

Mark's Gospel - Bible Training Guide

Mark's Gospel was the first Gospel to be written. "Gospel" means "Good News about Jesus Christ". Mark was one of the leaders of the early Church and worked with Peter the apostle. In his Gospel Mark shows that Jesus is the Saviour and Ruler of the world - whom the people of Israel had long been expecting. The word "Christ" means "King" - literally "anointed" which is the way a king was appointed. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism.

Each day, with God's help, try to follow the steps below:

- 1) **Pray** for God's illumination. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105).
- 2) **Review** – Ask yourself, "What have I done as a result of my last reading"? Have I put into practice the command of Jesus? With whom have I shared what I have learnt?
- 3) **Read the passage carefully. Think, "What is the passage about?", Retell it in your own words.** (Supplementary questions: "Who was involved?", "What happened?", "What ideas are expressed?", "What are the results?", "What is the purpose?", "Where did this take place?", "When did it take place?", "Why did it happen?", "How are things accomplished?") *When you have read a whole chapter of the Bible, mark the chapter box – in the chart below – with a dot in the centre (see illustration on right).* 
- 4) **Understand** the message – Ask, "What was the message of the passage for the original readers?" "**What is the message for us today?**" If you cannot understand the chapter, ask someone to explain it to you. *When you have understood the general message of the chapter (there will always be words and details that you could understand better - never mind about these for the moment), mark the chapter box with a horizontal line in the centre (see illustration on the right).* 
- 5) **Apply** – What situations in your life are related to the message? Are there any commands of the Lord that you should obey? (in the chart below the numbers in brackets show verses where commands of the Lord Jesus Christ appear) **What will you do** (or be, or think or say) **as a result of looking at this passage? Write this in a notebook.** *When you are making an effort to put into practice the teaching of a chapter, mark the box with a vertical line in the centre (see illustration).* 
- 6) **Thank God** for His message.
- 7) **Share** with someone else what God has shown you from the passage. Encourage him or her to be a follower of Jesus Christ. *When you have done this, put a circle in the box (see illustration).* You can give him or her a copy of this sheet (or download a copy from <http://www.missionarytraining.org/main/MarkTrainingGuide.PDF>). He or she can use their own Bible or read the text online at:
<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark&version=NIVUK>

CHAPTERS SHOWING WHERE JESUS'S COMMANDS APPEAR (VERSES IN BRACKETS)

1 (14-15 - Turn from our sins and believe the Good News that God's Rule has come in Jesus, 16-17 Follow Jesus and win people for Him)	2	3	4 (3-9, 23-25 Pay attention to Jesus's teaching)
5	6	7 (14-22 Cleanse hearts from evil thoughts – sex outside marriage, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, uncontrolled fleshly appetites, envy, slander, arrogance and folly)	8 (34-38 Follow Jesus even at the cost of our own lives)
9 (35-37 Always take the role of a servant to everyone, and welcome the humblest; 42-49 Avoid things that cause sin; 50 be at peace with others)	10 (9 No divorce, 14 Do not hinder children coming to the Lord, 19 no murder, adultery, stealing, lying, defrauding; honour father and mother, 21 sell possessions and give to poor, 43-44 be servant of all)	11 (22 have faith in God, 24 whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, 25 forgive others)	12 (17 Obey the state when it does not contradict God; 29-30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength, 31 Seek the good of others as much as of yourself, 38-40 Beware of hypocrisy)
13 (7 not alarmed, 9 fearless in witnessing, 11 not worry what to say, 18 pray for help in distress, 21-23 not deceived by false Messiahs, 28-37 be alert for the Lord's coming)	14 (22-24 Remember Jesus's death by eating bread - His body and drinking wine - His blood, 38 Watch in prayer)	15	16 (15 Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all people, 16 Believe and be baptised)

When you have finished Mark's Gospel and are obeying the commands of the Lord Jesus here, you can read the rest of the Bible. You can download a copy of the Bible Training Guide from:
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