

November 22, 2020
Mark the Lion



Key Scriptures

1Pe 5:13 NASB She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

*Mar 1:12-13 NASB Immediately the Spirit *impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. (13) And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.*

*Mar 3:20-21 NASB And He *came home, and the crowd *gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. (21) When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."*

*Mar 3:31-35 NASB Then His mother and His brothers *arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him. (32) A crowd was sitting around Him, and they *said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You." (33) Answering them, He *said, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" (34) Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He *said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! (35) "For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."*

Mar 3:22 NASB The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

*Mar 8:22-26 NASB And they *came to Bethsaida. And they *brought a blind man to Jesus and *implored Him to touch him. (23) Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" (24) And he looked up and said, "I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around." (25) Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. (26) And He sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."*

*Mar 10:46-52 NASB Then they *came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. (47) When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (48) Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (49) And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they *called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." (50) Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. (51) And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" (52) And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.*

The Big Point:

Mark wrote his Gospel to the believers in Rome who were being persecuted by the Roman government. Mark wanted to convey that Jesus understood what they were going through and that like Him, they are living for a greater cause. He wanted them to know that Jesus was the son of God, the promised Messiah, Lord of all. He was a man but He was God in the flesh. Though Jesus was hidden, He is now clear to see as God.

Important points from the message:

- Jesus knows what you are going through and he gets it.
- Enduring suffering is part of the Christian life.
- The time for Christians to stand up for truth is now..
- A public decision has to be made about Jesus..

Important quote:

- *"The family of Jesus didn't understand what the Father called Him to. Your family may not understand what you are called to either."*
- *"This book was written to a specific people in a specific time but when you read it it will seem like it was written to you this week."*
- *"Jesus is like a lion and he just shows up and does things in your life."*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- What were some things that jumped out about Mark?
- Have you experienced a greater hunger for the Bible?
- Why did Mark portray Jesus like a lion?
- What does it mean to have faith in Jesus as the Messiah?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Why do you think Holy Spirit wanted Mark to write his Gospel?
- The Gospels were originally read out loud. How do you think the believers in Rome received the Gospel of Mark?
- What are you learning about the Bible? About Jesus?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text RLCserve to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.
- Join in the reading plan on the Bible app.
- Stay in the reading plan.