

**NT101: A Survey of the New Testament**  
**Week of January 24th**  
**Mark: The Humility of Jesus**

**Hear THE Word:**

Who is John Mark?

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But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord. Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (Acts 15:35-41)

When did John Mark write his Gospel?

Most scholars believe Mark's Gospel was the f\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel written in the 50's.

What are the main themes of Mark's Gospel?

The Messianic S\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:27-30)

Jesus Christ the S\_\_\_\_\_

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

What are some Key Terms in Mark's Gospel?

**Son of Man**

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

**Ransom**

What is a ransom?

How did Jesus pay our ransom? What does that mean to you personally?

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#### **Read THE Word:**

- Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>: Mark 1-3
- Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Mark 4-6
- Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>: Mark 7-8
- Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Mark 9-10
- Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: Mark 11-13
- Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>: Mark 14-15
- Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Mark 16

#### **Study THE Word:**

**Open:** Talk about a time when someone served you well. What did it feel like? What was your response? Why is it difficult for some people to allow themselves to be served by others?

**Read:** Have someone in your group who feels comfortable read Mark 10:35-45 out loud for the group.

#### **Study:**

1. What do you think James and John were thinking when they approached Jesus and asked Him to do "whatever we ask" for them? (Mark 10:35)
2. Why are some "positions of power" still so important to people even in our culture?
3. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 40 when He said, "but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared"?
4. Have you ever had someone pull an "end around" on you and get appointed a "position of power" you thought you should have received? How did that make you feel? What was your response? What did you learn about yourself?
5. Why do you think it can be so difficult to put others' needs ahead of our own at times? What's so challenging about it? If it's really the best way to live, why don't more people actually live that way?

#### **Memorize THE Word:**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

#### **Meditate on THE Word:**

How could you practice giving your life away to others this week? What specific acts of service could you do to show the people who know you best how much you love and care for them?