the risks of faith and extravagant love

16:1-20: Goes and tells the story

## **Application**

1. For you personally, what would be a proper response to your study of *The Gospel of Mark*?