

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Dec.....Mark 1.....How Can Jesus Help Me?
- 2) 13 Dec.....Mark 2:1-3:6..... What does Jesus' call mean for me?
- 3) 20 Dec..... Luke 2..... Why did Jesus come?
- 4) 27 Dec..... Mark 3:7-6:6a.....Is God still working in the world?
- 5) 3 Jan..... Mark 6:6b-56..... How to be courageous
- 6) 10 Jan.....Mark 7:1-8:33.....How to develop your faith
- 7) 17 Jan.....Mark 3:1-6; 5:21-43; 10:13-16..... How to be Pro-Life
- 8) 24 Jan.....Mark 8:34-10:31.....How to get along with others
- 9) 31 Jan..... Mark 10:32-52..... How to be successful
- 10) 7 Feb..... Mark 11-12..... When your priorities are challenged
- 11) 14 Feb.....Mark 13.....When you feel overwhelmed
- 12) 21 Feb.....Mark 14..... When you have difficult decisions
- 13) 28 Feb.....Mark 15-16..... **When life is unfair**

INTRODUCTION

- **Chapter 15 - The Crucifixion.** Bad things happen to good people – Jesus is going to be illegally tried, mocked, scourged and crucified by the ones who needed him the most
- **Chapter 16 - The Resurrection.** No fan fare. Just the facts, and a lot of questions on the validity of the last 12 verses

Passage	Comments
Mark 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A major cornerstone of our faith is Jesus' crucifixion – and it is only covered in 1 chapter
15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilate tries to appease the people • Political expediency just delays the inevitable
15:16-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flogging was so vicious it often caused death • Normally a condemned man was stripped naked and flogged on the way to his crucifixion • Jesus was flogged before the trip, so some humiliation was spared as his clothes were given back to him
15:21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus (this passage prompted the song 'Watch the Lamb')
Mark 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crux of our faith – the Resurrection – is only addressed in 1 chapter in Mat, Mrk & Lk • The Gospel of John covers it in 2 chapters
16:1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene and friends visits the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for formal burial, but they flee the scene (This could be Mary's 2nd trip to the tomb) • According to John, Mary M. apparently was at the tomb while it was still dark and ran into the risen Lord
16:6-20	Most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not include this passage. It is thought the last page of the original autograph was lost, but the correct text was edited back in
<p>Received Text Tradition. Since the majority of biblical manuscripts contain this passage then the original manuscript in all probability contained it.</p> <p>Critical Text Tradition. Truth is not determined by a majority vote, but by the most qualified witnesses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These verses are lacking in many of the oldest and most reliable Greek manuscripts 2. Many of the ancient church fathers reveal no knowledge of these verses 3. There is another shorter ending to Mark that is found in some manuscripts 4. The linguistic style and vocabulary are different from the rest of Mark 	

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<p>Conclusion of the Matter. This passage neither adds new truth nor contradicts any truth found in the Bible. Therefore it is a good exercise in linguistics and hermeneutics.</p>	
16:11-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on them not believing Mary's report of the risen Lord, the disciples still don't get it
16:15-18	<p>Potential Doctrinal Controversies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v16 – Must be baptized to be saved? • v17,18 – Sign gifts still extant? • We must realize these are summarized statements and not doctrinal entreaties. We need more info from other scriptures to properly discern where these passages are coming from • Can we or can we not cast out demons, drink poison, speak in tongues, handle poisonous snakes and heal the sick just as they did in the Gospels and in Acts?
16:19,20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The word was being "confirmed" – Present Tense. How? Through these signs and wonders • Heb 2:3,4 depicts in aorist & parenthetical present tenses (respectively) that the Word of God had been confirmed by those who had gone before with divers signs & miracles. So even before the writer of Hebrews pens his book, it looks like the Holy Spirit had chosen to allow the "signs" to be replaced with the confirmed Word of God. • Acts 28:3-6 Paul is bitten by a viper on Malta with no affect. This seems to be an answer to Mark 16:18.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Mark, Acts, Romans, & 1 Corinthians were written in the 50's to early 60's so the "signs" could have been still going on during the writing of those books. Later books of the New Testament were written in the 60's to 90's. The later books no longer mention the miracles that were depicted in Acts and 1 Corinthians.
 - ♦ Paul leaves Trophimus sick in Miletum (2 Tim 4:20).
 - ♦ Paul couldn't heal Epaphroditus in Phil 2:25-27, but had to rely on God's mercy to restore his life. Where are the ones with the gift of faith, healings and miracles?
 - ♦ Paul couldn't even get his own thorn in the flesh healed (1 Cor 12:7-9)
 - ♦ Paul doesn't tell Timothy to seek out someone with the gift of healing, or the gift of miracles, but tells him to take a little medicine (drink a little wine) for his stomach problem (1 Tim 5:23)

NEXT WEEK:

- Exodus

