

Mark: Jesus Came to Serve

Mark doesn't begin his Gospel with Jesus's birth. Instead, he opened with prophecy and the ministry role of John the Baptist. Why is there no _____ in Mark? As a king, people want to know your family lineage. However, hardly anyone cares about the ancestry of a servant. The opening scenes of Jesus's life are about His _____, _____, and _____. Mark's Gospel is the _____ of the four. It's only sixteen chapters long and can be read in one setting. Mark's heart was to present Jesus as a _____. In Mk.10:45, Jesus said, "*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*"

What is God's plan for you and me?

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What do we know about Mark? He served with _____ on his first missionary journey; he was an _____ servant; and he was a _____ of Peter. Many people believe Mark is the man identified in Mk. 14:51-52. "*And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.*" Mark gave little attention to Jesus' lengthy _____. Instead, he focused on Jesus's _____ and _____, culminating in Jerusalem with His crucifixion and resurrection.

Mark had a front-row seat to see Jesus's work. He was able to see the birth of the church. The church is the _____ of the world; the church has a _____ assignment; and the church is _____. The Early Church gathered in his mother's house at one point. It was an unforgettable (and even bizarre!) prayer meeting. Acts 12:12 states, "*When he (Peter) realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.*"

Mark highlighted one aspect of Jesus's life that you and I need to pursue. Jesus understood the value of spending _____ with the heavenly Father. Mark 1:35 reads, "*And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.*" For you and me to follow in Jesus's footsteps, what's needed?

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As Mark revealed details about our Lord's life and ministry, he discussed Jesus's _____ and people's _____. Jesus possessed authority over darkness and disease (fever, leprosy, etc.). People found various ways to relate to Jesus (offended, perplexed, jealous, followed, etc.). As a servant, Jesus ultimately set His face and heart toward _____ and the _____. Jesus never lost sight of His primary mission. He came to die! Jesus came to redeem people from their sins; He came to set people free; and He came to carry out the Father's good, acceptable, and perfect will (Rom. 12:1-2).

Mark records many _____ and _____ that we need to understand and apply. The word "immediately" is used many times. Mark 1:29-31 reads, "*And **immediately** he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and **immediately** they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.*"

- _____ are great.
- Time is of the _____.
- _____ is at work.
- _____ is coming.
- Obedience is _____.

Another phrase in Mark is people falling down (bowing) at the Lord's feet. Mark 5:21-24 says, "*And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he **fell at his feet** and implored him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.' And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.*" In another story, a woman with an issue of blood found herself in Jesus' presence. She came up behind Jesus and touched His garment. Her bleeding stopped immediately. Jesus turned to the crowd and asked, "*Who touched my garments*" (Mk. 5:30)? Mark records, "*But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and **fell down before him** and told him the whole truth*" (Mk. 5:33).

What's the _____ importance of bowing down (falling) at the Lord's feet?

1. _____ ~ We declare that He is worthy.
2. _____ ~ We bow in awe of His greatness.
3. _____ ~ We give Him our all.
4. _____ ~ We long to hear His voice.
5. _____ ~ We need to be still.

Mark is timely in days of chaos and trouble. In a day when the world seems to be coming apart at the seams, let's never forget this truth: Jesus is our _____, _____, and _____! Rather than "looking around" to find our strength and guidance, it's time for God's people to "look up." "*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*" (Ps. 46:1).

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What is God's plan for you and me?

- **Repent**
- **Grow**
- **Connect**
- **Multiply**
- **Serve**

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Mark had a front-row seat to see Jesus's work. He was able to see the birth of the church. The church is the **hope** of the world; the church has a **global** assignment; and the church is **unstoppable**. The Early Church gathered in his mother's house at one point. It was an unforgettable (and even bizarre!) prayer meeting. Acts 12:12 states, "*When he (Peter) realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.*"

Mark highlighted one aspect of Jesus's life that you and I need to pursue. Jesus understood the value of spending **personal time** with the heavenly Father. Mark 1:35 reads, "*And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.*" For you and me to follow in Jesus's footsteps, what's needed?

- **Conviction**
- **Sacrifice**
- **Time**
- **Place**
- **Plan**

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- Time is of the **essence**.
- **God** is at work.
- **Night** is coming.
- Obedience is **urgent**.

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What's the **biblical** importance of bowing down (falling) at the Lord's feet?

1. **Worship** ~ We declare that He is worthy.
2. **Reverence** ~ We bow in awe of His greatness.
3. **Surrender** ~ We give Him our all.
4. **Teachable** ~ We long to hear His voice.
5. **Balance** ~ We need to be still.

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