

Theme G: Mark's Gospel

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| <p>Background to Mark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of 4 Gospels (good news) • Inspired by Holy Spirit therefore is the word of God • Has authority as based on eye witness accounts • Written in Rome between 60 - 70AD | <p>The titles of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titles to learn: Son of God, Christ (Messiah); Son of David; Son of Man <p>John the Baptist: prepares the way for Jesus – a voice. Teaching on repentance and baptism</p> |
| <p>Key words:</p> <p>Gospel; Holy Spirit; disciple; apostle; blasphemy; messianic secret; baptism; repentance; Satan; miracle; the twelve; synagogue; Sabbath (Shabbat); Holy Communion; passion prediction; transfiguration; rabbi; mystical experience; gentile; ransom; vocation; passion narrative; Passover; covenant; Kingdom of God; transubstantiation; Sanhedrin; martyr; crucifixion; resurrection.</p> | <p>Baptism & temptation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water symbolises new life; God's presence in the heavens opening; dove represents the Holy Spirit; voice is well pleased with Jesus. • Temptations: time of testing with the help of angels • 21st century: baptism - infant or adult; temptations remembered during Lent |
| <p>Paralysed man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who can forgive sins but God alone? • Healing by faith in Jesus; what is a miracle? • Who was Jesus in conflict with? What authority did he have? | <p>Jairus' daughter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter, James, John – the inner circle; Jesus' power and authority over death • Key words: the twelve; the synagogue. |
| <p>Rejection at Nazareth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was Jesus' claim about himself so outrageous? • Who are the prophets Jesus is referring to? • Modern persecution – Brother Andrew | <p>Feeding the 5000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disciples do not understand Jesus' power and authority • How is Jesus like the new Moses? Remember the time of the people in the desert • What is the symbolism of 5000 and 12? What is the symbolism for Holy Communion? |
| <p>Conversation at Caesarea Phillippi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First declaration that Jesus is the Messiah • Who did people say that Jesus was? • Who was Elijah? • How did Jesus react to Peter? | <p>Transfiguration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why were Moses and Elijah there? • Where have you heard this vice before? How did the disciples react? • The transfiguration was a mystical experience. • The importance of this to show Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament |

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| Jesus' Passion predictions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus knew he would suffer and told disciples 3 times• Jesus seemed to know that the Romans would kill him• Disciples' fear and amazement at Jesus' teaching• Christians learn about suffering and commitment from Jesus' example | Request of James & John <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What did they ask Jesus? Why did they do that?• The cup here means what you are given in life – your destiny• Baptism reminds us that Jesus identifies with sinners• Discipleship means being prepared to suffer• Christians understand that we should serve others not lord over |
| Bartimaeus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A blind man could see who Jesus really was!• Bartimaeus was prepared to leave his coat and whatever he had to follow Jesus• Jesus comes to outsiders/outcast. He challenges the idea that sin causes disablement. | Entry in Jerusalem <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus fulfils Old Testament prophecy – see Zechariah• The Mount of Olives links back to the great king David• The colt Jesus arrived on was prophesied in the OT• Hosanna = “save us I pray!” Jesus – hopefully the Messiah• Christians celebrate today with Palm Sunday |
| The Last Supper <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus broke bread, poured out wine.• Jesus said “this is my body...this is my blood”• The Passover lamb was usually sacrificed at this festival• Christians celebrate Holy Communion today• Roman Catholic Christians believe in transubstantiation | Gethsemane <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus prayed asking the Father if there was another way• The disciples let Jesus down by falling asleep• Arrested by Temple police, Jesus tells the disciples not to fight• Who was the mysterious young man who lost his cloak? |
| Trial before the Jewish authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sanhedrin were the Jewish council who met illegally to prosecute Jesus, breaking their own rules on fair trials• Jesus confesses he is the Son of God, condemning himself.• Jesus was found guilty of blasphemy but couldn't be killed | Trial before Pilate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilate was the Governor (procurator) renowned for his cruelty• The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead so falsely accused him• Consider this – who was to blame for Jesus' death? Pilate or the Sanhedrin? |
| Crucifixion and burial <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was part of God's plan to save humanity• Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies• Jesus' self-sacrifice shows his love for everyone• Through the resurrection Jesus has power over sin and death• Jesus is with all Christians when they suffer | Empty tomb <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What happened to the body? Visit wrong tomb? Stolen?• Many witnesses of his resurrection; the disciples defended the story up to their deaths;• Resurrection meaning today provides hope of new life, forgiven sins, hope of life after death, the hope that Jesus will return |