

The Book Of Mark pt 1

● Soap Method

- The SOAP method is a Bible study technique that can be used by individuals or small groups to help readers understand and apply the Bible to their lives:
 - Scripture: Read a Bible passage out loud or write it down
 - Observation: Consider what the main message is, what verses or ideas stand out, and who or what is being described
 - Application: Ask God how to apply the verse to your life
 - Prayer: Pray to God about what you've learned and ask for help applying it to your life
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● The man and the ministry

- John is established by prophecy, called a messenger. John would spend his time speaking the message of the king (repentance) and pointing everyone to the king (Jesus) who was coming.
- John Baptizes Jesus
- *Mark 1:9 It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And immediately, coming up [c]from the water, He saw the heavens [d]parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*
 - We have Old testament prophecy speaking of John as messenger, Jesus as messiah. We have John the prophet proclaiming Jesus as the messiah. We now have the Holy Spirit, God the father verifying that Jesus was the messiah and God's son.
 - The Book of Mark has spent the first chapter establishing that Jesus is the son of God. What was the opening statement of the book?
 - *Mark 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
 - This is marks focus, this is what is being reinforced over and over.
- *Mark 1:12 Immediately the Spirit [e]drove Him into the wilderness. 13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.*
 - This seems simple, easy to read, nothing too deep by itself.

- Why is Mark covering this. If we read before this and after we will see ministry. This part of the story is written to show the humanity of Jesus.
- Most people assume prophets aren't tempted, preachers are perfect, surely the son of God must be in a class of his own. He's not like you or I?
- He was tempted. Since Mark chose to include this, even though it's a summarized version of the story when compared to other gospel writers we should look at it as vital to understanding Jesus as the son of God.
- Why does it matter that Jesus was tempted? It showed his humanity, showed how he can relate to us, we can relate to him
 - *Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*
 - Jesus is the high priest of the new covenant that the book of hebrews is referring to. Just reading Mark 1:12 and seeing Jesus tempted seems short and brief but when you find other writers of the bible referring to the same thing we can find context.
 - It's important to know that Jesus was fully God but was also fully man. His humanity is evident in the fact that he could be tempted. It also reminds us in Hebrews that he was tempted but was without sin. He remained perfect, so that he could die in our place and his sacrifice would be pleasing to God. This is important because Jesus being perfect and dying for us means that God's wrath for our sin was placed on Jesus.
- Jesus being tempted means that he was human, knowing this means that we can relate to Jesus more. He is more familiar to our life. He doesn't seem like some far away person. He was hungry, he was thirsty, he felt alone.
- We are getting to know the ministry of Jesus but more important the life of Jesus, the humanity of Jesus.
- You can find more context of the temptation of Jesus from the book of Luke. He goes into detail where Mark simply gives an overview. Luke 4.
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- Word Study

- **Temptation.** You can google bible verses about temptation. Word study.
 - https://www.openbible.info/topics/overcoming_temptation
 - *Hebrews 2:17 therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being [i]tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.*
 - *1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to [a]bear it.*
 - *James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.*
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- **Continuing on from the temptation of Jesus**
- *14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel [f]of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God [g]is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*
 - **The time is fulfilled.** Time is complete, prophecies are fulfilled, there is nothing left that needs to happen, it's now that the gospel of the kingdom is preached.
 - **Kingdom of God is at hand, repent believe the gospel**
- **Jesus begins his ministry and verse 14 tells us his message. Verse 16 tells us who he called to walk with him as he did the ministry.**
- *16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*
- *19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.*
 - **When reading this, it seems like simple information but we take it and try to apply it to our life.**
 - **Would you leave your job if you were these fishermen. That's how you had food for your family. There were probably plenty of reasons they could come up with to tell Jesus no or not now.**
 - **They had to have heard of Jesus prior to this moment**

- They also had to be experiencing something powerful when Jesus invited them.
- They had to have some faith and trust to choose to follow
 - What are some ways that you can show God faith and trust
 - What decisions are you faced with that need you to operate w/faith?
 - They left their nets, anytime we are obedient to God and follow him we will find ourselves leaving something behind.
 - What have you left behind? What is God challenging you to leave behind?
- *21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.*
 - They were at the sea of Galilee and the next verse they are in Capernaum. It helps to humanize and personalize these verses by realizing that they traveled. They went 4 miles.
 - If we are not careful we will read verse after verse and not realize the days, the nights, the cold, that these people endured to get from verse 16 to 21.
 - It says immediately on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught...
 - Was this normal? To just walk in to town and go to the local synagogue and teach? These religious gatherings were regulated and structured.
 - Normally the synagogue ruler would select someone to lead the service, they would have priests, levites to read the law
 - He may or may not have been invited, he spoke more than 10 times in Jewish synagogues.
- *22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*
 - They were astonished. Why were they so amazed. He didn't heal anyone in the synagogue? He spoke.
 - It was how he spoke, he spoke with authority
 - His authority stood out because no one else spoke this way
 - Where does the authority come from. God the father, Jesus to us
 - Authority comes from the person who sends us and our knowing him personally.

- *John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."*
- He spoke with authority, they were amazed. Now the authority of Jesus given by God goes beyond simple teaching. We see how the people responded to Jesus and next we see how the enemy of God, demons respond to Jesus
- *23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"*
 - The man was in the synagogue, demon possessed. The gospels record more than 60 times. This was not an isolated incident.
 - He was surrounded by talk of God, religious rhetoric but only when Jesus comes in authority does the demon show itself.
 - The enemy of the soul will hide until you carry the authority of scripture and the power of Jesus. This will disrupt the enemy
 - He prefers to stay hidden but when you and I challenge him he will reveal himself. If you allow him to do what he wants, he will hide in the background. This is why it's so important that we become believers who understand God's authority, the authority given to us through the cross of Jesus as special messengers of God. We are called to over the devil.
 - *1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*
 - The demon reveals himself. Declares who Jesus is, calls him Holy and admits that Jesus can easily destroy him... Has Jesus died on the cross yet? So Jesus has all power and after the cross he has more power and he has given us this power. Demons tremble over you and I walking in authority, we are not to tremble over them.
 - Jesus didn't let him keep talking, the enemy has no right to speak into our lives, he has no right to speak.
- *25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, [h]"Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, [i]"What is this? What new [j]doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."*
 - They were already amazed at his authority in speaking, now watch how they speak of his ministry after his authority goes beyond words and it brings life change.

- What is this? What new doctrine is this?
 - Why did they emphasize the teaching here when they are more amazed at the works of Jesus?
- They believed the words but they took them even more seriously when the works of God followed.
- Truth is that all of the teaching means nothing if there is no authority, if there is authority then there will be works of deliverance, lifechange.
- That's why churches have teaching but no one around us has heard or experienced any type of authority or life change.
- *28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.*
 - We see here how the news of Jesus was spread throughout the region.
 - This is a good example of revival, when we are all talk and routine we are overlooked and people sit in chains of bondage. They don't hear, they don't experience.
 - When God is allowed to have access to us, given opportunity and we are obedient we will do the works of the one who sent us and it will be spread throughout the region that God is doing something
 - We must always make sure the news is about Jesus and not our church, our ministries, our sermons, our worship. We can't even let the focus be on the gifts of the spirit, we dare not exalt healing, tongues, miracles above Jesus.
 - All of our authority, all of our efforts originate with Jesus, he get's credit and full attention.

- *29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.*
- *32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.*
 - He spoke at a synagogue, he went to the house of Simon and Andrew, heals Simon's mother in law and then they brought sick and demon possessed. The whole city was gathered around at the door.
 - This was not meant to be a ministry location.
 - This wasn't designed for masses of people but ministry comes when you least expect it, especially if you and I have it in our heads that ministry only happens in the synagogue or church.
 - If we live our life for church and only do ministry at church we will be caught off guard when ministry is on our door step, when it's in our house. We can even become bitter or annoyed by it.
 - I don't read where Jesus is turning them away or complaining. He sees an opportunity and he responds with his sincere self and his full focus.
- *35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a [k]solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."*
- *38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."*
- *39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.*
- *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

- *40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."*
- *41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."*
- *45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.*
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