

# 1 MARK TELLS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

*Memory Verse:* “. . . believe the **good news!**” (Mark 1:15)

*Scripture:* Mark 1:1

The **Holy Bible** tells us about God. The **Holy Bible** also tells us about Jesus Christ. Four of the books are about the life of Jesus. We call these books the **Gospels**. These books tell us the **good news** about Jesus.

A man named Mark wrote one of these books. The name of the book is *Mark*. The other books are *Matthew* (MATH-yew), *Luke*, and *John*. These books are the **Gospels**.

Mark lived while Jesus lived. Mark was a friend of Peter (PEE-ter). Peter worked with Jesus Christ. Peter saw what Jesus did. He heard what Jesus said. Mark wrote the things that Peter told him about Jesus.

Other **Gospels** tell about the birth of Jesus. Jesus was born in a town called Bethlehem (BETH-luh-hem). He lived in a town called Nazareth (NAZ-uh-ruhth). He obeyed His parents, Mary and Joseph. He worked with His father. He studied the **Scripture**.

Mark began the story of Jesus when Jesus was 30 years old. Mark told what Jesus did. Jesus was doing the **work of God** on earth. Jesus helped other people. He helped people with all types of problems. He helped sick people. Jesus also used His power to stop storms.

Jesus taught us how to live. And He showed us how to live. Jesus showed us how to love other people. He showed us how to love **ourselves**.

Jesus can **forgive** our **sins**. Jesus showed us how to **forgive** other people. He showed us how to **forgive ourselves**.

The *Gospel of Mark* tells the **good news** about Jesus. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus came to **save** us from our **sins**. Jesus came to show us the love of God. He helps us to love God more than anything else.

Mark wanted us to know Jesus. Mark wrote his book to help us. We can learn about Jesus Christ as we study *Mark*. Jesus wants to **save** us from our **sins**. We can learn this **good news**.

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**QUESTIONS:** *Fill in the blanks.*

1. Four books in the **Holy Bible** are about the life of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. These books tell us the \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus. He came to **save** us from our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A man named \_\_\_\_\_ wrote one of the **Gospels**.
4. Mark wrote the things Peter said about \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus was born in a town called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus studied the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Answer with YES or NO. Circle the right answer.*

7. Did Jesus do the **work of God** on earth? YES or NO
8. Does Mark tell the bad news about Jesus Christ? YES or NO
9. Is Jesus the Son of God? YES or NO
10. Can Jesus **forgive** our **sins**? YES or NO

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**WORD LIST**

1. **forgive** (*verb*): make free from the shame for **sins**; choose to forget the wrong things that people do.
2. **good news** (*noun phrase*): the story that Jesus Christ can **save** people from their **sins**.
3. **Gospel, Gospels** (*proper noun*): the first four books of the New Testament in the Bible. (The **Gospels** tell the **good news** about Jesus Christ. **Gospel** means "good news.")
4. **Holy Bible** (*proper noun*): the 66 books that God gave us to learn about Him; the written Word of God; the **Scripture**.
5. **ourselves** (*pronoun*): us; the same persons as you and me.
6. **save** (*verb*): make free from **sin**; not punish people for their **sins**.
7. **Scripture** (*proper noun*): the **Holy Bible**; the written Word of God; any part of the Bible.
8. **sin, sins** (*noun*): the acts and thoughts of people against God and His laws; the things people do when they do not obey God.
9. **work of God** (*noun phrase*): anything that God tells people to do; what God does to help people know and love Him.