

Jesus Son of God

I. Preparing the way

Words for Study:

prophet: a person who receives messages (words) from God and tells these messages to other people.

Isaiah: a prophet of God

messenger: someone who brings a message

prepare: to get ready

straight paths: direct, no curves

baptized: to put water on someone to show that sin is washed away.

preached: taught about God

sins: anything that does not please God

admitted: agreed/said

The Gospel of Mark

Mark tells us about the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. God sent a man named John. He prepared the way for Jesus. Before John was born, the prophet Isaiah told the people about John. God was sending John (his messenger) to prepare the way.

Read Mark 1:1-3 (page 1065)

John preached about God's love. He told them, "Turn away from your sins." Be baptized. They needed to be baptized as an outward sign of the change in the hearts of the people. John told the people that when they turned from their sins, God would forgive them.

Read Mark 1:4-5 (page 1065)

John didn't care about being comfortable. He was God's messenger. His life belonged to God. He wore unusual clothing and ate unusual things – fashion and food were not important to him.

Read Mark 1:6 (page 1065)

John told the people that someone else was coming who was greater than John. He was telling them about Jesus, the Son of God who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Read Mark 1:7-8 (page 1065)

About God's Word

1. Mark begins his book by talking about Good News. What is the Good News he wants to share with his readers?
2. Who was the prophet who said a messenger would come? What messenger was he talking about?
3. What was John doing in the desert?
4. What did the people have to do before they could be baptized?
5. What did John preach to the people?

II. The Chosen One

Words for Study:

Nazareth: town where Jesus grew up.

Galilee: a larger region, like a County.

Heaven: God's home

Satan: the devil, God's enemy

tempted: someone tried to get another person to do something wrong

harm: to hurt

angel: a Spirit who is God's helper

Jesus Christ began his ministry at the age of 33. He traveled from His home in Nazareth to meet John at the Jordan River. John baptized Jesus in the river. As Jesus came out of the water, the sky became very bright and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove. God announced that Jesus was His Son and that he was proud of Him.

Read Mark 1: 9-11 (page 1065)

Directed by the Holy Spirit, Jesus went into the desert. He stayed there for 40 days. He didn't eat during this time. While He was in the desert, Satan tempted Him but Jesus did not sin. After the 40 days, angels came to take care of Him.

Read Mark 1: 12-13 (page 1065)

Satan tried to tempt Jesus by reminding Him of His position as the Son of God. Jesus was also very hungry. Satan said that if Jesus was the Son of God, He could turn a stone into bread. Satan also used his own position to tempt Jesus. Satan said that if Jesus would worship him, Satan would give him the world. Satan even tried to use scripture to tempt Jesus. Each time Satan tried to tempt Jesus, Jesus answered using scripture.

Read Luke 4: 3-13 (page 1092)

About God's Word

1. Why did Jesus travel from Nazareth to see John?

2. What did God say about Jesus?

3. Where did Jesus go after He was baptized? How long did he stay there?

4. What happened to Jesus there? Who did he meet?

5. How did Satan try to tempt Jesus and how did Jesus respond?

III. Jesus chooses His disciples

Words for study:

preaching: teaching about God

turn away: stop

gospel/ good news: Jesus came to save us

followers: people who believe in Jesus and follow Him

preparing: getting ready

hired: worked

Jesus went to Galilee and began preaching the gospel of God. He told the people they needed to turn away from their sins.

Read Mark 1: 14-15 (page 1065)

Jesus met two brothers, Simon and Andrew, who were fishing on the Sea of Galilee. They were using nets to catch fish. Jesus asked the brothers to become His followers. Jesus told them that they would be fishers of men. Simon and Andrew did not question Jesus but dropped their nets and went with Jesus.

Read Mark 1: 16-18 (page 1065)

Jesus also saw some other men fishing from their boat. While the fishermen were getting their nets ready, Jesus called out to them. James and his brother John left their boat and went to follow Jesus.

Read Mark 1: 19-20

About God's Word

1. Jesus went to Galilee. What did He do?
2. What were Simon, Andrew, James, and John doing?
3. What did Jesus say to the fishermen and how did they respond?
4. What does "fishers of men" mean?

IV. Jesus, the Healer

Words for study:

mother-in-law: your husband's (or wife's) mother

disciples: followers of Jesus

fever: body temperature is above normal

healed: to make well (not sick)

demons: evil spirits

drove out: sent away

nearby: close

lowered: to move from a high place to a low place

faith: believe in God

forgive: to accept someone after they have done something wrong

Jesus and his disciples went to see Simon's mother-in-law. She was lying in bed. She had a fever. Jesus took her hand. He helped her out of bed. Her fever was gone. She took care of Jesus and his disciples.

Read Mark 1: 29-31 (page 1066)

People brought sick friends and family to see Jesus. The people also brought others who were sick inside. Jesus healed many of the people. He also drove out many demons.

Read Mark 1: 32-34 (page 1066)

Very early the next morning, Jesus left the house. He wanted to be alone so that He could pray. His disciple came to find Him. They told Jesus that many people were looking for Him. Jesus knew that He needed to preach the Gospel. Jesus told His disciples that they should go to the nearby towns. He wanted to preach to people in these towns.

Read Mark 1: 35-39 (page 1066)

Jesus and His disciples went to Capernaum. Many people came to see Jesus. There were many people in the house. There was no more space left in the house. Four men came to see Jesus. They carried another friend who couldn't walk. The four men couldn't get in the house with their friend.

5. How did Jesus react to the four men and their friend?

6. Why didn't the religious leaders like what Jesus did?

7. What did Jesus do in response to the religious leaders?

V. Jesus came for sinners

Words for study:

crowd: group of people

gathered: came together

approve: agree with or have a high regard for

Pharisees: Jewish teachers of the law

searching: looking for

Jesus and His disciples went back to the Sea of Galilee. Again, a crowd gathered to listen to Jesus. He began to teach them about God.

Read Mark 2: 13

Jesus walked around the Sea of Galilee. He saw a man named Levi. Levi was a tax collector. His job was to get money from all the citizens. He gave it to the Roman government. Jesus told Levi to follow Him. Levi got up from his seat and followed Jesus.

Read Mark 2: 14

That night Jesus and his disciples had dinner at Levi's home. Levi had invited many other tax collectors and poor people. The Jewish leaders did not approve of these people. These were people who did not fit into the society. Some Pharisees were also there. The Pharisees did not see themselves as sinners. But the Pharisees were sinners just like the tax collectors and others. The Pharisees did not think they needed Jesus to save them from sin. They saw Jesus eating with the tax collectors. They asked Jesus' disciples why Jesus was eating with them.

Read Mark 2: 15-16

Jesus knew what the Pharisees were saying. He said that healthy people did not need a doctor. Sick people need a doctor. Jesus came to save people who are sick. He came to save people who were searching for God.

Read Mark 2: 17

About God's Word

1. Who did Jesus see at the Sea of Galilee? What did Jesus say to him?
2. What did Levi do for Jesus after they left the Sea of Galilee?
3. What kinds of people followed Jesus?
4. Why were the Pharisees (teachers of the law) upset?
5. What did Jesus tell them?

VI. Jesus is questioned about His disciples.

Words for study:

fasting: to go without eating – to focus your attention on God

illustrations: examples

guests: people who are invited to a special event (like a wedding)

groom: the man who is getting married

cloth: material

relationship: an interaction

patch: a piece

wineskin: a bag made of animal skin (goat) which holds wine.

Sabbath: a “day of rest” – Saturday for Jews

field: ground where plants are growing

fleeing: running away

altar: a table used for sacrifices to God

twisted: not straight, turned

questioned: asked

stretch: reach out

Some people wanted to know why Jesus’ disciples didn’t fast. Both John’s disciples and the Pharisees’ fasted. Jesus answered by using illustrations or word pictures. He said that the guests at a wedding would not fast when the groom was still there. In this example, the groom was Jesus and the guests were his disciples.

Read Mark 2: 18-20

Jesus also used some illustrations about new cloth and new wine. He was telling everyone that He came to bring change. God wanted a new relationship with His people.

Read Mark 2: 21-22

One Sabbath day, Jesus and His disciples were walking through a field. The disciples began to eat some of the grains in the field. The Pharisees complained that this was against the Jewish law. There were things that Jews were not allowed to do on the Sabbath. Jesus reminded the Pharisees about King David. When David was fleeing from King Saul, he and his men needed to eat. The priest gave them the special bread used at the altar. Jesus

told them that the Sabbath was made for man. Man was not made for the Sabbath.

Read Mark 2: 23-28

On another Sabbath day, Jesus went to a synagogue. He met a man who had a twisted hand. The Pharisees wanted to see if Jesus would heal on the Sabbath. Jesus questioned the Pharisees about what was correct to do on the Sabbath. Should we do good things or do evil things on the Sabbath? Jesus was angry with the Pharisees. Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand and Jesus healed him.

Read Mark 3: 1-6

About God's Word

1. Why didn't Jesus' disciples fast?
2. Why did Jesus talk about new cloth and new wine?
3. What did Jesus' disciples do on the Sabbath that was wrong?
4. How did Jesus explain what the disciples did on the Sabbath?

5. What does “the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath” mean?

6. Why did Jesus heal the man’s twisted hand on the Sabbath?

VII. The story of the farmer

Words for study:

farmer: a person who grows plants for food

pathway: a place where people walk

landed: to come down on or to fall on

represent: is an example of

thorns: sharp points on plants

Jesus began to teach by the Sea of Galilee. So many people came to listen to Jesus that Jesus had to teach from a boat. Jesus used stories to teach the people many things.

Read Mark 4: 1-2

Jesus used a story about a farmer. Many of the people who listened to Jesus were farmers. They knew how plants grew and how to care for plants. Jesus told about a farmer who planted seeds. Some of the seeds fell on the pathway and birds ate it. Some seeds landed on rocks. When the plants grew, the sun burned them up. Some seeds fell on thorns and the plants from these seeds did not grow very well. Finally, some seeds did fall on good soil. These seeds grew very well and produced a lot of grain.

Read Mark 4: 3-8

The disciples did not understand the story so Jesus explained it to them. Jesus said that the seed was God's message – the Gospel. Sometimes when people hear God's message, Satan takes the message away. This was the example of the seed that fell on the pathway. The seed that falls on the rocks is like people who listen to God's message and think that it is good. But they will not trust God when their lives become difficult. The seed in the thorns represent people who hear God's message and trust God but they are more concerned about their own lives. Finally, the seeds that fall on good soil are people who hear God's message, trust in God, and share God's message with others.

Read Mark 4: 14-20

About God's Word

1. Why did Jesus teach using stories?
2. When the farmer planted the seeds, where did the seeds fall?
3. Did all the seeds grow into plants? If they didn't, what happened to the seeds?
4. Jesus said that the seeds represented God's message. Explain each of the following:
seeds in the pathway are eaten by birds:

seeds on the rocks get burned by the sun:

seeds in thorns do not grow well:

seeds in good soil produce a lot of grain:

VIII. Jesus teaches lessons with stories

Words for study:

lamp: a light

scattered: placed randomly

worry: to be concerned

mature: ripe, fully grown

represents: shows

After Jesus told the crowd about the farmer, He told them a story about a lamp. If you have a lamp, you don't hide it. You put it on a stand so you can see the light. Jesus was talking about the Kingdom of God and the Gospel. People needed to hear about the Good News.

Read Mark 4: 21-25 (1069)

Jesus then told a story about another farmer. This farmer scattered seed and it began to grow into healthy plants. The farmer didn't worry about it. The plants just grew more and more. When the plants are mature, the farmer then gathers the grain. This story represents the Kingdom of God. As the Gospel is preached, believers grow in number.

Read Mark 4: 26-29

Jesus also said that the Kingdom of God was like a mustard seed. A mustard seed is very small. It's the smallest seed that is planted. But when that mustard plant grows, it becomes very big. Just like the mustard seed, the Kingdom of God would grow.

Read Mark 4: 30-34

Questions

1. What did Jesus say about a lamp? How is this like the Kingdom of God?

IX. Jesus performs miracles

Words for study:

rowed: move a boat using oars or paddles

opposite: exactly across

storm: bad weather with rain and wind

started up: began

crashed: hit

sank: went below the water surface

woke: past tense of wake

frightened: afraid

wind: blowing air

disease: sickness

touch: to connect with something

instantly: right away

bother: to disturb

When it became dark, Jesus and his disciples got in a boat. They rowed to the opposite side of the lake. A big storm started up as they rowed across the lake. The waves crashed against the boat. The boat almost sank. During the storm, Jesus was asleep. His disciples woke Jesus up. They were frightened. They didn't think Jesus should be sleeping. He should be helping them.

Read Mark 4: 35-38

Jesus got up and told the wind to stop. At once, the wind stopped and the water became calm. Jesus turned to his disciples. He questioned their faith. The disciples were afraid. They were amazed that even the wind obeyed him.

Read Mark 4: 39-41

A man named Jairus came to Jesus. Jairus was an important leader in a synagogue. He fell down before Jesus. He asked Jesus to come to his home. His daughter was dying. Jairus wanted Jesus to heal her. Many people followed after Jesus. One woman had a disease that made her bleed. She had this disease for 12 years. She was following Jesus. As she walked near Him, she reached out her hand to touch his clothing. She thought that if she

just touched his clothes, His power would heal her. The woman was healed instantly.

Read Mark 5: 21-29

Jesus knew that someone had touched Him. He knew that someone had been healed. His disciples didn't understand. There were many people touching Jesus. But Jesus still looked for the person who had touched Him. The woman told Jesus that she had touched Him. Jesus told her that her faith had healed her.

Read Mark 5: 30-34

While Jesus was talking to the woman, some people came to find Jairus. They told him that his daughter had died. The people told Jairus not to bother Jesus. Jesus told Jairus to believe. When Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, many people were crying. Jesus told the people that the little girl was only sleeping.

Read Mark 5: 35-39

Jesus took his disciples and the child's parents into the little girl's room. Jesus told the girl to get up. Immediately, the little girl stood up and walked around. Everyone was amazed.

Read Mark 5: 40-43

Questions

1. What happened when Jesus was in the boat with His disciples?
2. What did the disciples think about Jesus sleeping?
3. What did Jesus do about the storm?

4. What did Jesus say to the disciples after the storm stopped?

5. Why did Jairus come to Jesus?

6. What happened as Jesus followed Jairus?

7. What was the woman's problem?

8. Why did she touch Jesus' clothing?

9. What did Jesus say to the woman?

9. What happened to Jairus's daughter before Jesus reached the house?

10. What did Jesus do when he saw the little girl who was dead?

X. Jesus feeds the Five Thousand

Words for study:

happened: what occurred

quiet place: a calm place/ a place with no noise

rest: relax

recognized: to know someone or something

compassion: concern/ tenderness/ caring

shepherd: a person who cares for sheep

available: present

loaves: more than 1 loaf of bread

pieces: small parts

at least: the lowest number possible or minimum amount

satisfied: didn't need anything else

leftover: food remaining after a meal

Jesus had sent his disciples out to preach. They came back and told Jesus all that had happened. Jesus wanted to find a quiet place for His disciples to rest. Jesus and His disciples went in a boat to a quiet place. But people saw them leaving. They recognized Jesus. A crowd of people met Jesus and His disciples. Jesus had compassion for the crowd. They were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus preached to the crowd.

Read Mark 6: 30-34

It was late in the day. The disciples wanted Jesus to tell the people to go home. They needed to eat and there was no food available. Jesus told His disciples to give the people something to eat. The disciples said that they didn't have enough money. How could they feed all these people? Jesus asked the disciples how many loaves of bread were there in the crowd. The disciples found five loaves and 2 fish.

Read Mark 6: 35-38

Jesus told His disciples to get the people into groups of 100 or 50 people. Jesus took the loaves and fish. He thanked God for the gifts of food. Then, Jesus broke the food into pieces. His disciples passed out the food. There were at least 5 thousand people in the crowd. Everyone ate the food and they were satisfied. After eating, the disciples picked up 12 baskets full of leftover bread and fish.

Read Mark 6: 39-44

Questions

1. Why did Jesus and His disciples go out in a boat?
2. What did they find when they reached the “quiet place”?
3. How did Jesus feel about the crowd?
4. Why did the disciple want the crowd to go home?
5. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
6. How much food did the people have?
7. What did Jesus do with this food? How many people were fed?

XI. Jesus walks on water

Words for study:

middle: the center

blowing: heavy breeze

struggling: having a difficult time

ghost: spirit

stubborn: not willing to listen

a few: more than 2 items

miracle: something only God can do

crossed: to go from one side to the other

villages: small communities of people

Jesus sent his disciples in the boat to Bethsaida. Jesus was alone. He went to pray in the mountains. That night, the disciples were in a boat in the middle of the lake. The wind was blowing very hard. It was difficult to row the boat. Jesus saw his disciples struggling. Early in the morning, Jesus began to walk across the lake. As He came near the boat, the disciples thought He was a ghost. The disciples were afraid.

Read Mark 6: 45-50 (page 1072)

Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid. He got into the boat. The wind stopped blowing. The disciples were amazed. Earlier, Jesus fed the 5 thousand with just a few loaves of bread and 2 fish. This was a miracle. But his disciples didn't understand. They were stubborn.

Read Mark 6: 51-52

The disciples and Jesus crossed the lake. They got out of the boat. There were people on the shore. They recognized Jesus and His disciples. The people began to bring many sick people. Jesus went to different towns and villages. Everywhere He went people brought the sick to Him. The sick people just asked to touch His clothing. Everyone who touched His clothing was healed.

Read Mark 6: 53-56

Questions

1. After the disciples left, where did Jesus go? What did He do?
2. What happened to the disciples during the night?
3. What did Jesus do early in the morning?
4. Why were the disciples afraid?
5. Why were the disciples stubborn?
6. What kind of people came to find Jesus? Why?

XII. The faith of a Greek woman/Jesus heals a deaf man

Words for study:

begged: asked/pleaded

remove: get rid of

faith: trust in God

replied: answered

crumbs: little pieces of bread

demon: evil spirit

deaf: could not hear

mute: could not speak

Jesus visited a house near the city of Tyre. A woman found out where he was staying. She was a Greek woman. She had a daughter who had an evil spirit. She begged Jesus to remove the evil spirit. At first, Jesus wouldn't do it. He said to let the children eat all they want first. This means that Jesus had come first for the Jews. Jesus said that the children's bread shouldn't go to the dogs.

Read Mark 7: 24-27

The woman showed great faith. She replied that dogs eat children's crumbs. This means that she was willing to take whatever Jesus would give her. She knew that Jesus could remove the demon. Jesus told her that her reply was good. He told her to go home. The demon had left her daughter.

Read Mark 7: 28-30

Jesus traveled to the Ten Cities area. Some people brought a man who was deaf and mute to Jesus. They begged Jesus to heal the deaf-mute man. Jesus touched the man's ears and tongue. The man's ears became open and he could speak again.

Read Mark 7: 31-35

Jesus told the people not to talk about what happened. But the people were amazed at what Jesus did. They kept talking about it.

Read Mark 7: 36-37

Questions

1. Why did the woman go to Jesus?
2. What was her nationality?
3. Why didn't Jesus help right away?
4. What did the woman say to Jesus?
5. What did Jesus do?
6. Who did the people bring to Jesus?
7. What did Jesus do?

XIII. Jesus is the Christ.

Words for study:

clearly: without a problem

prophet: a person who spoke God's message

whirlwind: spinning column of air

meant: past tense for mean as in "what do you mean"

suffer: have pain, to be hurt

separately: alone, apart

scolded: spoke harshly

famous: known by everyone

soul: your inner self

ashamed: show dishonor (opposite of honor), to be embarrassed

Some people brought a blind man to Jesus. They begged Jesus to heal him. Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. The man could not see clearly. He said the people looked like trees. Jesus touched the man's eyes again. He could see everything clearly.

Read Mark 8: 22-26

Jesus was talking to his disciples. He asked them "Who do people say I am"? The disciples said Elijah, John the Baptist, and one of the prophets. Elijah was a great prophet. God took him to heaven in a whirlwind. Jesus asked His disciples "Who do you say I am?" Peter said "You are the Christ". The name Christ meant the Messiah – the Savior. Jesus told them not to say anything.

Read Mark 8: 27-30

Jesus began to talk with His disciples. He told them that He would suffer. The Jewish leaders would not accept Him. Jesus would be killed. Then, He would rise again in three days. Peter talked to Jesus separately. Peter scolded Jesus. Jesus told Peter that he was speaking like Satan. Peter wasn't thinking about God.

Read Mark 8: 31-33

Jesus told everyone to stop thinking about themselves. To follow Jesus, they must turn to God. They had to stop following their own way. If people think only of themselves, they will lose their lives. If you give up your life for God, you will be saved. You could make lots of money and be famous, but what good is it if you lose your soul. If you are ashamed of Jesus and what He says, God will be ashamed of you.

Read Mark 8: 34-38

Questions

1. Who did the people bring to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus do?
3. What question did Jesus ask his disciples? What did they say?
4. How did Peter answer the question: Who do you say I am?
5. Jesus told His disciples that He would suffer. Why would He suffer? What would happen to Him?
6. Jesus was angry with Peter. Why?

7. What did Jesus tell everyone who wanted to follow Him?

XIV. Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit

Words for study:

arguing: disagreeing

controlled: ruled by

evil spirit: demon, a bad spirit

remove: take out

upset: not pleased, unhappy, a little angry

rolled: moved back and forth in a ball.

unbelief: opposite of belief (noun – acceptance of the truth)

explain: to give a reason

arrest: to take someone to prison

rise again: to become alive

Jesus was alone with Peter, James, and John. Later, they met with the rest of the disciples. The disciples were arguing with some Jewish leaders. Jesus asked why they were arguing. One man began to talk. He said his son was sick. He was controlled by an evil spirit. The bad spirit made him fall down. Jesus' disciples could not remove the spirit.

Read Mark 9: 14-18

Jesus said that the people didn't have faith. He got upset with the people. They brought the boy to Jesus. The boy fell on the ground and rolled around. The boy had this problem since he was young. The father said, "If you can do anything, please help". Jesus said anything was possible if you believe. The father said, "I believe, help my unbelief."

Read Mark 9: 19-24

Jesus commanded the spirit to come out of the boy. The spirit came out. The young boy looked like he was dead. Jesus took the boy's hand. The boy stood up. Then Jesus and his disciples were alone. They asked why they couldn't remove the spirit. Jesus said it took prayer to remove the spirit. Jesus wanted to spend some time with his disciples. He tried to explain what would happen to him. Jesus said that some men would arrest him. He would be killed. But he would rise again in three days.

Read Mark 9: 25-32

Questions

1. What were the disciples and the Jewish leaders doing?
2. What was wrong with the man's son?
3. When Jesus heard what happened, how did he feel?
4. What did the father say to Jesus at first?
5. How did Jesus respond? How did the father change?
6. What happened to the boy?
7. Why couldn't the disciples remove the spirit?

XV. Jesus and the rich young man

Words for study:

childlike: simple

eternal life: life forever with God

Ten Commandments: Laws God gave the Moses

reminded: to tell again

missing: did not have

treasure: riches/wealth

camel: a mammal with one or two humps on their back

eye of a needle: the part of a needle that the thread goes through

People brought their children to Jesus. The disciples tried to stop them. Jesus became angry. He said, "Let the children come to me." The kingdom of Heaven belongs to people with childlike faith. If you don't receive God's kingdom like a child, you cannot enter. Jesus held the little children and blessed them.

Read Mark 10: 13-16

A man came to Jesus. He asked how he could receive eternal life. The man called Jesus "good teacher". Jesus asked why he called him good. No one is good but God. Jesus reminded the young man about the Ten Commandments. The young man said he obeyed all the commandments. Jesus looked at him with love. He was missing something. Jesus told him to sell everything. Give his money to the poor. His treasure is in heaven. The young man went away. He was very sad. Jesus said, "It's hard for a rich man to enter heaven".

Read Mark 10: 17-23

Jesus said that it was hard to enter God's kingdom. It is more difficult than trying to put a camel through the eye of a needle. This means it's something that is nearly impossible. The disciples said, How can anyone be saved? Jesus said, With God, all things are possible!! The disciples left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus said, I will give you much more than you gave up. You may have a difficult time. But, you will live forever in the next world.

Read Mark 10: 24-31

Questions

1. Who did the people bring to Jesus?
2. The “kingdom of God” belongs to what type of people?
3. A young man came to Jesus. What did he want?
4. What did Jesus remind the man about?
5. What did the young man say?
6. What did Jesus tell the man to do?
7. What is “nearly impossible”? Remember that with God, all things are possible.

XVI. James and John want a place of honor

Word for study:

suffering: physical and mental pain

handle: endure

pain: hurt

determine: decide/ will choose

angry: mad

rulers: people in charge of nations

order people: tell people what to do

servant: someone who takes care of other people

Son of Man: Jesus Christ

serve: to do things for other people

mercy: kindness and forgiveness

kept: continued

James and John came to Jesus. They wanted to sit beside Jesus in heaven. James and John didn't know what they were asking. Jesus asked them "Can you drink the cup of suffering?" Jesus meant that He would suffer. Could James and John handle the pain? They said they were willing to suffer. Jesus told James and John that he could not give them the seats in heaven. God will determine who sits there. The other disciples were angry with James and John.

Read Mark 10: 35-41 (page 1078)

Jesus talked to the disciples. He reminded them about rulers. Rulers of governments have power. They order people around. Jesus said, "Don't be like them". If you want to be important, be a servant. If you want to be first, you must be a slave. The Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve. Jesus came to give His life. He gave His life to free us.

Read Mark 10: 42-45

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. As they were leaving, they saw a blind man. His name was Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was begging on the side of the road. As Jesus passed by, Bartimaeus shouted "Jesus, have mercy on me". People told him to be quiet. But Bartimaeus kept shouting.

Jesus told the disciples to call Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus went to Jesus. Jesus asked him what he wanted. Bartimaeus said I want to see. Jesus said “Your faith has healed you. Immediately, he could see.

Read Mark 10: 46-52

Questions

1. What did James and John want?
2. What did Jesus tell them?
3. How did the other disciples respond?
4. What did Jesus say about rulers?
5. What did Jesus say his disciples should be like?
6. Who was Bartimaeus? What happened to him?

XVII. Jesus enters Jerusalem – “Palm Sunday”

Words for study:

toward: in the direction of

entered: came into

colt: a young or baby donkey

placed: put

rode: past tense of ride/ to sit on (colt or horse) or to sit in (car)

branches: part of a tree 

Hosanna: “we praise you”/ also from Hebrew “save us”

temple: place of worship

fig tree: see pictures

chasedout: physically made someone leave

robbing: taking money unfairly, cheating

dried up: a plant without water

doubt: unable to believe or trust

authority: the power

Jesus and his disciples traveled toward Jerusalem. They entered Bethany near Jerusalem. Jesus told two of his disciples to go to the next village. There, the disciples found a donkey’s colt. They brought the colt to Jesus. Some people asked, “What are you doing with this colt?” The disciples said, “The Lord needs it”. The disciples placed their coats on the colt for Jesus to sit.

Read Mark 11: 1-7 (page 1078)

Jesus rode the colt to Jerusalem. Along the road, people placed coats and branches. The people around Jesus shouted “Hosanna”. Jesus entered Jerusalem. He went to the temple but it was late in the day.

Read Mark 11: 8-11

The next day, Jesus and his disciples were hungry. Jesus saw a fig tree with leaves. It did not have any fruit. Jesus said to the tree, “no one will eat from you again”. Jesus entered the temple in Jerusalem. He chased the men out who were buying and selling things. These men were making money by selling animals to be sacrificed. They were not worshiping God.

Jesus said, “This is a house of prayer, but you are robbing people”. The Jewish priests and teachers were angry. They wanted to kill Jesus.

Read Mark 11: 12-19

Jesus and his disciples were walking. They saw the fig tree again. The fig tree was all dried up. Peter said, “Look, the fig tree you cursed has dried up”. Jesus told his disciples about faith. He said, if you believe with no doubt, it will be done. When you pray for something, believe that you have it. When you pray, forgive anyone who has hurt you. God will forgive your sins.

Read Mark 11: 20-26

Jesus and his disciples were walking near the temple. The Jewish priests and teachers questioned Jesus. Who gave you this authority? Jesus answered their question with another question. Jesus asked them about John the Baptist. When John baptized, was this from heaven? The priests and teachers couldn't answer. Jesus said He would not answer either.

Read Mark 11: 27-33

Questions

1. Where did Jesus and his disciples travel?
2. What did Jesus' disciples bring to Jesus?
3. What did the people do when Jesus rode to Jerusalem?
4. What happened when Jesus entered the temple?

5. Jesus said, “ This is a house _____.”

6. What did Jesus say about faith?

7. What did Jesus say when the Jewish leaders asked him “Who gave you this authority?”

XVIII. Jesus tells a story about renters.

Words for study:

vineyard: where grapes are grown to make wine

rented out: to let someone live or use a property for money

harvest time: the time to pick the crops/ the crop is ready

owner: the person who owns the property

servant: someone who works for a family

third: 3

respect: to admire someone because of who they are or their knowledge

renters: people who rent a property

inherit: to receive something from a person after their death

scripture: the bible

Jesus began to tell a story. A man built a vineyard. He planted grapes. He built a wall to protect the vineyard. He rented out his vineyard to some farmers. He put them in charge of this property. Then he went away. At harvest time, the owner sent his servant to the vineyard. He wanted some of the grapes. The renters beat the servant. They would not give him any grapes. The owner sent another servant. The renters beat this servant also. The owner sent a third servant. The renters killed the servant. More servants were sent. All of them were either beaten or killed.

Read Mark 12: 1-5

The owner had one son. He loved his son very much. There was no one else to send to the vineyard. The owner sent his son. He thought, "They will respect him". But the renters didn't. The renters knew the son would inherit the property. They wanted to kill the son. Then the renters would get the property. So the renters killed the son. Jesus asked, "What will the owner do?" He will kill the renters and give the property to other people.

Read Mark 12: 6-9

Jesus reminded the people of Psalm 118: 22,23. This scripture says the builders didn't accept the stone. But this stone was the most important. Jesus is the stone and the Jewish leaders were the builders. In the story,

Jesus is the son and the Jewish leaders are the renters. The Jewish leaders knew that Jesus was talking about them. This made them very angry. The Jewish leaders wanted to arrest Jesus. But they were afraid of the people. Many people loved Jesus.

Read Mark 12: 10-12

Questions

1. What did the man in the story build?
2. Who did he put in charge of his property?
3. What happen at harvest time?
4. What happened to the servants?
5. Who did the owner finally send to the vineyard? Why?
6. What did the renters do to the son? Why?
7. Who was the real son and renters in the story?

XIX. The religious leaders try to test Jesus.

Words for study:

Pharisees: a Jewish group who strictly followed the law

Herodians: Jewish political party loyal to king Herod

flattery: complimenting or giving praise but not really meaning it.

truthfully: speaking the truth

taxes: money paid to the government

Sadducees: a Jewish group who only followed the first 5 books of the Bible

Caesar: Roman ruler

appeared: came to

soul: a person's entire spiritual being

sacrifices: offerings given to God

burnt offerings: animal sacrifices burnt on an altar

Some Pharisees and Herodians came to Jesus. They were trying to make him say something wrong. They started with flattery. The Pharisees and Herodians said, "You are a man of honor". They said Jesus spoke truthfully about God. They asked Jesus, "Should we pay taxes to Caesar?" Jesus knew they were trying to trick him. Jesus said, "Give me a coin". Jesus asked, "Whose picture is on the coin?" The Pharisees and Herodians said it was Caesar's. Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Give to God what belongs to God."

Read Mark 12: 13-17 (page 1080)

The Sadducees also came to Jesus. They did not believe that anyone could come back from the dead. They told Jesus a story about woman. She was married but had no children. Her husband died. Then, she married her husband's brother. He also died leaving no children. This continued through seven brothers. Finally, the woman died also. The Sadducees asked, "When the dead rise, whose wife will she be?"

Read Mark 12: 18-23

The Sadducees didn't know the scriptures. They didn't understand God's power. When people rise from the dead, they will not be married. They will be like the angels. Jesus reminded them of Moses. When God

appeared to Moses, He said, “I am the God of Abraham”. He didn’t say “I was” God is not the God of the dead. He is the God of the living.

Read Mark 12: 24-27

Another teacher heard the Sadducees and Jesus talking. He asked Jesus which commandment was most important. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.” The second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as you love yourself. The teacher told Jesus that he agreed with Jesus. These commandments were more important than sacrifices or burnt offerings. Jesus said that the teacher understood well.

Read Mark 12: 28-34

Questions

1. What two Jewish groups came to Jesus?
2. What did they want to know?
3. What did Jesus tell them?
4. What story did the Sadducees tell Jesus? What was their question?
5. What did Jesus say?

6. What did the teacher ask Jesus?

7. What did Jesus say?

XX. Jesus goes against the teachers of the law.

Words for study:

quotes: to say something exactly the way it is written

Lord: a term of honor and respect used for God and Jesus

show off: to do something to make people admire you or think that you are important.

punish: to make someone suffer for doing something wrong

worth: to have a particular value

widow: a woman whose husband died.

A.D.: Anno Domini – a date after Christ's birth

fool: trick

rumors: information passed from person to person which may not be true

earthquakes: shaking of the earth's surface

starve: have no food

Jesus was teaching outside the temple. He asked, "Why do the Jewish teachers say that the Christ is the son of David?" Jesus quotes from a scripture in Psalms. King David wrote this scripture. David said, "the Lord said to my Lord". He was talking about Jesus Christ. He called Christ Lord. If the Christ were David's son, David wouldn't call him Lord. Jesus talked more about the Jewish teachers. Jesus told the crowd to be careful of the Jewish teachers. They like to be seen by everyone. The Jewish leaders like to sit in the best seats and to be honored by special dinners. They like to show off by saying long prayers. Jesus said, "God will punish these men."

Read Mark 12: 35-40

Jesus sat across from the temple. He watched as people placed money in the offering boxes. Many rich people put large amounts of money in the boxes. A poor widow came and placed a few copper coins in the box. These coins together were not worth a penny. Jesus talked to his disciples. He told them that this woman had put more in the offering than anyone else. Rich people put in a large amount because they had a lot of money. But the widow was poor. She gave all she had.

Read Mark 12: 41-44

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving the temple, one of the disciples said that the building was wonderful. The temple was made of stones that were 37 by 12 by 18 feet (12x4x6 meters). It was amazing in its size and beauty. Jesus said the temple would be destroyed. Not a stone would remain. The temple was destroyed, as Jesus said, in 70 A.D. A few of Jesus' disciples came to talk with him. They asked Jesus, "When will these things happen?" The disciples were asking about the temple. But they were also asking about the future – the end of the world.

Read Mark 13: 1-4

Jesus told his disciples to be careful. In the future, people will say they are the Christ. Jesus said, "Don't let them fool you!" Jesus said, "You will have wars and rumors of wars. Don't be concerned. Wars will happen but the end isn't here yet. Nations will fight. Earthquakes will increase. People will starve. All of this indicates the beginning of the end times. Be careful. You will be taken to court. You will be harmed. You will stand in front of officials because of me. You will be my witnesses to all nations. You will be put on trial but the Holy Spirit will give you the words to say."

Read Mark 13: 5-11

Questions

1. The Jewish leaders said that the Christ was the son of David. What did Jesus quote about this?
2. David said, "the Lord said to my Lord." Did David call Christ his son? Why not?
3. List four things that the Jewish leaders did.

4. How much money did the widow place in the offering box?

5. What did Jesus say about the widow?

6. What did Jesus say about the temple?

7. What did Jesus say about the future?

XXI. Jesus talks about the future.

Words for study:

turn against: to do something harmful

stand firm: continue/do not change (your belief)

quotation: to say something exactly the way it is written

fulfillment: when something is completed or finished

refers to: means it is about that person

Antichrist: a person against Christ or in the place of Christ

escape: to get away from danger

fool: trick or deceive

shine: produce light

bud: immature leaves/ when leaves begin to develop

Jesus continued to talk about the future. Family members will turn against each other. People will hate believers in Christ. But if you stand firm, you will be saved. Jesus talked about “the hated thing that destroys”. This quotation is from Daniel, a prophet in the Old Testament. This “thing” will stand where it does not belong. This prophecy has two fulfillments. First, it refers to the Roman Empire. The Roman army destroyed the temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Second, it also refers to the Antichrist. When the Antichrist comes, people in Judea must escape to the mountains. There will be no time to get clothing or to take anything. These days will be very difficult.

Read Mark 13: 12-20

During this time, there will be false Christs and prophets. They will try to fool the believers. Be careful. There will be much suffering. Then, the sun and moon will not shine. It will become dark. Christ will appear in the clouds with angels. He will gather all the believers.

Read Mark 13: 21-27

Jesus reminded his disciples about the fig tree. When the leaves begin to bud and grow, you know that summer is near. When we see these signs, we will know that the end is near. Jesus will come again soon. No one knows when that day will be. Only God knows. We must stay alert and watch.

Read Mark 13: 28-37

Questions

1. What will happen to believers in the future?
2. The “hated thing” refers to _____ and _____.
3. What did the Roman army do in 70 A.D?
4. When the Antichrist comes, where will the people of Judea go?
5. What will happen to the sun and moon when Christ comes?
6. What did Jesus say about the fig tree? How is this like the end times?

XXII. Jesus is honored.

Words for study:

celebration: people who get together to enjoy an event.

expensive: costs a lot of money

wasting: to use something unwisely/ not using it properly

wages: salary

rich: costly and rare

burial: placing a dead body in a grave

hand over: to give something to someone

Passover: celebration of when the angel of death passed over the house.

dipping: to put bread or some kind of food into something liquid in an up and down motion.

Son of Man: Jesus Christ

willingly: will do something without resistance

traitor: someone who betrays another person or country

covenant: a promise between God and man

It was near the Passover celebration. The Jewish leaders wanted to arrest Jesus but not during the celebration. Jesus was visiting the home of Simon. A woman came to the house. She brought a jar of expensive perfume. This woman was Mary, the sister of Lazarus. Mary poured the perfume on Jesus' head. Some people saw this and became angry. In the book of John, he says that Judas complained. Judas asked, "Why are you wasting this perfume?" The perfume could have been sold. It would be worth a whole year's wages. This money could have been given to the poor.

Read Mark 14: 1-5

Jesus told the people to leave Mary alone. She did a wonderful thing for Jesus. Jesus said, "The poor will always be with you, but I will not." Mary put rich oil on Jesus. The oil would prepare him for his burial. Jesus said, "Mary will be remembered for this act of honor." After this, Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests. He was one of the twelve disciples. Judas agreed to hand Jesus over to the Jewish leaders for money.

Read Mark 14: 6-11

It was time to celebrate Passover. Jesus' disciples wanted to know where to have the Passover meal. Jesus told two of his disciples to follow a man carrying water. He said, "Follow the man into a house. Ask the owner where we could eat our Passover feast." Jesus told the disciples that the man would show them a room upstairs. He told them to make preparations for Passover. The two disciples found things just as Jesus said.

Read Mark 14: 12-16

Jesus and his disciples went to the room. While they were eating, Jesus said, "One of you who are eating with me will turn me over to my enemies". Each disciples said, "It's not me, is it?" Jesus said, "It is someone who is dipping bread with me. The Son of Man will go willingly. But it will be terrible for this traitor. As they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread. He gave thanks and broke the bread into smaller pieces. He said, "Take it. This is my body". Jesus took a cup of wine. He gave thanks and passed the cup to his disciples. Everyone drank from the cup. Jesus said, "This is my blood which represents the new covenant. It is poured out for many." Jesus told them that He would not drink with them again until they were in God's Kingdom. They ended their feast by singing a hymn.

Read Mark 14: 17-26

Questions

1. Where did Jesus go before the Passover celebration?
2. What woman came to the house? What did she do?
3. What did Judas say about Mary's behavior?

4. What did Jesus say about Mary's behavior?

5. Where did Judas go? What did he do?

6. Why did Jesus tell two disciples to follow a man?

7. What did Jesus tell the disciples when they started eating the Passover feast?

8. What did Jesus say about the bread and wine?

XXIII. Peter will fail/ Jesus prays

Words for study:

turn away – stop following/ deny

rooster – male chicken

crows – sounds a rooster makes (in the morning)

deny – to say something is not true

troubled – emotionally upset

signal – to make a movement that tells someone to do something

seized - grabbed

Jesus told his disciples, “You will turn away from me.” Jesus said He would rise from the dead. Then Jesus would meet the disciples in Galilee. Peter said, “I won’t turn away.” Jesus said, “You will. Tonight before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” But Peter said, “No, I may die with you but I will never deny you.” The other disciples said the same thing.

Read Mark 14: 27-31

Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane. Gethsemane was a garden in Jerusalem. Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him. Jesus felt very troubled and sad. Jesus told the three disciples to keep watch. Jesus went farther away and fell on the ground. He prayed that the suffering would not come. Jesus prayed to God and called Him “Abba” which means father. Jesus said, “Let what you want be done, not what I want.”

Read Mark 14: 32-36

Jesus returned to the three disciples. He found them asleep. Jesus said to Peter, “Are you sleeping? Couldn’t you watch for one hour?” He told them to watch and pray. If you pray, you won’t sin when you are tempted. The spirit is willing but the body is weak. Jesus went away to pray again. He returned to the disciples. They were sleeping again. When Jesus came back the third time, he told them to wake up. The hour was here. He would be delivered to the Jewish leaders. Jesus said, “Here is the man who will hand me over.”

Read Mark 14: 37-42

Judas appeared in the garden with a crowd of men. Judas had arranged a signal. When Judas kissed Jesus, the men would arrest him. Judas went up to Jesus. He said, “Rabbi” which means teacher. Then, Judas kissed Jesus. The men seized Jesus and arrested him. One of the disciples (Peter) pulled out a sword. He cut the ear off a servant of the high priest.

Read Mark 14: 43-47

Jesus asked the crowd, “Why do you come with swords and clubs? Am I leading an army against you? I was with you every day and you never arrested me. But the scriptures must be fulfilled.” Everyone who was with Jesus ran away. Someone grabbed a young man who was following Jesus. He ran away leaving his clothes behind.

Read Mark 14: 48-52

Questions

1. Jesus told his disciples that they would turn away. What did Peter say?
2. What did Jesus tell Peter?
3. Where did Jesus and his disciples go? Why did they go there?
4. What did Jesus pray about?
5. When Jesus went back to his disciples, what were they doing?
6. What signal did Judas use?

7. What did Jesus say to the crowd who came to arrest him?

XXIV. Jesus appears in court

Words for study:

from a distance: not near/ not close

evidence: documents or eye witnesses

false witnesses: not telling the truth about what they saw or heard

claimed: to say something which has not been proven

tore: past tense of tear (to rip)

found...guilty: a court says that someone committed a crime

spat: the past tense of spit

blindfolded: placed a cloth across someone's eyes

warming themselves: to become warm using a fire

talking about: saying

curse: to say bad things because you are angry

oath: to swear before God

deny: to say that something is not true

sob: to cry while breathing in short burst

The crowd took Jesus to the high priest. Peter followed the crowd from a distance. He sat with the guards outside in the courtyard. The priests wanted to put Jesus to death. But they couldn't find any real evidence. The priests had witnesses but their stories didn't agree. Some false witnesses said Jesus claimed that he would destroy the temple. Jesus then said that he would build another temple. But the witnesses did not agree.

Read Mark 14: 53-59

The high priest asked Jesus, "Aren't you going to answer?" Jesus did not respond. The high priest asked Jesus, "Are you the Christ?" Jesus said, "I am". He told the priests that he would sit beside God. He would come again on the clouds. The high priest tore his clothes. He said, "You heard Jesus say an evil thing against God". The Jewish court found Jesus guilty. The crowd at the court spat on Jesus. They blindfolded him and hit him.

Read Mark 14: 60-65

There were people in the courtyard. They were outside of the building where Jesus was being held. The people were warming themselves at a fire. Some of the servants of the priests were there. Peter was also there. One servant said to Peter, "You were with Jesus". Peter said, "I don't know

what you're talking about." The servant turned to the people in the courtyard. She said, "This man is one of Jesus' followers". Peter said he was not.

Read Mark 14: 66-70

Some people standing near Peter turn to him. They said, "You must be a follower. You are from Galilee." Peter began to curse. He took an oath and said, "I don't know this man". Peter heard a rooster crow twice. Then he remembered what Jesus had said. "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny knowing me three times". Peter began to sob.

Read Mark 14: 71-72

Questions

1. Where did the crowd take Jesus?
2. What did the priests want to do to Jesus? Why couldn't they?
3. What did the false witnesses say about Jesus? Did the witnesses agree?
4. The high priest asked Jesus, "Are you the Christ?" What did Jesus say?

5. What did the Jewish court decide about Jesus – was he guilty or innocent?

6. Where was Peter? What did he say when people asked if he was with Jesus?

7. What happened after the rooster crowed?

XXV. Jesus' trial

Words for study:

charges: criminal claims against a person

tradition: something done again and again

release: to let someone or something go

jealous: envy – wanting to be like someone or have what they have

stirred up: to get people agitated, upset, or excited

crucify: to put someone to death by nailing them to a cross

whip: to hit someone with a leather strap

palace: a government office (very fancy)

crown: a special head covering made of jewels. Something a king wears.

thorns: sharp points found on the stems of roses

mocked: to make fun of

The chief priests and Jewish leaders took Jesus to Pilate. Pilate was the governor of the region. Pilate asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said yes. Pilate heard the charges against Jesus. He asked Jesus, "Are you going to answer these charges?" Jesus did not reply.

Read Mark 15: 1-5 (page 1084)

During Passover, it was a tradition to release a prisoner. The people could choose what prisoner to release. There was a man in prison named Barabbas. He had killed someone during a fight against the government. Pilate asked the people, "Do you want me to release the king of the Jews?" Pilate knew the chief priests were jealous. The chief priests stirred up the people. The people said, "Free Barabbas!!"

Read Mark 15: 6-11

Pilate said, "What should I do with the king of the Jews?" The people said, "Crucify him". Pilate freed Barabbas. He ordered soldiers to whip Jesus and crucify him. The soldiers took Jesus to the palace. They put a purple robe on Jesus. The soldiers made a crown of thorns to put on Jesus' head. They mocked Jesus. The soldiers spat on Jesus and hit him. They removed the purple robe from Jesus.

Read Mark 15: 12-20

The soldiers lead Jesus to a hill called Golgotha. Jesus carried his cross along the road. A man named Simon was on the road. The soldiers made him carry Jesus' cross. They arrived at Golgotha. Golgotha meant the place of the skull. The soldiers offered Jesus wine mixed with spices. This drink would help the pain. Jesus would not drink it.

Read Mark 15: 21-23

Questions

1. Where did the Jewish leaders take Jesus?
2. What did Pilate ask Jesus?
3. What was the tradition about prisoners during Passover?
4. Why was Barabbas in prison?
5. Who did the people want released?

6. Name some things the soldiers did to Jesus.

XXVI. Jesus dies

Words for study:

divided up: separated into groups

cast lots: to “draw straws” to see who wins

mocked: make fun of

deserted me: left me alone

vinegar: sour liquid

Sabbath: day of worship for the Jews (Saturday)

carved: cut

Jesus was nailed to the cross. The soldiers divided up Jesus’ clothes. They cast lots to see who would get Jesus’ belongings. They crucified Jesus at 9:00AM. The soldiers put up a sign on Jesus’ cross. It read “The King of the Jews”. They also crucified two robbers – one on either side of Jesus. The people mocked Jesus. They said, “Come down from the cross. Save yourself.” The chief priests and Jewish leaders also mocked Jesus. They said, “He saved others, let him save himself”.

Read Mark 15: 24-32 (page 1085)

It was 12:00 noon but the sky was dark. This darkness remained for 3 hours. Jesus cried out, “My God, why have you deserted me?” Some people didn’t understand the language Jesus spoke. They thought he was calling for Elijah. Someone put a sponge with vinegar on a stick and offered it to Jesus. With a loud cry, Jesus took his last breath.

Read Mark 15: 33-37

There was a special curtain in the temple. It separated the “holy of holies” from the rest of the temple. The “holy of holies” contained the Ark of the Covenant and 10 commandments. This curtain was very thick. When Jesus died, the curtain ripped from top to bottom. A Roman commander was watching as Jesus died. He said, “Surely, this man was the Son of God.” Many women were there. They were followers of Jesus.

Read Mark 15: 38-41

It was Preparation day – the day before the Sabbath. Joseph was a follower of Jesus. He was a very wealthy and respected man. Joseph asked

Pilate for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. When he found that this was true, Pilate allowed Joseph to take the body. Joseph brought some linen cloth. He put the linen cloth on Jesus' body. Joseph placed Jesus' body into a tomb that was carved from a rock. He rolled a huge stone across the opening of the tomb.

Read Mark 15: 42-47

Questions

1. What did the soldiers do to win Jesus' belonging?
2. What did the soldiers place on Jesus' cross? What did it say?
3. What did Jesus say while he was on the cross?
4. What happened to the curtain in the temple?
5. Who took Jesus' body? Where did he put it?

XXVII. Jesus rises from the dead.

Words for study:

spices: parts of plants used as flavoring

alarmed: frightened

risen: past progressive of “rise” – to come back from the dead

Mary Magdalene: Jesus removed 7 demons from her

firmly: seriously, powerfully

Some women went to put spices on Jesus’ body. They walked to the tomb. The women wondered, “Who will roll the stone away from the tomb?” When they reached the tomb, the stone had already been moved. The women entered the tomb. They saw a young man in a white robe. The women were alarmed.

Read Mark 16: 1-5

The man said, “Don’t be afraid. You are looking for Jesus but he’s not here. He has risen. Look, there is no one here. Go, tell the disciples that Jesus will meet them in Galilee.” The women were still afraid – they ran from the tomb.

Read Mark 16: 6-8

After his death, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene. She told the disciples but they didn’t believe. Jesus then appeared to two other people as they were walking. The disciples still did not believe. Finally, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating. He spoke firmly to them because they did not believe.

Read Mark 16: 9-14

Jesus told his disciples many things. He said, “Go all over the world. Preach the gospel. You will perform many miracles in my name. You will remove demons, speak in other languages, pick up poisonous snakes, and drink poison without harm. You will heal the sick.” After Jesus finished speaking, he was taken up to heaven. The disciples went out and preached the gospel.

Read Mark 16: 15-20

Questions

1. What were the women doing at the tomb?
2. Why were the women alarmed?
3. Why was Jesus' body not in the tomb?
4. Why did Jesus speak firmly to the disciples?
5. Name some things that Jesus said to his disciples.