

Mark 1

Read the Chapter. It is wonderful. Mark reiterates in part what Matthew, Luke and John said. Matthew described Jesus as the King of the Jews, the Lion Face and the Lion of Judah. Mark describes Jesus as the Servant, the Ox-face. (A note: A book by Dr. Ingrid Bergner "**Ezekiel, Chapter 1**" gives full details on the four gospels). John the Baptist introduces Jesus to Israel as "*I indeed have baptized you with water: but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.*" John baptizes Jesus with water. That's not what John was talking about in "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead and that's who John is talking about. Jesus said later, "*If I go away, I shall send you the COMFORTER*", the third person of the Godhead.

Jesus was baptized in water by John and by the Holy Spirit by His Father in Heaven who said "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". Jesus is driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit for 40 days. He met Satan there and He was tempted by Satan there and angels ministered to Him there in the wilderness. Jesus calls some of his disciples.

He then preached with authority where a man with an unclean spirit saw him and the man with the unclean spirit cried out "Let us alone; what have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." Interesting that Jesus did not deny what the demons in the man were crying out. He just told the demons to be quiet and "Come out of him". The man was "torn" and he cried with a loud voice. We see many times that the devils scream when a child of God gets delivered. It always surprises me.

Peter's (Simon) mother-in-law was sick with fever and Jesus healed her and she served Jesus and the disciples. Who said Peter was not married? Then the whole town round about Galilee showed up at Jesus doorstep (Peter's house) sick of divers diseases and casting out many devils, Jesus healed them ALL. The next morning they all prayed and Peter (Simon) saw that ALL MEN SEEK AFTER JESUS. Jesus continued to preach and to heal throughout all Galilee and cast out devils. A leper asked Him for healing and Jesus obliged. Jesus just touched the leper and he was healed. Jesus told the leper not to say anything because He, Jesus, came to die for the sins of all humanity whosoever will accept Him as the Passover Lamb that takes away the sins of the world, and His time was not yet, but the leper could not obey that one: imagine having leprosy and all of a sudden, not! But even in the desert people came to Him from every quarter.

Mark 2

Read the chapter. This is basic bible study. We need you to read each chapter for the Holy Spirit to talk to you in it. In Mark the Holy Spirit reiterates Matthew's account. But there are some things that Mark sees that Matthew does not. Here in Capernaum everybody gets word that THE WORD, Jesus, is in town. There were so many people that four guys bring in a pretty hopeless case. They could not get in , so they uncovered the roof and let in the sick one. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sick one "Son, your sins are forgiven you".

Of course that stirred up a hornet's nest, who but God can forgive sins? So the "religious" decided to say that Jesus blasphemed God. Jesus said "...that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins..." "I say to you, Arise, and take up your bed and go your way into your house". This kind of miracle was one of a kind. No one had ever seen such a thing before. People followed Him wherever He went. In this chapter He calls Levi to follow Him. Jesus also goes into Levi's house to eat (a tax collector was the scourge of the earth, not that they are so popular now). Again the "religious" took offence "How is it that He eats and drinks with the publicans and sinners?" Jesus said

"They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." It has been the world's perception that only the good go to church and need Jesus. Here Jesus says, no. He says the rotten, the scammers, the prostitute, the perverted the poor, the homeless, the sick, the demon- possessed. they need Jesus, not the righteous and the religious.

Again, Jesus went through a corn field on the sabbath day and His disciples with Him plucked the ears of corn. Again the religious said "Why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful." Here Jesus was showing that HE IS THE MESSIAH; HE CAME AND OVERCAME, EVEN THE LAW OF THE SABBATH DAY! Glory to God! "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." They know Jesus overcame the Sabbath, set us free from the Law and wrote it IN LOVE on our New Heart and New Mind that Every Day is a worship to the Lord.

Mark 3

Read the chapter. Here Jesus enters a synagogue, sees a man with a withered hand, knowing that it was a Sabbath, He asks those in the synagogue *"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life or to kill?"* He heals the man and his withered hand is made whole. *"Then the Pharisees (the religious order), took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him"*. Jesus with His disciples and a multitude from Galilee followed Him and from Judaea. Also from Jerusalem and from Idumaea and beyond Jordan and those also from Tyre and Sidon in Lebanon. Here Jesus sees the throng so He asked the disciples to get Him a boat so that He could get on it. Think of it, all those healed and touching Him because many had plagues and unclean spirits. These spirits came out crying *"You are the Son of God"*.

Jesus then chooses 12 disciples that they might go forth to preach and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils. He changed Peter's name from Simon and named James and John "The sons of Thunder". The names of the rest of the disciples you should read.

And the religious lot said that Jesus had an unclean spirit and that He cast out devils by Satan. Jesus said that a man cannot be forgiven for saying the Jesus is filled with the devil instead of the Holy Ghost. Continuing, in Jesus' teaching, Those that follow Jesus are His family (He calls us the Body of Christ, or the Church of the Living God). "For whoso-ever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister and my mother."

Mark 4

Read the chapter. What a wonder Jesus was on earth: literally thousands of people followed Him and touched Him and were healed. He talked about His WORD as seed. Many people hear the bible and as soon as trouble starts, they lose the WORD they heard. So Jesus talks about heat in your life that destroys any faith that you might have but each one is given a measure of faith. Faith works by love and if you are so tied up in your circumstance that you cannot love anything or anybody that needs held, the devil, God's enemy and yours, will steal that Word and Faith from you. He talks about thorns and He talks about how a person can bring forth fruit--some a little, some a lot. Satan comes immediately and just steals everything you have heard. That's how you lose it. The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things entering in chokes the WORD THEREFORE IT IS UNFRUITFUL.

Did you notice that Jesus is talking about HEARING when He says *TO HIM SHALL BE GIVEN; AND HE THAT HAS NOT, FROM HIM SHALL BE TAKEN EVEN THAT WHICH HE HAD*. A farmer understands beyond a shadow what it is to sow seed in the ground and go to sleep and when you wake

up seed is growing and you didn't do anything but put seed in the ground and believed that it would grow. Compare that with **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**; that's what Jesus is talking about. As a mustard seed grows to a huge tree, you don't see it grow, so faith grows and you hear it and it grows, and you see it measure by measure--Jesus spoke AS THEY WERE ABLE TO HEAR IT!

When they left the lake and when to the other side a great storm came up, Jesus of course, the Prince of Peace, was fast asleep. "Master, do you not care that we are going to perish?" And He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea "*Peace, be still*". And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Believe me when I tell you "*you can do the same thing IN CHRIST*". Even the wind and the sea obey Him! Just stand there in the face of ANY storm and use the Name of Jesus: In the Name of Jesus I rebuke the storm. Period.

Mark 5

If ever there was a fulfillment of the scripture "*for this reason was the son of God manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil*" is when Jesus came off the ship and into the country of the Gadarenes. A man lived there in the tombs. He could not be held down. He broke off his chains.. He was a mental mess, cutting himself with stones and crying. He was in the mountains in desperate circumstances and Jesus, the Lord of Glory showed up! Praise the Lord! Even when he saw Jesus from afar he ran to Him. He worshipped Him. The demon cried with a loud voice "*What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the most high God. I adjure you by God, that you torment me not*". Jesus, just spoke "*Come out of the man, you unclean spirit.*" Jesus knew that the demons' name was Legion and that because there were swine in the area the demons requested that they be sent into the swine. Jesus obliged..."*and the swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand) and were choked in the sea.*" The delivered man was sitting beside Jesus in his right mind when the swine owners came back. These begged Jesus to leave them alone and to depart out of their coast. Jesus tells the man that was freed to go and tell his village and household what great things had been done for him.

Then Jesus meets Jairus who instantly worshipped Him. He had a little daughter that was at the point of death. Jesus came with Jairus and many others followed them, But before getting there a woman who had spent 12 years bleeding and not having any relief from the physicians decided to touch Jesus for her healing. She touched His garment and was totally healed. Jesus of course could feel the healing virtue leave Him so He questioned and she came and fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth. And He said to her "*Daughter, your faith has made you whole; go in peace and be whole of your plague.*" The interruption on the way to Jairus' house was that the daughter had died. But Jesus the Life, the Truth and the Way, the Resurrection, said "Why are you making such an ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleeping." "*I say to you arise*". And straightway the damsel arose and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years.

All through these Scriptures Jesus restores what Satan did because that's why He came to this earth; Jesus healed, and delivered people of all demonic oppression. Praise the Lord! What Joy happens when Jesus is on the scene! So that is why Jesus came to this earth from Heaven, to set His people free

Mark 6

Read the Chapter. The joy that Jesus generates wherever He goes but there are questions that are forever pricking Him. "*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Judah and Simon?*"

Firstly, He had to be a carpenter because only GOD builds His house. He created the world, it fell to disarray and destruction by an intrusion of Satan, now He sends ONE who is a builder, the Son of God. Secondly, Jesus had brothers and sisters and everyone knew about Him but they did not know Him, the Son of the Living God! No mighty works could He do there. There was no belief, no faith. Jesus called to Himself the twelve apostles and He sent them forth two by two; and gave them power over unclean spirits. He told them to take nothing with them for their journey except a staff; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse. On coat and one pair of shoes. "*In what place soever you enter into an house, there abide till you depart from that place.*" We did that. We left in a van to move to Whitehorse, Yukon (the Lord told us to go) and we had enough gas to get to Dawson Creek. When we got there we waited at a Buffalo Compound, camping, then about the 5th day we went for coffee at MacDonalds. We saw a little girl and her mother walk in and we noticed they sat right beside us and they said grace before they ate. I said something like, "You know Jesus too", and the mother said "what are you doing here?" We said "The Lord told us He would send someone." She said "Here I am, it's me." Her little girl was so very ill and the mother wanted to take her to the doctor, but on the way she suddenly was okay. We spent a few days there with the family and ended up that they supported in total our ministry in Whitehorse, Yukon. They even paid for our trip to Dawson City where the Lord told us to go and pray for the whole city. It's real folks, no scrip, no bread, no money. He has His own to supply your need.

Mark then reiterates the story of John the Baptist (see Matthew). Herod had beheaded John (John said "*I must decrease and Jesus must increase.*") and now the news of Jesus and the disciples was spread everywhere. Herod was very frightened. He said "*It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead*". The disciples come back from preaching and doing miracles and then Jesus asks them to feed the thousands of people that He had compassion on. With five loaves of bread and two fishes they fed them all; and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. I believe it but it has not happened in our ministry, well, it could have but I was not aware of it. I think if that had happened, I would have known. The multitudes continued to follow the disciples and Jesus from one coast to another, Bethsaida, Gennesaret and throughout; Jesus walking upon the water to the disciples and then crossing the still Sea only to see the sick carried to Him in beds, laying the sick in the streets; and as many as touched Him were healed!

Mark 7

Read the Chapter. It's not the outside that makes a man clean. It is the inside. My daughter-in-law was singing in a church one day and we went to hear her sing. Before we got into the church a lady came up to Nelson and said "You can't go in in cowboy boots and jeans". She quickly walked away. Nelson had come from that kind of a religious spirit so he did not listen. He knew that it was the inside of a man that matters to go before God and not the outside appearance. Jesus calls it tradition. And evil. "For from within out of the HEART of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Then Jesus departed to Lebanon and cast out a devil out of a Greek woman's daughter who lived in Lebanon. Jesus sure was Merciful to her. "*for it is not meet to take the children's* (It would seem that His mercy was a pressure on her because He told her that she was not His child) *bread, and to cast it unto the dogs* (O, Mercy, I am a dog?). "*Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs*". (The pressure was such that the woman was either to die or have Jesus touch her). Jesus was touched by the woman (His Compassion and Mercy overcame Him). You can feel His heart melt towards her. "*the devil is gone out of your daughter*".

He then went to the Sea of Galilee and a deaf man with a speech impediment came to Him. Jesus put His fingers into his ears and spit, and touched the man's tongue, looking up to Heaven Jesus said "...*Be opened*". The people around Him realized that JESUS DOES ALL THINGS WELL: He makes the deaf

to hear, and the dumb to speak. What is too hard for the Creator or the Universe that spoke and made us in His image?

Mark 8

Read the chapter. I am only taking one vein of revelation Word but there is so much in each chapter. You will actually learn how to live in God when you read the Word of God. At first you can hardly understand anything but all of a sudden the Word opens up to you and the Holy Spirit (you really need no man to teach you) speaks to you. It's so exciting!

Jesus is the Bread of Life; the manna from Heaven sent by God from the Old Testament. You cannot live without Jesus because you can do nothing unless Jesus is in it. He shows it in that He breaks bread and feeds the multitude. Meat left over – seven baskets full. He also takes fish and feeds the 4,000 plus people.

Then the religious order wanted to have a sign from Heaven from Jesus. Jesus told them He will give them no sign. HE WAS the sign! But on to the ship the disciples and Jesus went and Jesus decided to warn them of the leaven in the religious and the political leaven (even though the disciples did not have any bread except one loaf). The doctrine, that is. Jesus has no part in religious or political church doctrine. It always falls apart and it always cannot function because it is without Christ. In these End time days, you will see organizations, denominations, systems crumble because they are without Christ. But Jesus knew that they did not understand.

In Bethsaida Jesus healed the blind man by spitting on his eyes (wouldn't you like to have the Creator of the Universe spit in your eyes? In Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples " *Whom do men say that I am?*" They told Him, some say John the Baptist, some say Elias (Elijah) and others say one of the prophets. " *But who do you say that I am?*" Peter said " *You are the Christ.*" Jesus then began to teach them that He must suffer and be rejected and killed and then rise again in three days. Do you think the disciples knew what He was talking about? No of course not. Because Peter started to rebuke Jesus but Jesus knew that Satan had come into Peter. " *Get behind me, Satan: for you savour not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.*"

Jesus then calls the people to him and his disciples and tells them "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 9

Read the chapter. Jesus is transfigured (changed from physical to spiritual) on a mountain top with Peter, James and John as witnesses. Moses and Elijah came from Heaven and appeared to Jesus and spoke with Him. They also heard their Heavenly Father say " *This is my beloved Son: hear Him.*" Peter of course wanted to quickly put Jesus, Moses, and Elijah in a booth. When they came down from the mountain, Jesus told them not to say anything to anybody until He had risen from the dead. They had no idea what He was talking about. is Spiritual and Jesus was saying to them not to say anything UNTIL HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD. SPIRITUAL! The disciples wanted to know about the spirit of Elijah: Jesus told them that John the Baptist was the one that has come to restore all things for JESUS THE MESSIAH TO COME to suffer. Unfortunately the disciples could not believe

and did not know what Jesus was talking about.

A man brought his son which had a dumb spirit from childhood to Jesus, telling Him that the disciples could not cast out the dumb spirit. Jesus said that this type of spirit comes out only with pray and fasting. All Jesus said was "You dumb and deaf spirit, I charge you, come out of him, and enter no more into him." The devil must obey Jesus, and since Jesus gave you His Name as an inheritance, you, now have the same authority in the Holy Ghost.

I had a phone call "This is Richard. George said I should phone you. I haven't slept for five days except for a snooze and when I do I have dreams that I cannot repeat. I also have this cough that won't stop." "It's satanic" I said. "Before I pray for you I want you to know a little scripture." "Did you know that Jesus died on Golgotha, the place of the skull?" It did not penetrate. "You know if men would walk around without their heads, there would be no problems in this world." "Let me pray for you. IN THE NAME OF JESUS I command the evil spirits to loose you." LAUGHTER (joy) on the other end of the phone line. "I bind you foul, stinking spirits that give Richard these dreams and I rebuke you IN JESUS NAME." MORE LAUGHTER from Richard. "Richard, this is for every Christian, repeat after me "Foul, stinking spirits, I rebuke you IN JESUS NAME." I hear Richard repeating: "You foul, stinking spirits I rebuke you in Jesus name." "I have to tell George, I'm fine, my mind is fine and my coughing has stopped. I have to go and see George, I have to tell him." Joy unspeakable and full of Glory! Can you imagine it was like that all the time when Jesus was on earth.

But He came to die so that He would be resurrected and you can have this type of life all the time. Jesus taught His disciples "The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and after that He is killed, He shall rise the third day." They did not understand...but they wanted to know who was going to first among them and Jesus called all twelve of His disciples and told them that if they want to be first, they must be a servant to all. John also wanted to know "Master, we saw one casting out devils in YOUR NAME, and he followed not us (in other words, they were not Jesus' disciples that these twelve knew about):...Jesus said Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in My Name that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part." Goes to show you that what some denominations are doing now is not kosher!

Mark 10

Read the chapter. On the coasts of Judea Jesus taught multitudes. The Pharisees wanted to know about divorce saying that Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement to put HER away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they two shall be one flesh: so then they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And He said to them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commits adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commits adultery.

Many young children were brought to Him but the disciples rebukes those that brought them, but when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and told them that the children should be brought to Him, FOR SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD! "I say to you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Then someone came running to Jesus and asked Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? Jesus said "You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour your father and mother. And he answered and said unto Jesus Master; all these have I observed from my

youth. Then Jesus looking at him loved him and said "One thing you lack: go your way, sell whatsoever you have and give to the poor; and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. Jesus repeated Himself and said "Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of God!" The disciples asked "Who then can be saved?" "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." You notice, with Jesus, because He is Grace, there is always Hope!

Jesus said "There is no man that has left house or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

The disciples had no idea what Jesus was talking about. The chief priests (Jewish) were going to deliver Him to the Gentiles (the Romans) and they shall mock Him and scourge Him and shall spit upon Him, and shall kill Him: AND ON THE THIRD DAY HE shall rise again! It takes the sin of the whole world into consideration: Jew and Gentile. Again, they did not know what He was talking about! Because the next thing you know James and John want to know if Jesus would please put them in honour beside Him. Jesus could not grant their wish. The disciples were much displeased. Jesus then teaches them that if the disciples want to be great, they must be ministers and servants because He told them that He came to give His life a ransom for many.

He is our example! On the way to Jericho Jesus meets Bartimaeus, blind and begging. When he heard Jesus was coming he yelled the more "*Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me*". Jesus wanted to know what he wanted. "*Lord that I might receive my sight*". Jesus said "*Go your way; your faith has made you whole.*" Jesus got Himself a follower! What joy unspeakable and full of Glory! I think that wherever Jesus walked, JOY was poured out! Even now I feel the anointing of Joy!

Mark 11

Read the chapter. Jesus told two of His disciples to get a colt tied in a certain place and get it for Him. The master of the colt wanted to know why the disciples were taking it. All they said was "*The Lord has need of him*". Jesus is entering Jerusalem to be sacrificed as a Passover Lamb that takes the sins of the world upon Himself. The priests used to put the sins upon goats, but here Jesus, to fulfill a prophecy to pinpoint the Passover Lamb of God (the same as the Passover Lamb in Moses' time), comes upon a donkey to Jerusalem. Hosanna, blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed be the Kingdom of our father David (just to remind them) that comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest. He went to the temple and as it was night time He with with his disciples to Bethany.

In the morning he went back to the temple and He saw that the temple was used for money changing, trading, "*My house shall be called of all nations, a House of Prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.*" In the evening He left the city and the next morning Jesus continued to teach on the fig tree that He cursed because when He was hungry it was barren. He brings together the story of the fig tree and faith. You will notice that faith, love and forgiveness are hand-in-hand. Jesus said "*Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them.*" Then He brings on more WORD while we are praying "*when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*" That same evening the chief priests, scribes and elders in the temple wanted to know by what authority Jesus is talking like He is. They don't know that He is talking about His Father and His Father's House. So

Jesus said to them if they tell Him if the baptism of John was from Heaven or from men, then He will tell them where His authority comes from. They of course would not answer Him because they feared the people. So Jesus did not answer them.

Mark 12

Read the chapter. Jesus gives a parable about a vineyard. This parable really is about God the Father sending his prophets to Israel and then His Son to Israel, but they were all killed. Here Jesus says that the vineyard will be given to the Gentiles for a time. *"The stone (Jesus which the builders (Israel) rejected is become the Head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eye?"* The people knew that Jesus had spoken against them. Today, the Gentiles are in a debt to the Israelites for presenting to them a Saviour, Christ, the Messiah.

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees asked Him *"...is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"* Jesus said *"Give me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto Him, Caesar's.* And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Then the Sadducees which say there is no resurrection ask Him *"In the resurrection...whose shall she be for the seven had her to wife?"* They like to exaggerate, seven.? Jesus says that the resurrected life is spiritual; they shall be as angels in Heaven. And those that are resurrected are alive and their God is not the God of the dead but of the living. Then a scribe came and asked Him "Which is the first commandment of all? Jesus was very glad to answer that one. "The first of all the commandments is Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord: and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment. The scribe agreed with Him and Jesus told the man *You are not far from the Kingdom of God.*" As a matter of fact the scribe spoke to God.

It seems also that Jesus hated the Nicolaitan spirit: *"they love to go in long clothing and love salutations in the marketplaces, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: which devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers."* Then He oversaw the treasury: (How would you like to see what everyone is giving in your church or fellowship and then judge it in front of everyone: a billionaire comes in and give \$100 and You say OFF WITH HIS HEAD; a poor widow gave two mites (all that she possesses); the rest from their abundance; she from her poverty (she needed everything, they needed nothing). On top of it all, she got Jesus' blessing!

Mark 13

Read the chapter. But I will start from the end of the chapter. When is Jesus coming?

1. Watch
2. Don't sleep (keep your spiritual eyes open)
3. It can be in the evening or at midnight or at the cock crowing or in the morning.
4. Watch.
5. Watch and pray you don't know the time.
6. Only the Father knows when, not the angels or the Son.
7. Israel shall be a nation; that generation (100 years, or 40 years) shall know not when but for sure Jesus is coming.
8. The Rapture of the church (His body will be snatched away by His angels).
9. The stars of heaven shall fall and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.
10. The sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light.
11. Tribulation.
12. False Christs and false prophets shall rise and shall show signs and wonders.
13. The days will be shortened because of persecutions.

14. Great afflictions (unseen until now).
15. In a twinkling of an eye: do not leave a housetop and go into a house; do not leave a field to get a garment if you are there; pray it will not be in winter or that women are not pregnant.
16. When the Anti-Christ sets himself as God in the temple of Jerusalem; run to Judea.
17. When you see brother shall betray brother to death and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.
18. When men shall deliver you to councils; and in the synagogues you shall be beaten for you shall be brought before rulers and kings for His sake, for a testimony against them.
19. The gospel must be published among all nations.
20. You shall be full of the Holy Ghost to deliver the gospel.
21. Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in divers places and there shall be famines and troubles; these are the beginning of sorrows.
22. Wars and rumours of wars.
23. Many coming in the Name of Jesus saying "I am Christ" and shall deceive many.
24. Watch do not be deceived by man. There is only one Way to be sure: know your WORD (Jesus) and you can handle anything.

Mark 14

Read this chapter. The conspirators have set things in motion to kill Jesus. Jesus in the meanwhile went about doing the usual. He was in the house of Simon the leper (who was no longer a leper when Jesus showed up.) A woman walks in and prepares Jesus for burial; she pours an alabaster box of ointment on his head. The ointment was worth a small fortune. Judas in the meantime plotted with the chief priests for Jesus' death. Jesus and his disciples went into the Upper Room, divinely prepared, to eat the Passover meal and for Jesus to show them exactly WHO the Passover Lamb is! Of course they would not know it until after His death and resurrection, but nevertheless they would know the Lamb that took sin of the world away. *"Take eat, this is my body."* *"This is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many."* Shed for many, yet He died for the whole world. This is His Will: He had to die to leave a Will. The many means that "it takes two to tango" as the saying goes. You are the other one. You accept His body and blood shed for you, He accepts you. Isn't that amazing. The whole world can go to hell if the whole world rejected Christ. What a shame! . It was really tough to go through what Jesus had to go through: in the Garden of Gethsemane he prayed so hard that He fell on the ground and cried out *"If it were possible, the hour might pass from me"*. Of course it was not possible. This was the Father's provision for His children—forgiveness of sin from Adam and Eve. When Judas, the betrayer showed up with his friends, with swords and staves from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders, Jesus was ready. He had prayed through! When they had Jesus, the disciples fled, one ran away naked but he ran! Jesus had just told them that while He had sent them out before without any provision, this time they are to even have a sword. Dear Peter was so adamant that there was no way the Peter was going to leave Jesus behind. While Peter was following afar off, he denied Jesus three times (as Jesus prophesied). The cock crowed the third time. As Peter remembered what Jesus said to him, Peter wept. I am sure this was his born-again experience! Jesus came to Peter after His resurrection.

Mark 15

Read the chapter. It is so sad; then why do you feel like singing: O, the joy that floods my soul! Something happened and now I know! When it was time to make a choice as to who should die, one man Jesus took the place of one man Barabbas, a murderer. Barabbas probably did not even know that what Jesus was doing was setting him free as Jesus has set free many, not all because not all will accept Him, but many.-- Did you notice that the Holy Spirit wants you to know that this Jesus is KING OF THE JEWS. KING OF ISRAEL. You have heard it said that if you want to have someone remember

your name, mention it a few times. Well, the Holy Spirit wants you to know that JESUS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS and the KING OF ISRAEL. Can you imagine the terror of those that had been mocking this man that went on the Cross "*Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.*"

All of a sudden there was darkness over the whole land for three hours. When Jesus cried out with agony and the veil of the temple was ripped in two from the top to the bottom, and IT WAS FINISHED, his work was done on this earth. The King of the Jews had finished what he had come to do: set His people free from all bondage of the devil: restore everything that the devil had stolen from Adam and Eve and their progeny, US. Salvation; Healing, Deliverance; Eternity! Now it is up to us to receive Him.

Mark 16

Read the chapter. Mary Magdalene (freed by Jesus of seven demons) and Mary went early in the morning (on Sunday being the first day of the week) with sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus. They saw that the stone was rolled away from the door of the sepulchre. They entered into the tomb and found a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white garment. (Is this one of the angels that protected the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant? The Ark of the Covenant had two angels protecting the Mercy Seat). Paraphrasing "*Don't be frightened*" said the angel, "*you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified: He is risen; He is not here. Go tell Peter that He goes before you to Galilee where He said He would meet you.*"

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and she thought He was the Gardener. He was. The Garden of Eden was the fall, the restoration was in a Garden also. She tells the disciples and they do not believe her. Jesus then appeared to two other disciples; the two told others, they did not believe. You see things like that were unheard of. But they should have believed. There was a resurrection in the old testament. A prophet had died and put in the hole dug for him. Going by the hole of the prophet was a funeral procession of another man. The bearers of this other man stumbled, the dead man fell in with the dead prophet and was resurrected. The disciples did not remember a resurrection! Jesus appeared unto the eleven disciples and "*upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart*" for not believing those that had seen Him resurrected. Then He gave the disciples His commission: "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believes not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name (Jesus) shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*" **SO THEN AFTER THE LORD HAD SPOKEN TO THEM, HE WAS RECEIVED UP INTO HEAVEN AND SAT ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.** *And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the WORD with signs following. Amen.*