



Mark - Simply Jesus

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What must I do?

[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?

Extension Questions

Words for your dictionary:

Christ: Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah which means God's anointed king.

Are there other words or phrases that you would like to clarify?

If you have any questions please feel free to call Dave or Row on 43222107, 0428 532665.

[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.

Have you ever been called "religious" because you are a Christian? The word religious means to do acts or perform rites ceremonially in order attain a certain standing with God. Religions the world over most certainly fit this description where in order to be right with God followers must do certain things to please him. Christianity is hugely different to this. Rather than being focused on what we must do, Christianity is focused on what God has done for us his Jesus. Consider this as you read these passages.

[trek day 1] "You are the Christ" [Mark 8:27-9:1]

Read Mark 8:27-9:1

> What does Peter realized about Jesus that others don't? (v29)

> What does it mean for Jesus to be the Christ? (v31)

Think: In this passage we see what Jesus must do in order to bring us back into relationship with God. Have you accepted forgiveness of your rebellion against God through Jesus death and resurrection.

[trek day 2] On the Mountain [Mark 9:2-13]

Read Mark 9:2-13

> On the mountain top the three disciples are given a glimpse of Jesus' glory. Who are they told Jesus is? (v7)

> What does Jesus again say is going to happen to him? (v9)

Thank God: That Jesus is God's son and as a result is able to take the punishment that we deserved for our rejection of God that we might be brought back into relationship with him.

[trek day 3] The Servent Diaries [Mark 9:33-37, 10:35-45]

Read Mark 9:33-37

> What does it mean to be great in God's books? (v35)

Read Mark 10:35-45

> How is Jesus the supreme example of what it means to serve others? V45

Thank God that Jesus showed his greatness by serving all people by laying down his life so that we might be bought back into relationship with God.

[trek day 4] The Triumphal Entry [Mark 11:1-11]

Read Mark 11:1-11

> How is the response of the people fitting regarding who Jesus is?

> Is this the way people always respond to God? Why? Why not?

Give thanks to God for his greatness and wonder shown through his son Jesus and his great sacrifice to bring people back into relationship with God.

[trek day 5] In the Temple? [Mark 11: 15-19]

Read Mark 11:12-19

> The Jewish nation was a highly "religious" where they made sure that sacrifices and offering were made to God in the temple. What does Jesus think of these "religious" practices? (v17)

> While the people were making offerings to God, what do you think a problem was regarding the state of their hearts?

Thank God that there is nothing we can do to make our selves right with God but that he sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserved to be bought back into relationship with him.