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Lesson No. 2 The Gospel Writers - Mark



Acts 12: 5-12
Mark 1: 14, 15, 34 & 39



Mark 10: 45

In contrast to Matthew, Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels and was written mainly with the Romans in mind. If you read it through you will notice that Mark doesn't mention many Jewish customs, as Matthew did. Mark's story is like a fast moving action picture!

Who was Mark?

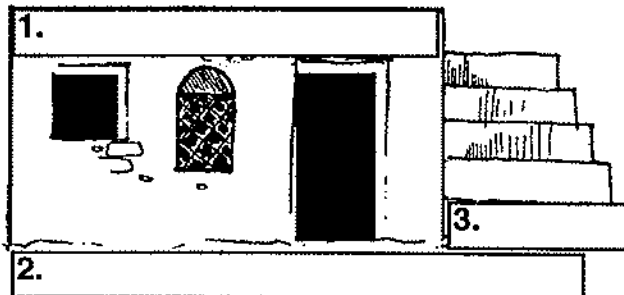
Mark was his Latin (Roman) name, but among the Jews he was called by his Hebrew name.

Read Acts 12: 12 again to discover what it was, then underline the correct answer.

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In this Bible Reading we also see that Mark's family was well known in the early days of the church. His home was used as a meeting place for Christians in Jerusalem.

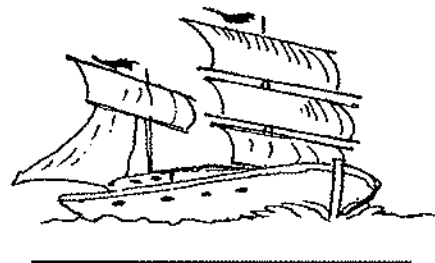


1. What were the Christians doing?
2. Why were they doing this?
3. What was the name of his mother?

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We read in a letter Peter wrote (1 Peter 5: 13) that he calls Mark "my son". This didn't mean Peter was his father but that Mark was someone very special to him. It may well have been because Mark had become a Christian through hearing about the Lord Jesus from Peter.

As a Christian, Mark wanted to serve God. We learn from reading Acts 12: 25 and 13: 4 & 5 how Mark helped his cousin Barnabas and Paul in spreading the Good News about the Lord Jesus.



Write under the ship the name of the island to which Mark sailed.

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However, on Paul's second missionary journey, he wasn't happy about taking Mark with them.

Read Acts 15: 36-38 and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS why this was.

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Write the name of the man who wanted Mark to go with them.

Though Mark had failed in the early stages of his service for God, as he grew older he learned from his mistakes. In fact, at the end of Paul's life, he sent for Mark, because he knew Mark could help him. (See 2 Timothy 4: 11.)

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Mark describes Jesus as the Perfect Servant.

It is wonderful to see that God could use a man, who had sometimes failed in His service, to write about God's Perfect Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the 16 chapters of his Gospel, Mark concentrates on what the Lord Jesus **did**, more than on what He **said**. In fact, he records 18 miracles.

Because this is the story of a Servant, Mark leaves out details about the birth and early years of the Lord Jesus and moves right into His busy, public life.

A servant is one who is busy with his hands.

Look up the following verses and write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** what Jesus did with His hands.

Mark 1: 30 & 31

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Mark 1: 41

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Mark 5: 41

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Also, a servant sees things that need to be done.

Look up these verses and write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** what Jesus saw and then did.

Mark 6: 34

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Mark 6: 48

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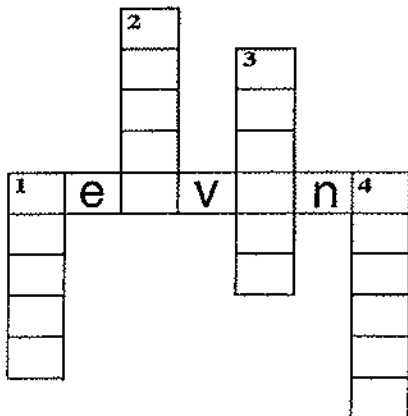
Write out the Key Verse and **UNDERLINE** the greatest work the Lord Jesus has done for us.

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His death on the cross was a great work because it now means that anyone who believes in Him can be forgiven. It was also humiliating, for He was treated worse than any slave! God was so pleased with the work He did, He raised His Servant from the dead.

Mark shows that the Lord Jesus uses others to serve Him.

To continue God's great work, the Lord Jesus chose some special servants.



Complete the **WORD GRID** by answering the following clues.

Read Mark 3: 13-16.

1. The servant whose other name was Peter.
2. What Jesus gave them to heal the sick.
3. Jesus sent them out to do this.
4. The number of 'special servants' chosen.

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God wants us to believe in His Son, and then to follow His example of service. He will give us the power needed to serve Him.

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