

Studies in Mark
Lesson One: Introduction to Mark

Warm-Up: How does knowing who Jesus is help us know who His disciples must be?

1. In comparing the book of Mark with the other gospels, what are some of the most obvious differences?
2. How would the characteristic style of Mark's gospel have made it more attractive to non-Jewish readers?
3. Why would Mark's relationship with the apostle Peter lead some to believe that he may have written his account of the life of Christ from Peter's perspective?
4. What relatives of Mark are introduced in the book of Acts? (Acts 12:12, 25 cf. Col. 4:10).
5. How did Mark become a source of contention between Paul and Barnabas as they prepared for their second missionary journey? (Acts 13:13; 15:36-41).
6. How does the example of Mark teach us the importance of second chances? (Col. 4:10; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11).
7. What stories did Mark record to demonstrate Jesus' authority in the face of persecution? (Mk. 2:1-3:6; 3:20-35; 7:1-23; 10:1-12; 11:27-12:37).
8. Mark has been called "the Gospel of Loose Ends." What promises, recorded in Mark, are fulfilled outside his account? (Mk. 1:8, 17; 4:30-32; 10:39; 13:9-13; 14:28; 16:7).