

GOOD NEWS, JESUS CAN!

(A Study of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark)

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GOOD NEWS! JESUS CAN...

What is some bad news you have heard?

There is lots of bad news, but I want to share with you some good news. The good news about Jesus.

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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- **Gospel means Good News.**

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?

Mark 4:35-41

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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What time of day was it? (v.35)

What happened? (v.37)

What were the waves doing? (v.37)

What was happening to the boat? (v.37)

What would you be doing if you were in the boat?

What was Jesus doing? (v.38)

What do they say to him? (v.38)

What does Jesus do? (v.39)

What do the followers ask? (v.41)

***What can man do with a storm?**

***What can Jesus do with a storm?**

***Who is this...that even winds and waves obey Him?**

If Jesus can do what no man can do, He must be more than a man. He must be the Son of God.

- **Good News, if Jesus can calm their fears, He can calm mine. When I am afraid...when no one else can help...JESUS CAN!**

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Mark 5:1-20

1 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!" 8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!" 9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. 11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." 13 He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. 14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. 18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Where did they land? (v.2)

When they got out of the boat who came to them? (v.2)

What was wrong with him? (v.2)

Where did this man live? (v.3)

What did people do to him? (v.4)

Was anyone strong enough to control him? (v.4)

Was this man happy, why? (v.5)

How did this guy come to him? (v.6)

What would you do if you were with Jesus then?

After Jesus was done, what was the man doing? (v.15)

***What could man do with this man?**

***What did Jesus do with this man?**

***Who is this...that even demons obey Him?**

If Jesus can do what no man can do, He must be more than a man. He must be the Son of God.

- **Good News, if Jesus can rescue him from misery, He can rescue me. When I am miserable...when no one else can help, JESUS CAN!**

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Mark 5:24-34

24 So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

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What is the crowd doing to Jesus? (v.24)

How many years was the woman bleeding? (v.25)

Did she try to get help? (v.26)

Who did she go see about her problem? (v.26)

Was she getting better? (v.26)

How would you feel about having a disease no one could cure?

What did she do when she found out Jesus was coming? (v.27)

Why did she want to touch Jesus? (v.28)

What happened after she touched Jesus? (v.29)

***What could man do with her illness?**

***What did Jesus do with her illness?**

***Who is this...that even diseases obey Him?**

If Jesus can do what no man can do, He must be more than a man. He must be the Son of God.

• **Good News, if Jesus can cure her in her desperation, He can cure me. When I am desperate...when no one else can help, JESUS CAN!**

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Mark 5:21-24; 35-43

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet 23 and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24 So Jesus went with him...

(There is a break in the story for the bleeding woman; Mark 5:24-34)

35 While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler.

"Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?"

36 Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." 40 But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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When Jesus came across the lake again, fell at Jesus' feet? (v.22)

What did Jarius ask Jesus? (v.23)

How did Jarius ask? (v.23)

If you are a parent, what would you be willing to do to save your child's life?

What does Jesus do? (v.24)

After the man sees Jesus heal the woman, what news does he get? (v.35)

What does Jesus do when He hears the news to the girl? (v.36)

When Jesus gets to the house what does he see? (v.38)

What does he tell the people? (v.39)

Why do the people laugh at Jesus?

What does he say to the girl? (v.41)

What does the girl do? (v. 42)

***What can man do with the dead girl?**

***What can Jesus do with the dead girl?**

***Who is this...that even the dead obey Him?**

If Jesus can do what no man can do, He must be more than a man. He must be the Son of God.

• **Good News, if Jesus can raise a girl from the dead, He can raise me. When I am dead in my sins...when no one else can help, JESUS CAN!**

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Mark 16:1-6

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

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What day of the week is it? (v.2)

What time of day is it? (v.2)

What were the women worried about? (v.3)

When they got to the tomb and looked up, what did they see? (v.4)

Who did they see in the tomb? (v.5)

What the young man say Jesus did? (v.6)

What did the young man tell them to do? (v.7)

***What could man do with Jesus in the grave?**

***What did Jesus do with death?**

***Who is this...that even the grave obeys Him?**

If Jesus can do what no man can do, He must be more than a man. He must be the Son of God.

- **Good News, if Jesus can overcome death, he can help me overcome it. When I face death...when no one else can help, JESUS CAN!**

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Mark 9:2-7

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Where did Jesus lead Peter, James and John? (v.2)

What happened to Jesus right before or in front of them? (v.2)

What happened to Jesus' clothes? (v.3)

Who else was with Jesus? (v.4)

What did Peter want to do? (v.5)

When a cloud or fog enveloped them, whose voice did they hear? (v.7)

What did God say? (v.7)

If you believe Jesus is the Son of God, what is the one thing that God wants you to do? (v.7)

***Are you willing to listen to Jesus?**

***Are you willing to listen to Jesus over your friends...family...church...preacher?**

Luke 6:46-49

46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

What will happen if I don't listen to Jesus? (v.49)

What will happen if I listen to Jesus? (v.48)

John 12:44-50

44 Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. 47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say." The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Whose words can condemn us? (v.48)

What will happen if I don't listen to Jesus? (v.48, 50)

Acts 3:22-23

20 and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. 21 He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. 22 For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. 23 Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.’ The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Who is “the prophet” talking about? (v.20)

What will happen if I don’t listen to Jesus? (v.23)

Romans 10:17

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Why should we listen to Jesus?

How did “faith” help the disciples when they were afraid...the demoniac man when he was miserable...the bleeding woman when she was desperate...the father of the little girl when he was broken hearted?

I Corinthians 14:37

37 If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Where do I find the words of Jesus?

When I read I Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, etc., whose words...whose commands am I reading?

- **Good News, Jesus is the Son of God and He has the ability to help us. When no one else can help us...JESUS CAN, but if we want Jesus to help us, we must LISTEN to HIM.**

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Mark 1:29-45

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. 31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

What things did Jesus do to show Simon's mother-in-law He cares? (v.30)

32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door, 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

What time of day is it? (v.32)

When it was bedtime, what did Jesus do to show He cares? (v.34)

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." 39 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

What things did Jesus do to show He cares? (v.39)

40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." 41 Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. 43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: 44 "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." 45 Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

What was Jesus filled with? (v.41)

What things did Jesus do to show He cares? (v.41, 42)

- **Jesus cares more about others than He cares for Himself.**

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Mark 6:1-6

1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! 3 Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And he was amazed at their lack of faith. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

How did the people feel about Jesus? (v.3)

Have you ever been misunderstood by your family?

How does that feel?

Have you ever been misunderstood by people living in your town or city?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 6:30-34

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

What did the apostles not get a chance to do? (v.31)

What did Jesus do for them? (v.31)

Have you ever been too busy to rest or eat?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Even though Jesus wanted to be alone with the apostles how did he feel about the crowd? (v.34)

What did Jesus do for the crowd? (v.34)

- **Good News, Jesus always has time for you because He understands and He cares!**

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Mark 14:32-42

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. 40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

How does Jesus feel? (v.34)

Have you ever been so sad you wanted to die?

How does that feel?

- Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!

Mark 14:43-46

43 Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

44 Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." 45 Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. 46 The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

What did Jesus' friend do? (v.44-45)

Have you ever been hurt by a friend?

How does that feel?

- Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!

Mark 14:50

50 Then everyone deserted him and fled.

What did everyone (His friends) do to Jesus? (v.50)

Have you ever been deserted by all of your friends?

How does that feel?

- Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!

Mark 14:55-56

55 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. 56 Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

What did they do to Jesus? (v.56)

Have you ever had someone lie about you?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 14:65

65 Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

What did they do to Jesus? (v.65)

Have you ever had someone abuse you?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 14:66-72

66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by.

67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

"You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said.

68 But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. 69 When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." 70 Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean."

71 He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about."

72 Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

What did Peter do to Jesus? (v. 68, 70, 71)

Have you ever had a friend act like he/she didn't know you?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 15:16-20

16 The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. 17 They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. 18 And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" 19 Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

What did they do to Jesus? (v.20)

Have you ever had someone make fun of you?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 15:31-32

31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! 32 Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

What did they do to Jesus? (v.32)

Have you ever been insulted?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 15:34

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

To feel forsaken means to feel forgotten.

Have you ever felt like God forgot about you?

How does that feel?

- **Good News, Jesus understands and He cares!**

Mark 15:37

37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Why did Jesus die?

- **Good News! Jesus understands how WE feel; and because He understands, He cares!**

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Jesus is my Savior. I was dead in sin, because of sin, but Jesus die so that I could live.
Good News, though I cannot save myself, Jesus can.

Mark 10:45

45 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.” The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

What is a ransom?

Hint: When someone is kidnapped, their family must pay a ransom to get them back. We were kidnapped from God by the devil.

What did Jesus pay to get us back for God? (v.45)

Luke 12:42-48

42 The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? 43 It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. 44 I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 45 But suppose the servant says to himself, ‘My master is taking a long time in coming,’ and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. 46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 “That servant who knows his master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Those not doing God’s will and not being ready will be _____ with many blows. (v.47)

John 8:34

34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

If we sin we are a _____ to sin. (v.34)

Acts 17:30-31

30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.” The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

God commands all people to _____. (v.30)

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

The wage (what we deserve) of sin is _____.

But the gift of God is eternal life in _____.

What can Jesus do for us?

Acts 4:12

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Salvation is found in _____.

Is salvation found in your friends, in your family, in your preacher, in your church, or in Jesus?

John 8:36

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

If the _____ sets you free, you will be _____ indeed.

Luke 23:34

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Jesus talked to His Father and said, "Father _____ them.

Mark 10:45

45 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. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

What can Jesus do for us?

Who can save us?

What did He do to save us?

Why did He save us?

How did He save us?

When does He save us?

Write down when you believe you were saved.

How old were you?

What were you doing?

Were you ever sprinkled, why?

Were you ever baptized, why?

Was your baptism a water baptism?

Were you baptized to be saved?

Now that you have written down you experience, lets find out when Jesus says we are saved.

GOOD NEWS! JESUS CAN...

Mark 16:16

16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Does Jesus say you have to believe?

What will happen if you do not believe?

Jesus says whoever _____ and is _____ will be saved.

If we believe and be baptized, what will Jesus do?

Acts 2:36-38

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Do you really have to repent (change your heart and mind)?

Jesus say we must _____ and be _____ in His name for forgiveness of sins. (v.38)

If we repent and be baptized, what will Jesus do?

Romans 6:2-6

2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

To have a new life Jesus says we are _____ with him through _____. (v.4)

If we will be buried with Jesus in baptism, what will Jesus do?

Galatians 3:26-27

26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

You are sons of God through _____ in Jesus for all of you were _____ into Jesus.

If we have faith in Jesus and are baptized into Jesus what will we be called?

Acts 22:3-16

3 *"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.*

Describe Saul. What kind of a man was he?

Since he was zealous for God, do you think he is saved here?

4 *I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison,*

What is Saul doing to the follower of this Way (followers of Jesus, or Christians)?

Can he really be saved and do what he is doing?

5 *as also the high priest and all the Council can testify. I even obtained letters from them to their brothers in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.*

6 *"About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?'*

8 *"Who are you, Lord?' I asked.*

"I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 9 My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.

10 *"What shall I do, Lord?' I asked.*

What flashed around Saul? (v.6)

What did the voice say? (v.7)

What did Saul ask? (v.8)

After Jesus told Saul who He was, what did Saul ask? (v.10)

Was Saul saved here?

"Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.'

How did Jesus answer Saul's question? (end of v.10)

Jesus told him to go to _____ there Saul would be told all he had been _____ to do.

Since Jesus told Saul that at Damascus he would be told what to do, can he really be saved here?

11 *My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me.*

12 *"A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. 13 He stood beside me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very moment I was able to see him.*

14 *"Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'* The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

In Damascus, Saul told to get up be _____ and wash your sins away calling on his name.(v.16)

When were Saul's sins washed away? (v.16)

*After Saul became a Christian he was known as Paul (the apostle).

When does Jesus save a person?

Is your salvation experience like what Jesus commands?

Why does Jesus want a person to be baptized?

If you were baptized, were you baptized with the baptism Jesus commands?

Can your sins be forgiven if you do not follow Jesus commands?

Were your sins forgiven?

Do you want to be saved?

When?

MARK IT!

(How to mark your Bible with "Good News! Jesus Can...")

I. FISRT PAGE:

On the first page of the Gospel of *Mark* write these three outline points.

- A. JESUS CAN...HELP (1:1)
- B. JESUS CAN...CARE (1:29-45)
- C. JESUS CAN...SAVE (10:45)

II. OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Mark (chain reference) these scriptures in your Bible.

A. "JESUS CAN...HELP!" (1:1)

1. At the end of Mark 1:1 write: (Mark 4:35-5:43)
2. At the end of Mark 5:43 write: (Mark 16:1-6)
3. At the end of Mark 16:6 write: (Mark 9:1-7)
4. At the end of Mark 9:7 write: (Luke 6:46-49)
5. At the end of Luke 6:49 write: (John 12:47-50)
6. At the end of John 12:50 write: (Acts 3:23)
7. At the end of Acts 3:23 write: (Romans 10:17)
8. At the end of Romans 10:17 write: (I Corinthians 14:37)
9. At the end of I Corinthians 14:37 write: "X"

"X" means you are at the end of Lesson One: "JESUS CAN...HELP!"

Return to the first page of the Gospel of *Mark* and begin Lesson Two: "JESUS CAN...CARE!"

B. "JESUS CAN...CARE!" (1:29-45)

1. At the end of Mark 1:45 write: (Mark 6:1-6)
2. At the end of Mark 6:6 write: (Mark 6:30-34)
3. At the end of Mark 6:34 write: (Mark 14:32-42)
4. At the end of Mark 14:42 write: (Mark 14:43-46)
5. At the end of Mark 14:46 write: (Mark 14:50)
6. At the end of Mark 14:50 write: (Mark 14:55-56)
7. At the end of Mark 14:56 write: (Mark 14:65)
8. At the end of Mark 14:65 write: (Mark 14:66-72)
9. At the end of Mark 14:72 write: (Mark 15:16-20)
10. At the end of Mark 15:20 write: (Mark 15:31-32)
11. At the end of Mark 15:32 write: (Mark 15:33-34)
12. At the end of Mark 15:34 write: (Mark 15:37)
13. At the end of Mark 15:37 write: "X"