

## The Book of Mark

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

Today we read the book of **Mark**. Since **Mark** is a short book – just 16 chapters in length – we will be reading the whole book today. **Mark** is action-oriented, with far less record of Jesus' teachings than the other Gospel accounts, and so it builds quickly to its climax in the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry.

The early Church unanimously agreed that the book of **Mark** was authored by John Mark (**Acts 12:12**), an associate of Peter, while both were in Rome. Based on this tradition, the intended readership of **Mark** was Roman Christians, and this is borne out by the content of the book, which is geared for Gentile readers.

### Read chapters 1-3

These first three chapters launch into the early ministry of Jesus in Galilee.

### Read chapters 4-5

These two chapters contain a few incidents in Jesus' later Galilean ministry. **Chapter 4** contains the only block of parables in the entire book.

### Read chapters 6-9

These four chapters record the mounting opposition to Jesus by the religious establishment. Jesus withdraws from Galilee into remote regions.

### Read chapter 10

This chapter describes the ministry of Jesus in Judaea and Peraea just prior to his final week in Jerusalem

### Read chapter 11-15

These five chapters detail Christ's triumphal entry, his trial and crucifixion.

### Read chapter 16

This last chapter records the resurrection of Christ.

# Memory Verse

That if you confess with your mouth,  
 “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart  
 that God raised him from the dead,  
 you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

## Your Fishing Kit

This is the twenty-ninth verse in your fishing kit. This verse explains all that is required for a person to step from darkness into light, from death into life. By believing in your heart, and confessing with your mouth, you gain immediate entry into the salvation won for you by Jesus on the Cross.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:6-7</b>	<b>John 1:12</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b>
<b>John 3:18</b>	<b>Romans 5:8</b>	<b>John 3:3</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:21</b>
<b>John 3:36</b>	<b>1 John 4:10</b>	<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33</b>
<b>Ephesians 1:7-8</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>	<b>John 6:37</b>	<b>Romans 2:4-5</b>
<b>Romans 3:23</b>	<b>Acts 3:19</b>	<b>John 8:32</b>	<b>Acts 17:30</b>
<b>Romans 6:23</b>	<b>Acts 4:12</b>	<b>John 8:36</b>	<b>1 John 5:10</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:5</b>	<b>John 14:6</b>	<b>John 10:10</b>	<b>1 John 5:11-12</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:8</b>	<b>John 10:28</b>	<b>John 14:1-3</b>
<b>Isaiah 59:1-2</b>	<b>1 John 1:9</b>	<b>Romans 10:9</b>	<b>John 16:33</b>
<b>Isaiah 64:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:10</b>	<b>Romans 10:13</b>	<b>Revelation 3:20</b>

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.