

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 1



### Read Mark 1:9-11

1. Mark 1:9 says Jesus came from a town called Nazareth in Galilee. What did you learn about in the Christianity Explored session that also happened in Galilee? (See Mark 1:14.)
  
2. What happens in verse 9?
  
3. What two things happen as Jesus comes up out of the water in verse 10?
  
4. Whose is the voice from heaven in verse 11 and what does he say?
  
5. Do you believe that the gospel (the good news) could make a difference to your life?

And if you want to do some more and read through Mark's Gospel in six weeks...

### Read Mark 1v1 – 3v6

What stands out to you about Jesus?

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 2



### Read Mark 2:14-17

1. What was Levi's job and do you think he was a popular man?
2. Who did Jesus choose to eat with?
3. What did the Pharisees (the religious leaders) think about Jesus eating with these people?
4. Who did they think Jesus should have been mixing with?
5. Do you think Jesus is interested in you? Why?

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### Read Mark 3:7 – 5:43

Jesus' true identity continues to emerge as he teaches and displays miraculous power. What do these chapters of Mark's Gospel tell you about who Jesus is?

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 3



### Read Mark 11:15-19

1. What was the temple for (verse 17)?
2. Do you think Jesus was right to react to what he saw in verses 15-16?
3. Why does Jesus call the temple “a den of robbers”?
4. How did the chief priests from the temple respond to this?
5. The temple was made for prayer and worship. What do you think you were made for?

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### Read Mark 6:1 – 8:29

In what ways do people respond to Jesus?

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 4



### Read Mark 14:32-36

(This event happened the night before Jesus died.)

1. Why do you think Jesus was so distressed and troubled (verse 33)?
  
2. What did Jesus do when he was distressed and troubled (verse 35)?
  
3. Jesus knew that it was his mission to die.  
Does that mean that his death was easy for him?
  
4. Why did Jesus have to die? (You might want to look at Mark 10:45.)
  
5. Jesus talked to God about everything in prayer.  
Do you think you can talk about your troubles to God in prayer?

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### Read Mark 8:30 – 10:52

Jesus predicts his own death in detail. What does Jesus say this is going to mean for his followers?

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 5



### Read Mark 8:14-21

**Background:** Jesus has just fed 4000 people with seven loaves – and the disciples are amazed! Then the Pharisees (temple leaders) asked Jesus for another sign from heaven. But they've already seen him make seven loaves feed 4000 people!!

Jesus then gets in a boat with the disciples, and says: "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod" (verse 15). The disciples are still thinking about bread, so they presume Jesus is telling them they have forgotten to bring enough bread. But he isn't. They've got their wires crossed. Jesus is giving them a warning about the danger and evil of the Pharisees and Herodians (followers of King Herod).

1. Read verses 17-18 and the background information at the top of this sheet.  
What had the disciples just seen and heard?
2. What should the disciples have understood about who Jesus is, from the recent miracle?
3. How should the disciples have responded to only having one loaf of bread for thirteen men?
4. What should the disciples have understood about the hearts of the Pharisees? (See their conversation in Mark 8:11-13, and what Mark tells us in 3:6.)
5. Jesus talks about hearts that are hardened to the gospel message, and do not respond to the good news of the gospel with faith. How is your heart responding to what you have seen and understood of who Jesus is, and why he came, during this course?

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### Read Mark 11:1 – 13:37

Jesus goes to Jerusalem and comes into confrontation with the authorities. Why do the authorities disagree with Jesus on so many points?

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 6



### Read Mark 10:46-52

1. Bartimaeus lived in the town of Jericho. What was his position in society there?
2. How do you think Bartimaeus felt about the way the people around him treated him?
3. What did Bartimaeus understand about who Jesus is (verse 47)?
4. What did Bartimaeus understand about why Jesus came (verse 48)?
5. Why do you think the crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet?
6. Jesus called Bartimaeus over and healed him of his blindness. Why was he healed (verse 52)?
7. Why do you think Bartimaeus followed Jesus?
8. Like Bartimaeus, we need to cry out to Jesus and ask him to have mercy on us. If we do, he will have mercy on us, too – he will forgive us for all our sin. Are you prepared to follow him?

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### Read Mark 14:1 – 16:8

Jesus goes willingly to his death. How does this fulfil God's purposes?

## FOLLOW-UP STUDY 7



### Read Mark 1:16-18

1. What does Jesus ask Simon and Andrew to do?
2. Why do you think Simon and Andrew left their fishing business and followed Jesus?
3. What do you think Jesus meant when he said: "I will send you out to fish for people"?
4. Why do you think Simon and Andrew made telling other people about Jesus their priority, rather than the future of their family fishing business?
5. Can you identify one thing that is holding you back from fully committing to Jesus?

And if you want to do some more...

### Read Mark 8 again