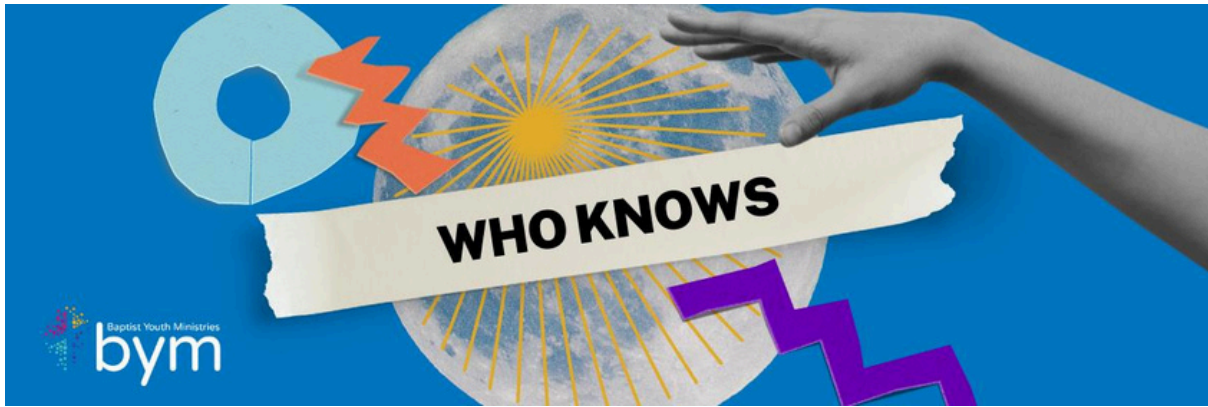




## **Teaching Series on Mark**

**Prepared and presented by Baptist Youth Ministries**



## MARK Series

The Book of Mark is a fascinating look at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

It outlines a number of events that describe the words and actions of Jesus that require its readers to consider its meaning both for themselves, as well as our wider world.

In this resource we ask two critical questions:

1. Who do you say Jesus is?
2. Who does Jesus say you are?

The videos are presented by members of the Baptist Youth Ministries team and can be used in small groups or as part of a larger youth event.

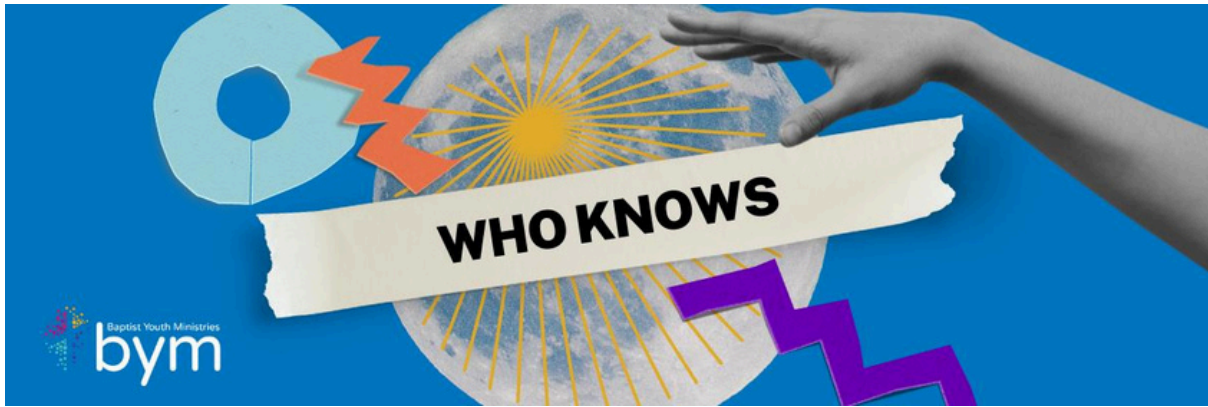
We not only trust this resource is a blessing to those leading in youth ministries but that it provides opportunities for young people to hear a fresh the message of Jesus and be challenged to place their faith in Him.

We encourage youth pastors and youth leaders to take the following approach in their preparation -

- Read the book of Mark in its entirety
- Watch the overview video provided by the Bible Project <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/mark/>
- Pray that God would use the time to open hearts and minds to who Jesus is
- Read the section of Mark that is being covered by the talk
- Watch the related video to ensure you are familiar with the contents
- Consider the small group questions provided (and any additional ones that might be helpful)
- Contact the Baptist Youth Ministries team member with feedback and encouragement - as well to see how they could support the youth ministry at your church

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## Talk 1 – Steve Dixon - Passage – Mark 1: 1-11

### Small Group Questions

1. What kinds of things do you include when you describe yourself to others?
2. Mark outlines a voice that describes Jesus as a family member, beloved, and pleasing to God. When have you heard these words? How did it make you feel?
3. How do people you know describe Jesus?
4. Who do you say Jesus is?
5. How has this changed over time?
6. What changes in your world if Jesus is the one sent by God to save the world?



## Talk 2 – Sarah Alarcon - Passage - Mark 2:1-12

### Small Group Questions

1. What stands out to you in Mark 2:1-12 and why?
2. What would you be thinking/feeling in this story if you were:
  - a. The paralysed man
  - b. The friends
  - c. The crowds
3. Can you share a time when you have wanted healing for yourself or someone you care about?
4. Can you think of other places in the bible where we see Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man? Why is this important?
5. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus says “your sins are forgiven”
6. Where in your life do you need to trust the power of healing and forgiveness that Jesus offers?



## Talk 3 – Eliseo Juan Ramirez - Passage – Mark 4: 1-20

### Small Group Questions

1. If Jesus was around today, do you think he would use the farming illustration for his story? If not, what would he use instead?
2. What stands out to you in this passage and why?
3. The parable of the Sower is quite confronting. Why do you think some people might struggle with this story?
4. Can you relate to one of the four heart responses? If so, which one and why? (*Hard, rocky, chocked up, good*)
5. What stops you from telling others about Jesus and making disciples?
6. What is one thing you need to do in light of what we have covered?



## Talk 4 – Emma Donaldson - Passage – Mark 6: 30-44

### Small Group Questions

1. What stands out to you in the passage and why?
2. Where else do we see this big idea in the Bible — Jesus or God as provider?
3. What stops you from believing in the idea of Jesus?
4. Share a time when Jesus has provided for you.
5. How will you respond to this passage?



## Talk 5 – Steve Cole - Passage – Mark 8: 27-37

### Small Group Questions

1. What good reason could Jesus have for telling us to suffer with him?
2. Why do many of us choose to not go through suffering for Jesus?
3. What will suffering with Jesus look like?
4. Why should you be willing to suffer with Jesus?



## **Talk 6 – Fiona Gardner - Passage – Mark 14: 27-52**

### **Small Group Questions**

1. Share a time when you have felt abandoned by those around you.
2. What stands out to you in the passage and why?
3. Where else do we see people saying one thing and doing another in the Bible?
4. Why do people struggle with doing the opposite of what they normally would do, especially when under pressure?
5. Who do you relate to the most in this passage?
6. Do you find it hard to accept that Jesus will never abandon you?
7. What is one thing you need to do in light of what we have covered?



## Talk 7 – Will Tugwell - Passage – Mark 15: 21-41

### Small Group Questions

1. Share a time when you have been a part of a great victory.
2. What stands out to you in the passage and why?
3. Where else do we see this big idea in the Bible?
4. In this passage, and from experiences in your life; who do people say Jesus is? Who do you say Jesus is?  
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5. What stops you from believing that Jesus's death on the cross is the ultimate victory? What does believing in this mean for your life?  
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6. In this passage Jesus responds in love and invites us to respond to others in love too. What is hard about actually doing that in your life?  
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7. Jesus won for you freedom to be in relationship with God and invited you to be on his team as he redeems the world. Knowing this, what do you feel like God is saying to you and what do you need to do about it?  
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## Talk 8 – Rachel Stuhr - Passage – Mark 16: 1-8

### Small Group Questions

1. What stands out to you in this passage and why?
2. Does this passage change anything for you in terms of your faith?
3. Why do people struggle to believe in the resurrection? How can we help them to overcome that struggle?
4. What is stopping you from becoming a storyteller for Jesus?
5. What is one thing you need to do in light of what we have covered?



## Talk 9 – Steve Dixon - Passage - Mark 16: 9-20

### Small Group Questions

1. Describe an event that was almost unbelievable
2. When you have heard someone else describe an unbelievable event how have you responded?
3. What does it take for you to consider an unbelievable event?
4. Through the resurrection we are invited to participate with God in making Jesus known. What aspects of Jesus life have you been drawn to throughout this series and why?
5. Who has God surrounded you with to share about Jesus?
6. What are three practical ways you can share about Jesus with others?