



## Mark - Simply Jesus

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### One with authority

#### [trek] introduction

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are to:

**t** - train you to live God's way

**r** - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus

**e** - encourage you to tell others about Jesus

**k** - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. That is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

#### Reflections or questions I have...

What have these passages taught me about:

Who Jesus is?

What Jesus is on about?

*As we have seen in our study last week there is much to wonder about who Jesus was and what he was on about. This week we are going find out more about this man who is said to be the king and ruler of the world. Although he is clearly a man who has great authority over people, the created world and over his circumstances we will see the remarkable ways that he uses this authority. The big question to be asking this week as you read the passages is: What do these encounters tell us about Jesus?*

#### [trek day 1] The Fishermen [Mark 1:16-20]

##### Read Mark 1:16-20

> What does Jesus promise to do for these men?

> What does this encounter tell us about Jesus?

**Give thanks** to God that he has made known the message about Jesus through those he set out to be messengers.

#### [trek day 2] The Synagogue [Mark 1:21-28]

##### Read Mark 1:21-28

> Why are people impressed by Jesus in Capernaum?

> What does this encounter tell us about Jesus?

**Thank God** for the message that Jesus preached that he had authority to teach because he God's son who came to bring people back into relationship with God.

#### [trek day 3] The Sick [Mark 1:29-39]

##### Read Mark 1:29-39

> How is Jesus authority shown in this section?

> From Jesus' actions and words, what did he think his mission was all about?

**Thank God** for his great compassion on people to bring not just physical healing to people but to heal our hearts that suffer from our rejection of God's rule over our lives.

#### [trek day 4] The Leper [Mark 1:40-45]

##### Read Mark 1:40-45

> Why do you think the leper was hesitant about asking for healing?

> What does this encounter tell us about Jesus?

**Give thanks** that he is will to save those who call on him through his mercy shown in sending Jesus to die on the cross for our rejection of him so that we might be saved.

#### [trek day 5] Jesus' Authority [Mark 2:1-12]

##### Read Mark 2:1-12

> From this passage who does it tell us is able to forgive sins? (hint v6)

> That Jesus not only heals the man but also forgives his sins, what does this tell us about who Jesus is and what sort of authority he has?

**Thank God** that Jesus has the ability to forgive us of our rejection of you (sin) because he is God himself.

#### [trek] instructions

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). There are 5 readings. Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

1) Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.

2) Read the part of the bible for that day.

3) As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)

4) Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.

5) Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

**NOTE:** Much more can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.