

The Call To Serve **Mark 16:14-20**

- I. Often times when we attend a funeral we will hear the preacher say that our memories of the one who has passed away will allow that person to live on.
- II. The preacher might even speak of how a person can live on through our actions.
- III. These are comforting words to a family member because it means that the life of the deceased will not be forgotten as memories of them are carried with us.
- IV. Following His crucifixion and resurrection Jesus says something similar to what I have just spoken of. Jesus tells His disciples that they need to carry the memory of His life into the world. This command of Jesus is known as the “The Great Commission”
- V. As they carry out this work His life, death and resurrection will not be forgotten.
- VII. So as we come to the close of the Gospel of Mark I want to take this time to share with you some memories of Jesus as seen in the Gospel of Mark.
- VIII. But unlike the memories we might share of someone else who has passed from this life, the memories of Jesus are life altering and eternally consequential.
- IX. This can be seen in understanding the threefold purpose of why God preserved these memories in Marks Gospel.
 - 1. To establish that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 - 2. To lead us to become one of His disciples.
 - 3. To lead us to make disciples of others.
- X. In other words all these memories of Jesus should lead us to this conclusion: **Jesus is the Christ, so become one of His disciples and go and make disciples of others.**

Trans: Let’s begin by considering the first thing Mark, through divine inspiration, has left for us to remember about Jesus

1. Remember that Jesus is the Christ

A. Mark 1:1

B. As I have stated time and again Mark spent the next 16 chapters proving this to be the case.

C. He did this in five ways.

- 1. Through testimony,
 - a. The declaration of John the Baptist, **Mark 1:2-8**
 - b. The declaration of the Father, **Mark 1:9-11**
 - c. The declaration made by Jesus Himself, **Mark 14:60-62**
- 2. Through Jesus’ Teachings
 - a. Jesus taught with authority, **Mark 1:21,22**
 - b. Jesus’ teachings astonished the people, **Mark 6:2**
 - c. Jesus taught the will of God, **John 12:49**
 - d. Jesus’ teachings silenced the opposition, **Mark 12:34**

3. Through the miracles Jesus worked.
 - a. The miracles show Jesus' power over the spiritual and physical
Mark 1:33,34
 - b. The miracles show the power He had over sin, **Mark 2:3-11**
 - c. The miracles attest to God's approval of Jesus, **Acts 2:22,23**
4. Through Jesus' transfiguration, **Mark 9:2-7**
5. Through Jesus' resurrection, **Rom. 1:1-4**

Illust: **John 20:30,31**

Appl: As we have studied through the Gospel of Mark we have clearly seen the evidences needed to recognize that Jesus was no ordinary man.

Mark began his gospel with a proclamation that established this fact. This Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and here is the evidence needed to prove it.

Through all that Jesus said and did, it was made clear that He could be none other than whom Mark claimed Him to be and who He is, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Trans: Having clearly established the fact of who Jesus is Mark also records for us how this should affect us. This is our second point.

2. Become a disciple of Jesus

A. The whole purpose of the Son of God coming to this world and dying was to save mankind from their sins, **Rom. 5:8-10**

B. In Mark's Gospel we find that as Jesus carried out the work of the Father, people recognized Him as the Christ and saw the necessity of becoming one of His disciples,

1. Mark begins His gospel this way.
 - a. Jesus is the Christ, **Mark 1:1**
 - b. So become one of his disciples, **Mark 1:14-20**
2. Jesus called the people to become one of His disciples, **Mark 10:29-31**
3. Throughout his gospel Mark continues to show that those who recognized that Jesus was the Christ became His disciples,
 - a. **Mark 2:13,14**
 - b. **Mark 1:45**
 - c. **Mark 2:13**
 - d. **Mark 4:1**
 - e. **Mark 5:21**
 - f. **Mark 6:30-34**

Appl: The life Jesus lived was intended to draw people to Him. It would do no good for the Son of God to come to this earth if in the end it affected no one's life.

But Jesus came to seek the lost and as He performed miracles and taught the unadulterated word of God disciples were being made.

This is what Mark, through divine inspiration, is attempting to do in his gospel. He is leading each one of us to recognize that Jesus is the Christ and because of this we should become one of His disciples.

Trans: Becoming one of Jesus' disciples is what all who read the Gospel of Mark should desire to do. But this is not the end of the story. There is more yet to do. This take us to our third and final point.

3. Disciples, Go Make Disciples

A. As Mark concludes his Gospel he leaves us with the words of Jesus, **Mark 16:15,16**

B. This is very similar to how Matthew ends his gospel, **Matt. 28:19,20**

C. The point is Jesus didn't die just to save me from my sins, He died for the sins of the whole world,

John 1:29

1John 2:1,2

D. If sins are going to be forgiven then people need to be taught about Jesus. Through the teaching of Jesus people will chose to become one of His disciples, **Rom. 10:13-15**

E. Jesus had prepared His disciples for this early on,

Mark 4:21-29

Mark 6:7-13

Appl: So as we see the work of Jesus wasn't just to save those in His life time but to save all who would come to Him.

For this to be accomplished Jesus was first going to have to shed His blood for our sins. Once that was done His disciples then had the responsibility to go into all the world and teach others about Him so that more disciples would be made, more souls would be saved.

Con: There could no more a fitting end to Marks Gospel than this.

Mark began his gospel the way he ended. In the first chapter we have the full spectrum of what the entire Gospel is about.

1. Jesus is the Christ, Mark 1:1-11
2. Jesus came to overcome sin, Mark 1:12,13
3. Become one of His disciples, Mark 1:14-20

And this is how it ends

Jesus is the Christ, so become one of His disciples and go and make disciples of others.