

Real Refreshment Podcast: Mark Study
Mark 1:1-45 → Presentation of the Servant

Passage breakdown:

Mark 1:1-8: John the Baptist Announcement

The gospel begins quoting the Old Testament prophecies in Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1. Both of these represent OT prophecies of John the Baptist.

Answer the following questions based on Mark 1:4-8:

- Where was John the Baptist?
- What was he doing?
- Who was responding?
- How was he dressed?
- Who was he pointing to?
- What did John prophesy?

For further study, see Matthew 3:1-12

Mark 1:9-13 → Jesus is Baptized and Tempted

- Who came to John?
- Where did He come from?
- What did John do?
- How is the Trinity represented in this scene?
- What happened next?
- How long was He in the wilderness?
- Who attended Him?

For further study, see Matthew 3:13-17 and Matthew 4:1-11

Mark 1:14-28 → Jesus Preaches

Verse 14 of this section requires more explanation.

Please read and summarize Matthew 14:3-12.

Picking up in the second half of verse 14,

- Where did Jesus go?
- What was He doing?
- What was He calling listeners to do? (Note this is the same call of the OT prophets!)

- Who did He see beside the sea of Galilee?
- What was their occupation?
- What were they doing?
- What did Jesus say to them?
- How did they respond?
- What did they leave?
- What does this represent?
- Who did Jesus see next?
- What were they doing?
- What did Jesus do?
- How did they respond?
- Who did they leave?
- Together, where did Jesus and His new followers go?
- Which day of the week was it?
- Where did they go in that town?
- Why would this make sense?
- What did Jesus begin to do?
- Why does this make sense and not make sense?
- How did the people respond?
- What struck them about His teaching?

In verses 23-28 Jesus interacts with an unnamed man who has an “unclean spirit”. This simply means that the man had a demon.

- How did this man address Jesus?
- What did he ask Jesus?
- How does this interaction reinforce James 2:19?
- What did Jesus say in response?
- What did He command?
- How did the demon respond?
- How does this reflect the authority the people sensed in verse 22?
- What was the people’s response?
- What did they debate?
- What resulted?

Mark 1:29-45 → Jesus Heals

After the visiting the synagogue,

- Where did Jesus go?
- Who was with Him?
- Who did they encounter?
- How was her condition described?
- What did Jesus do in response?
- How did she respond?

- Later that same day, what began to happen?
 - Who was brought?
 - Who gathered?
 - Where?
 - Why do you think they did this?
 - How did Jesus respond?
 - What did he not do? (vs. 34b) Why not?
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- When does the narrative continue in verse 35?
 - How is the time described?
 - What did Jesus do?
 - Where did He go?
 - What did He do?
 - Why is this significant?
 - Who searched for Him? Note who is specifically named.
 - What did they say to Him when they found Him?
 - How did He respond?
 - What purpose did Jesus state for His coming in verse 38b?
 - Where did they then?
 - What did He do in these other places?
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- With what was the unnamed man afflicted who came to Jesus in verse 40?
 - What was he seeking?
 - What posture did he assume?
 - How did he ask?
 - What character qualities do you see reflected in this man?
 - How did Jesus respond?
 - What radical action did Jesus take?
 - What did Jesus say to the man?
 - What was the result?
 - What did Jesus command the man to do? (Note: His command was based on Old Testament law.)
 - Instead, what did the man do?
 - What resulted?

For further study see: Leviticus 14:2-31

Here are the “immediately” verses in this week’s passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

Verse 10

Verse 12

Verse 18

Verse 20

Verse 21

Verse 28

Verse 29

Verse 30

Verse 42

Verse 43

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

Who do you acknowledge Jesus to be?

One Who came?

One Who is the Son?

One Who was tempted?

One Who sees?

One Who calls?

One with authority?

One Who commands demons?

One Who heals?

One Who prays?

One Who touches?

How do you respond to Jesus?

Do you point others to Him?

Do you leave everything?

Do you follow Him?

Are you amazed by His teaching?

Do you sense His authority?

Do you take those you are concerned about to Him?

Do you search for Him?

Do you believe He is able?

Do you tell others what He has done for you?