

# **Wycliffe Associates**

## **Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide**

### ***Mark***

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## Review Leader Instructions

### Prepare

- Find 2–4 believers to review your translated passages, and plan where to meet.
- Gather pens and paper, a printed copy of the Reviewers' Guide (RG), one copy of the source text, and printed copies of the translation.

### Start Review Session

- Bring everything you prepared.
- Welcome reviewers. Pray together.
- Give reviewers a quick summary of the review process. Tell reviewers the following:
  - "The questions in this review are not meant to test your Bible knowledge. Instead, they are meant to test how clear the translation is. When I ask questions, please answer from what you find in the text we just read."
  - "You will not be asked or expected to suggest changes or edits for any issues that are found."
  - "I will tell you the verse reference for each question. If needed, you can refer to that verse while answering the question."
- Give reviewers copies of the translated passages.

### Conduct Review for Each Passage

- Read (aloud) any **Background** for the passage.
- Read (aloud) the passage in the translation. Reviewers should follow along while you read.
- Ask reviewers to retell the passage, using their own words. They may look at the passage as they retell it.
  - As you listen, mark the box by each **Part 1** item if it is understandable from the way reviewers retell the passage.
  - Write notes on the RG about what they understand and do not understand.
- Ask reviewers the **Part 2** questions. Tell reviewers the verse that each question is about so that they can look at the right verses as they answer.
  - As you listen, mark by each **Part 2** item if it is understandable from how reviewers answer the question. Reviewers do not need to quote directly.
  - As needed, ask additional questions to clarify. (For example, ask reviewers to show or tell which words in the verses led to their answer.)
  - You may also look at your source text to confirm answers.

You may use the **Comment Section** to take any other notes about what they say.

- Some questions in **Part 2** include the phrase "do you think." These questions are designed to test if implied information can be understood. Any answer that fits with the text is OK. Participants may also answer these questions based on knowledge of other Biblical passages and based on how they react to this passage.

### Finish Review Session

- Pray together.
- Thank reviewers.
- As needed, talk about when to meet to review more passages.

### After the Review

- Arrange a time to meet with the translation team.
- At that time, bring all the notes from your Review Session(s) to the translation team.
- Show them what was found by reviewers. The team should decide what to change and how to do that.

# 1:1-13

**Background:** The Gospel of Mark is one of four books in the New Testament that describe some of the life of Jesus Christ. The authors of the gospels wrote about different aspects of who Jesus was and what he did. Mark wrote much about how Jesus suffered and died on the cross. He did this to encourage his readers who were being persecuted. Mark also explained Jewish customs and some Aramaic words. This may indicate that Mark expected most of his first readers to be Gentiles.

**Read the passage.**

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ This begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. [1:1]
- ☐ Isaiah prophesied that a messenger would be sent to prepare the way. He said that a voice would cry in the wilderness and tell people to make the Lord's way ready. [1:2-3]
- ☐ John appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for sins to be forgiven. [1:4]
- ☐ Many people went to be baptized by him, confessing their sins. [1:5]
- ☐ John said that someone with more power would come after him, and that person would baptize with the Holy Spirit. [1:7-8]
- ☐ John baptized Jesus. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Spirit descended on him. A voice came from heaven and said, "You are my beloved Son. I am very pleased with you." [1:9-11]
- ☐ The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. [1:12-13]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [1:1] How did the Gospel of Mark begin?  
The author wrote that this was the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
2. [1:2] Isaiah wrote about a messenger. What would the messenger do?  
The messenger would prepare someone's way.
3. [1:3] Where would the messenger cry out?  
The messenger would cry out in the wilderness.
4. [1:3] What would the messenger tell people to do?  
He would tell people to prepare the way of the Lord and to make the Lord's paths straight.
5. [1:4] What did John do in the wilderness?  
John preached that people should repent, receive forgiveness of sins, and be baptized.
6. [1:5] Who came to John at the Jordan River?  
People from the country of Judea and all Jerusalem went out to him.

7. [1:5] What did the people do when they were baptized by John?  
The people confessed their sins.
8. [1:6] What did John wear and eat?  
John wore a coat made of camel's hair and a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild honey.
9. [1:7] What did John say about the one who would come after him?  
John said that the one who would come after him was more powerful than himself. John said that he was not worthy to stoop down and untie that man's sandals.
10. [1:8] What did John say the one coming after him would do?  
John said the one coming after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit.
11. [1:9] When he came to be baptized, from what place did Jesus come?  
Jesus came there from Nazareth.
12. [1:10] What happened when Jesus was baptized by John?  
Jesus came out of the water, the Spirit descended on him like a dove, and a voice spoke to him from heaven.
13. [1:11] What did the voice from heaven say about Jesus?  
"You are my beloved Son. I am very pleased with you."
14. [1:11] Who do you think was speaking?  
The passage indicates that it was God because the voice came from heaven. The voice also called Jesus his Son, which shows that God the Father was the one who was speaking.
15. [1:12] Where did the Spirit lead Jesus?  
The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.
16. [1:13] What happened in the wilderness?  
Satan tempted Jesus for forty days. Jesus was also with the wild animals, and the angels ministered to him.
17. [1:1-13] How do you think the prophecy in verses 2 and 3 was fulfilled in this passage?  
The passage indicates that John was the messenger who would tell people to prepare for the Lord's coming. It also indicates that Jesus is the Lord who was to come.

**Comment Section:**

## 2:1-12

**Background:** After Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, he called his first disciples. He and his disciples went to Capernaum in Galilee, and Jesus taught people and performed miracles. Then they went to other places in Galilee, and Jesus preached and performed miracles in those places. In Mark 2:1, they came back to Capernaum.

**Read the passage.**

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ Some men brought a paralyzed man to Jesus. [2:1-4]
- ☐ Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. [2:5]
- ☐ Some scribes thought Jesus blasphemed when he said that. [2:6-7]
- ☐ Jesus told the man to get up, pick up his mat, and walk. [2:10-11]
- ☐ The man got up, picked up his mat, and walked out, and the people praised God. [2:12]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [2:1-2] What happened when the people heard that Jesus had returned to Capernaum?  
So many people gathered at the house where Jesus was preaching that there was no more room in the house.
2. [2:3] What did the four men do in verse 3?  
They carried a paralyzed man, trying to take him to Jesus.
3. [2:4] What did the four men do when they could not get into the house?  
They climbed onto the roof of the house, they removed part of the roof, and they lowered the man into the house.
4. [2:5] What did Jesus say when he saw the faith of the four friends of the paralyzed man?  
Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven.
5. [2:7] What did the scribes think when Jesus forgave the man's sins?  
They thought that Jesus blasphemed God because only God could forgive sins.
6. [2:8-9] What did Jesus ask the scribes once he knew in his spirit what they were thinking?  
He asked them if it was easier to say that the man's sins were forgiven or to tell him to take up his mat and walk.
7. [2:8-9] Do you think it was easier to say to the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven or to tell him to take up his mat and walk?  
(Answer may vary.) Perhaps it would be easier to say that his sins were forgiven, because no one can prove whether a person's sins were actually forgiven. Perhaps it was harder to tell a paralyzed man to take up his mat and walk, because people could immediately see whether the miracle actually happened.

**Mark 2:1-12 continued**

8. [2:10] What did Jesus call himself in verse 10?  
Jesus called himself the Son of Man.
9. [2:10-11] What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man so that the people would know that he had authority on earth to forgive sins?  
Jesus told the paralyzed man to take up his mat and go to his house.
10. [2:12] What did the paralyzed man do?  
He got up, he took up his mat, and he went out of the house in front of everyone.
11. [2:12] What did the crowd do?  
The crowd gave glory to God and said they had never seen anything like this.
12. [2:1-12] What do you think Jesus proved when he healed the man?  
(*Answer may vary.*) By doing something the people thought was harder than saying the man was forgiven, Jesus proved to them that he had authority to forgive sins. Since God is the only one who can forgive sins and Jesus forgave the sins of the paralyzed man, Jesus' actions and words show that he is God.

**Comment Section:**

## 2:23-3:6

**Background:** The Sabbath was the last day of each week. In the Law of Moses, God commanded the Jews not to work on the Sabbath because it was holy.

In Mark 3:1 Jesus went into a synagogue. A synagogue was a place where Jewish people worshiped God.

**Read the passage.**

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ Jesus' disciples picked and ate some heads of grain on the Sabbath, and some Pharisees criticized them. [2:23-24]
- ☐ Jesus reminded the Pharisees about when David ate the bread that only the priests were allowed to eat. [2:25-26]
- ☐ Jesus taught them about the Sabbath. [2:27-28]
- ☐ One Sabbath, some people watched Jesus closely to see if he would heal a man that day. They wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking the law. [3:1-2]
- ☐ Jesus healed the man. [3:5]
- ☐ The Pharisees began to plot with Herodians about how they might kill Jesus. [3:6]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [2:23] What did the disciples do when they walked through the grainfields on the Sabbath?  
The disciples were hungry, so they picked heads of grain to eat.
2. [2:24] What did the Pharisees say to Jesus?  
They told Jesus it was unlawful for the disciples to do what they were doing on the Sabbath.
3. [2:25-26] What did Jesus say that David did?  
David and his men were hungry, so he went into the house of God. David and his men ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat.
4. [2:27] What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about the Sabbath?  
The Sabbath was made for mankind. Mankind was not made for the Sabbath.
5. [2:28] What authority did Jesus say he has?  
Jesus said that he, the Son of Man, is Lord also of the Sabbath.
6. [2:27-28] What do you think Jesus meant in verse 27 when he spoke about the Sabbath and mankind?  
(Answer may vary.) Perhaps Jesus wanted people to know that God created the Sabbath to be a benefit to people, not a burden.
7. [3:1] Who did Jesus see when he entered the synagogue?  
Jesus saw a man with a withered hand.

**Mark 2:23-3:6 continued**

8. [3:2] Why were some people waiting to see what Jesus would do?  
They wanted to see if he would heal the man so they could accuse him of breaking the law about the Sabbath.
9. [3:3] What did Jesus say to the man with the withered hand?  
Jesus told the man to stand in the middle of everyone.
10. [3:4] What did Jesus say to the people who were watching?  
Jesus asked them if it was lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill.
11. [3:4] Why do you think Jesus asked the people the question regarding the Sabbath?  
Jesus wanted them to acknowledge that the obvious answer was this: It was lawful to do good and save a life on the Sabbath.
12. [3:5] Why was Jesus angry with the people and grieved about them?  
Jesus was angry and grieved because their hearts were hard.
13. [3:5] What do you think it means to have a hard heart?  
(*Answer may vary.*) Perhaps it means to be stubborn and to refuse to agree with the truth. Perhaps it means to be without compassion.
14. [3:5] What did Jesus tell the man with the withered hand, and then what happened?  
Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand. When the man stretched out his hand, it was restored.
15. [3:6] What did the Pharisees do after Jesus healed the man?  
The Pharisees plotted with the Herodians how they could kill Jesus.
16. [3:6] Why do you think the Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus?  
(*Answer may vary.*) The passage shows that the Pharisees thought Jesus disobeyed the law about the Sabbath by healing the man. The Pharisees may have also been angry because Jesus challenged their authority in front of the crowd.

**Comment Section:**



## 4:1-20

**Background:** In the previous chapter, Jesus began to speak to the people in parables.

***Read the passage.***

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A large crowd gathered by the sea to hear Jesus preach. He got into a boat and taught the people on the shore. [4:1]
- ☐ He taught them using parables, and he began a story about a farmer planting seeds. [4:2-3]
- ☐ Some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them. [4:4]
- ☐ Some seeds landed in shallow dirt and sprang up quickly. But they withered when the sun came up. [4:5-6]
- ☐ Other seeds landed among thorns that choked the seeds. Those plants did not produce grain. [4:7]
- ☐ Other seeds fell on good ground. They grew up and produced many times more than the seeds that were sown. [4:8]
- ☐ Jesus said that whoever had ears should listen. Later, Jesus' followers and disciples asked Jesus about the parables. [4:9-10]
- ☐ Jesus told his disciples that they were given the secret about God's kingdom while those outside had only parables. [4:11]
- ☐ This was so that though they saw and heard, they would not understand, turn back, and be forgiven. [4:12]
- ☐ Jesus asked the disciples how they would understand any parables if they did not understand this one. [4:13]
- ☐ Jesus said that the farmer plants the word. [4:14]
- ☐ The seed sown on the path is like those who hear the word, but Satan comes and takes the word away quickly. [4:15]
- ☐ The seed sown on the rocky ground is like those who excitedly accept the word when they hear it. But when troubles come because of the word, they go away. [4:16-17]
- ☐ The seed sown in the thorny soil is like those who hear the word and then let worries or other things choke out the word. Then the word bears no fruit. [4:18-19]
- ☐ The seed on good soil is like those who hear the word, accept the word, and bear fruit—30, 60, or 100 times what they received. [4:20]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus do when he taught the large crowd that gathered by the sea to hear him? [4:1-2]  
Jesus got into a boat on the sea and taught the people who were on the land.
2. How did Jesus teach the people? [4:2]  
Jesus taught them many things in parables.
3. What did the farmer do in the story that Jesus told them to listen to? [4:3]  
The farmer went out to plant his seed.

**Mark 4:1-20 continued**

4. What happened to the seed that fell beside the road? [4:4]  
Birds came and ate the seed.
5. What happened to the seed that fell on the rocky ground? [4:5-6]  
The seed sprang up, but because the soil was not deep, the plants dried out when the sun came out.
6. What happened to the seed that fell among the thorn plants? [4:7]  
The thorns grew up and choked the seed, and it produced no grain.
7. What happened to the seed that fell into the good soil? [4:8]  
The seed produced grain. It yielded 30, 60, and even 100 times as much as what was planted.
8. What did Jesus say to the people after he told them the parable? [4:9]  
Jesus said that those who have ears to hear should listen to him.
9. What did those who were around Jesus and the 12 disciples ask him? [4:10]  
They asked Jesus about the parables.
10. What did Jesus say was given to them, but not to others? [4:11]  
The disciples were given the secret of the kingdom of God.
11. What did Jesus say about why he spoke in parables to those outside the kingdom? [4:12]  
He said that he spoke to them in parables so that they might look and hear but not see or understand.
12. What did Jesus say to them about understanding this parable? [4:13]  
He asked if they did not understand the parable. Then he asked them how they could understand any of the parables, if they could not understand this one.
13. What did the farmer do? [4:14]  
The farmer sowed (or planted) the word.
14. What do you think Jesus was talking about when he spoke about the word? [4:14]  
(Answer may vary.) Jesus probably meant God's word, because it is often called "the word," and because in the end of the parable we see that this word produces fruit. Jesus may also have meant the teaching he was giving them at this time.
15. What did the seed sown beside the road represent? [4:15]  
It represented people who hear the word, but immediately Satan takes the word away from them.
16. What did the seed sown on the rocky ground represent? [4:16-17]  
It represented those who hear the word with joy, but when persecution comes, they stop following God.
17. What did the seed sown among thorn plants represent? [4:18-19]  
It represented those who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the desires for things like riches, choke the word.

**Mark 4:1-20 continued**

18. What did the seed sown in the good soil represent? [4:20]

It represented those who hear the word, receive it, and produce fruit.

19. What do you think it means to hear the word and produce fruit? [4:20]

*(Answer may vary.)* Perhaps it means to believe and obey the word, because in other places Jesus tells people not to just hear what he says, but to do it.

**Comment Section:**

## 5:1-20

**Background:** After Jesus taught his followers by the sea of Galilee, Jesus told the 12 disciples he wanted to sail to the other side. Chapter 5 begins when Jesus and the disciples arrived at the other side of the sea.

**Read the passage.**

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus went in a boat to an area called Gerasenes, where a man with an unclean spirit came up to him. [5:1-2]
- ☐ This man was living among tombs. People tried to control him with chains, but he had broken the chains. [5:3-4]
- ☐ He was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. [5:5]
- ☐ He ran and fell down in front of Jesus. He asked what Jesus wanted with him. He called Jesus the Son of the Most High God. He begged Jesus not to torture him. [5:6-7]
- ☐ This was because Jesus had told the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [5:8]
- ☐ Jesus asked, "What is your name?" and the demons answered, "Legion," because there were many of them. [5:9]
- ☐ Then he begged Jesus not to send them away. [5:10]
- ☐ A herd of pigs was eating on a hillside nearby, and the demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. [5:11-12]
- ☐ Jesus allowed them. The demons came out of the man, went into the pigs, and caused them all to rush down to the sea and drown. [5:13]
- ☐ Those tending the pigs ran and told everyone in the area what had happened. The people came to see. [5:14]
- ☐ They came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man dressed and sane, and they were afraid. [5:15]
- ☐ Those who had seen it described to others what had happened to the man and to the pigs. Then people begged Jesus to leave their area. [5:16-17]
- ☐ When Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. [5:18]
- ☐ But Jesus told him to go home and tell others what the Lord did for him. [5:19]
- ☐ The man told how much Jesus had done for him in the area called the Decapolis, and everyone was amazed. [5:20]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Jesus and the disciples go? [5:1]  
They sailed to the other side of the sea to the region of the Gerasenes.
2. What happened right away after Jesus stepped out of the boat? [5:2]  
A man with an unclean spirit came from the tombs to meet Jesus.
3. Where did the man live and why? [5:3]  
He lived among tombs because no one could control him.

**Mark 5:1-20 continued**

4. What had happened when people tried previously to restrain this man with chains? [5:4]  
The man tore the chains apart and ripped them up, and no one could stop him.
5. What did the man do night and day among the tombs? [5:5]  
He cried out and cut himself with sharp stones.
6. What did the man do when he saw Jesus far away? [5:6-7]  
He ran to Jesus and bowed down to him and shouted, asking what Jesus wanted with him.
7. What did the unclean spirit in the man call Jesus? [5:6-7]  
He called Jesus the Son of the Most High God.
8. What request did the man make? [5:7]  
He asked Jesus not to torture him.
9. Why did he ask this? What had Jesus said? [5:8]  
Jesus had told the unclean spirit to come out of the man.
10. What was the name of the unclean spirit? [5:9]  
His name was Legion because there were many unclean spirits in the man.
11. What did the unclean spirits beg Jesus in verse 10? [5:10]  
They begged Jesus not to send them out of the region.
12. What did the unclean spirits beg Jesus in verse 12? [5:11-12]  
They begged Jesus to send them into a herd of pigs that was feeding on the nearby hillside.
9. What happened after Jesus gave the unclean spirits permission to enter the pigs? [5:13]  
They came out of the man and entered the pigs. Then the pigs ran down the steep hill into the sea and drowned.
10. What did those who were feeding the pigs do? [5:14]  
They ran and told people in the city and the countryside what had happened.
11. When people went out to see what happened, what did they see? [5:15]  
They saw the man who had been possessed by Legion sitting, dressed, and in his right mind.
12. How did they react? [5:15]  
They were afraid.
13. What did the witnesses do? [5:16]  
The ones who saw it all described what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.
14. What did the people beg Jesus to do? [5:17]  
They begged Jesus to leave their region.
15. What did the man who had been demon-possessed want to do? [5:18]  
He wanted to go along with Jesus.

**Mark 5:1-20 continued**

16. What did Jesus tell the man who had been possessed by unclean spirits to do? [5:19]

Jesus told him to tell his own people what the Lord had done for him and about the mercy the Lord had on him.

17. Why do you think Jesus did not want the demon-possessed man to go with him? [5:19]

*(Answer may vary.)* Since Jesus was going away at the people's request, Jesus told the man to tell others about him. It seems that Jesus had a job for the man to do that only he could do. Only those who had seen him demon-possessed before would understand what a miracle it was that he was now healed. Perhaps they would listen to him and believe in Jesus.

18. What did the man do? [5:20]

He went and told people in the Decapolis about what Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

**Comment Section:**

## 7:24-30

**Background:** Jesus has been traveling from town to town teaching and healing. This passage begins with his traveling to a non-Jewish region, Tyre and Sidon. These pagan cities are well-known in the Old Testament for being wicked and for having been judged by God.

**Read the passage.**

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus went to the region of Tyre and Sidon, and he entered a house. Jesus tried to keep it unknown that he was there, but he could not be hidden. [7:24]
- ☐ A woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit came to Jesus as soon as she heard about him and fell at his feet. [7:25]
- ☐ This woman, who was a Greek of Syrophenician descent, begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. [7:26]
- ☐ Jesus said that the children should eat their fill first because it is not right to give the children's food to the dogs. [7:27]
- ☐ The woman answered that even the dogs get to eat the children's crumbs. [7:28]
- ☐ Jesus said that because of her answer she could go and that the demon had left her daughter. [7:29]
- ☐ The woman went home and found her daughter lying in bed, and the demon was gone. [7:30]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Jesus travel in verse 24? [7:24]  
Jesus traveled to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
2. Where did Jesus go when he got to the region of Tyre and Sidon? [7:24]  
Jesus went into a house.
3. Who came to Jesus, when his presence in that house could not be hidden? [7:25]  
A woman who had a daughter with an unclean spirit came to Jesus.
4. How was the woman who came to Jesus described? [7:26]  
The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by descent.
5. What did the woman beg Jesus to do? [7:26]  
She begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter.
6. What did Jesus say to the woman? [7:27]  
Jesus told her to let the children be fed first and that it was not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.

**Mark 7:24-30 continued**

7. What do you think Jesus meant when he told the woman that the children should be fed first? [7:27]  
(*Answer may vary.*) Since Jesus was the promised Messiah to the Jewish people, perhaps when Jesus spoke about children, he was speaking about the Jewish people. Perhaps Jesus meant that he had come to minister to the Jews first.
8. How did the woman answer Jesus? [7:28]  
She replied to Jesus that even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.
9. What do you think the woman meant when she said that even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs? [7:28]  
(*Answer may vary.*) Perhaps she meant that though the food was meant for the children, even dogs sometimes get a little bit of it. Because the Gentiles were often called dogs by the Jews, perhaps she meant that even though she was not a Jew, Jesus could still share healing with her as he was doing with the Jews.
10. What did Jesus say to her? [7:29]  
Jesus said that because of her answer she could go, and that the demon was gone from her daughter.
11. What did the woman do? [7:30]  
She went home and found her daughter in bed with the demon gone.

**Comment Section:**



## 9:2-13

**Background:** In Mark chapter 8, Jesus asked his disciples if they knew who he was. Peter said Jesus was the Christ. Jesus told them not to tell anyone about him, and he taught them that he would have to suffer and be killed and that he would rise up after three days. In Mark 9:1, Jesus told his disciples that some of those with him would see the kingdom of God come with power before they died.

In this passage, two famous men from the Old Testament appear, even though they had lived and died long before this time. Elijah was an important prophet, and another prophet had said Elijah would return in the future. Moses was important because God gave the Law through him.

***Read the passage.***

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain where he was transfigured in front of them. [9:2]
- ☐ Elijah and Moses spoke with Jesus, and the disciples were terrified. [9:4-6]
- ☐ A voice from a cloud spoke to the disciples. [9:7]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone what had happened. [9:9]
- ☐ The disciples asked Jesus about Elijah, and he told them that Elijah had already come. [9:11-13]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [9:2-3] What happened to Jesus when Peter, James, and John went up a high mountain with him?  
Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them.
2. [9:4] Who appeared on the mountain with Jesus?  
Elijah and Moses appeared with him.
3. [9:5-6] How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus changed, and Moses and Elijah with him?  
The disciples were terrified. Peter did not know what to say, but he talked about making three shelters for them.
4. [9:7] What happened when a cloud came over them?  
A voice came from the cloud that called Jesus his beloved Son and told them to listen to him.
5. [9:7] Who do you think spoke from the cloud?  
It must be God the Father who spoke from the cloud, because the voice called Jesus his Son.
6. [9:8] What happened after the voice spoke to them from the cloud?  
Suddenly, the disciples saw no one else but Jesus.

**Mark 9:2-13 continued**

7. [9:9] What did Jesus say to Peter, James, and John as they came down from the mountain?  
Jesus told them they must tell no one about what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
8. [9:9] When Jesus spoke about the Son of Man, who do you think he was talking about?  
The passage indicates that he was talking about himself.
9. [9:10] What did Peter, James, and John discuss among themselves?  
They wondered about what rising from the dead could mean.
10. [9:12-13] What did Jesus say about Elijah's coming?  
Jesus said that Elijah does come first to restore all things, and he said that Elijah had already come.

**Comment Section:**

## 10:35-45

**Background:** Jesus and his disciples were on the road going to Jerusalem. Jesus told them that people would kill the Son of Man, but after three days, the Son of Man would rise.

**Read the passage.**

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, asked Jesus if he would do whatever they asked of him. [10:35]
- ☐ Jesus then asked what they wanted. They said that they wanted to sit one on each side of him when he was glorified. [10:36-37]
- ☐ Jesus said they did not realize what they were asking for. He asked them if they could drink what he was going to drink or be baptized with what he would be baptized with. [10:38]
- ☐ James and John said they could. Jesus said that they would drink the cup and be baptized with the same baptism as him. [10:39]
- ☐ But Jesus said that he could not give those places to them. He said the places already belonged to those for whom they were prepared. [10:40]
- ☐ The other disciples became angry with James and John. [10:41]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples that they knew that Gentiles leaders ruled over others and their officials dominated. [10:42]
- ☐ Jesus said the disciples must not be like that. Instead, whoever wanted to be great must become a servant. [10:43-44]
- ☐ Jesus said they should be like this because even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a payment for many. [10:45]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did James and John want Jesus to let them do? [10:35-37]  
They wanted him to let them sit on each side of him in his glory.
2. Why do you think James and John asked this? [10:37]  
(Answer may vary.) Because sitting beside a ruler is an honorable position and is for those who share the ruling, perhaps they wanted to share in Jesus' glory. Perhaps they wanted to be powerful and to rule with him. Since the other disciples got angry, perhaps the disciples were in competition to get the best positions in Jesus' new kingdom.
3. What did Jesus ask James and John? [10:38]  
Jesus asked if they were able to drink the cup that he would drink and be baptized with the same baptism.
4. What do you think Jesus was talking about when he spoke about drinking the cup he would drink or being baptized as he would be baptized? [10:38]  
(Answer may vary.) Jesus had just told them that he was going to be mistreated and killed and then rise, so perhaps Jesus was talking about the suffering and death he would endure before he would sit in glory.

**Mark 10:35-45 continued**

5. What did Jesus say about who would sit at his left and right hand? [10:40]  
Jesus said that he was not the one to decide who would sit at his right hand or left hand. Instead, these positions belonged to those for whom they were prepared.
6. What happened when the other 10 disciples heard what James and John had requested? [10:41]  
They became very upset with James and John.
7. What did Jesus say about the Gentile rulers and his disciples in verse 42? [10:42]  
The rulers of the Gentiles dominated people and exercised authority over them, but the disciples must not be like that.
8. In what way should the disciples be different from the Gentile rulers? [10:43-44]  
Whoever wanted to be great among them must be a servant. Whoever wanted to be first must be a slave of all.
9. What did Jesus say about the Son of Man? [10:45]  
He said that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a payment for many.
10. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that he would be a ransom for many? [10:45]  
Jesus probably meant that his death on the cross would save many people and pay for their sins.

**Comment Section:**

## 12:35-40

**Background:** Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem, and Jesus was teaching the people. During this time many Jewish leaders come to test Jesus by asking him questions. Some of the Jewish leaders were called scribes. These were men who taught the law of Moses to the people.

This passage mentions David, an important king of Israel, who was Jesus' ancestor. Some of David's words were prophecies.

**Read the passage.**

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ Jesus asked why the scribes called Christ the Son of David. [12:35-37]
- ☐ Jesus quoted words that David had said about the Christ. [12:36]
- ☐ Jesus asked how Christ could be David's son. [12:37]
- ☐ Jesus told the people to beware of the scribes. [12:38-40]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [12:35] What did Jesus ask while he was teaching in the temple courts?  
Jesus asked how the scribes could say that the Christ is the son of David.
2. [12:36-37] What did Jesus ask about David and the Christ?  
If David called the Christ "Lord," Jesus asked, how could the Christ be David's son?
3. [12:37] How did the crowd respond to Jesus?  
The crowd gladly listened to him.
4. [12:38-40] Why did Jesus tell the crowd that they should beware of the scribes?  
The scribes liked to be honored for being scribes, but they robbed widows, and they made long prayers just so that other people would think they were righteous. The scribes would be condemned more than others.
5. [12:40] Why do you think these things would make the scribes be more condemned than others?  
(Answer may vary.) Maybe they would be condemned more because they did these things while they were leaders.

**Comment Section:**

## 14:12-26

**Background:** Jesus and his disciples were about to celebrate the Passover meal. Passover was a Jewish holy day when the Jews remembered how God helped them to escape Egypt during the time of Moses. This was Jesus' last meal with his disciples before he was arrested.

*Read the passage.*

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ The disciples prepared the Passover meal in a large upper room. [14:16]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray him. [14:18]
- ☐ Jesus blessed the bread and the wine and said that the bread was his body, and the wine was the blood of the covenant. [14:22-25]
- ☐ After the Passover meal, Jesus and the disciples went to the Mount of Olives. [14:26]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [14:12-15] How did the disciples find the place where they would all eat the Passover?  
Jesus told them to go into the city and follow a man carrying a pitcher of water. Then they must talk to the master of that man's house, saying Jesus wanted to know where the guest room was where he could eat the Passover with his disciples. The master would show them a room.
2. [14:16] What happened when the disciples obeyed Jesus?  
The disciples found everything as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover.
3. [14:17-18] That night, when they were there at the table, what did Jesus say to the twelve disciples?  
He said one of the disciples eating with him would betray him.
4. [14:19] What did the disciples say to Jesus?  
Each one asked if he was the one who would betray Jesus.
5. [14:20] Who did Jesus say would betray him?  
Jesus said that it was one of the twelve, the one who was dipping bread into the bowl with him.
6. [14:21] What did Jesus say about the one who would betray him?  
Jesus said that it would have been better for him if he had not been born.
7. [14:22] What did Jesus do as they were eating?  
He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this. This is my body."
8. [14:23-24] What did he say after he had taken a cup and given thanks?  
Jesus said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

**Mark 14:12-26 continued**

9. [14:25] What did Jesus say about when he would drink the fruit of the vine again with his disciples?  
He would not drink from the fruit of the vine until he would drink it in the kingdom of God.
10. [14:25] What do you think was in the cup that Jesus gave to his disciples?  
Jesus called it the fruit of the vine. It was probably either wine or grape juice.
11. [14:26] What did Jesus and the disciples do after they sang a hymn?  
They went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Comment Section:**

# 15:1-15

**Background:** The Jewish leaders arrested Jesus. They said that Jesus blasphemed against God and deserved to die. Verse 1 of this passage refers to a man named Pilate. Pilate was the Roman governor over Judea. He had the authority to judge people and condemn them to death.

*Read the passage.*

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in this passage.

- ☐ The chief priests and the council handed Jesus over to Pilate. [15:1]
- ☐ Pilate asked Jesus about the accusations, but Jesus did not answer. [15:2-5]
- ☐ Pilate asked the crowd if they wanted him to release the King of the Jews to them. [15:9]
- ☐ The crowd told Pilate to release a criminal named Barabbas. [15:7-11]
- ☐ The crowd shouted that Jesus should be crucified. [15:13-14]
- ☐ Pilate released Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be crucified. [15:15]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions from the specified verses.

1. [15:1] What did the chief priests do in the morning?  
They met with the elders, the scribes, and the whole council. Then they bound Jesus, and they handed him over to Pilate.
2. [15:2] What did Pilate ask Jesus?  
Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews.
3. [15:2] How did Jesus answer Pilate?  
Jesus said that was what Pilate had said.
4. [15:3] What did the chief priests do while Jesus was standing before Pilate?  
The chief priests accused Jesus of many things.
5. [15:5] What was Pilate's response when Jesus did not answer the charges from the Jews?  
Pilate was amazed.
6. [15:5] Why do you think this amazed Pilate?  
(Answer may vary.) Perhaps Pilate usually heard prisoners telling their accusers they were innocent or begging to be released.
7. [15:6] What did Pilate do for the Jews every year at the feast?  
Pilate released one prisoner that the Jews requested.



**Mark 15:1-15 continued**

8. [15:7] Who was Barabbas?

Barabbas was one of the prisoners who had committed murder during a rebellion.

9. [15:8-9] What did the crowd ask Pilate to do, and what was his response?

The crowd asked Pilate to release a prisoner. Pilate asked them if he should release the King of the Jews.

10. [15:10] What did Pilate understand about the chief priests' reason for handing Jesus over to him?

Pilate understood that it was out of envy that the chief priests delivered Jesus to him.

11. [15:11] What did the chief priests get the crowd to do?

They got the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released instead of Jesus.

12. [15:12] What did Pilate ask the crowd then?

He asked what he should do with the man they called the king of the Jews.

13. [15:13] What did the crowd say should be done with Jesus?

They shouted that he should be crucified.

14. [15:14] What did the crowd do when Pilate asked what evil Jesus had done?

They shouted even more that he should be crucified.

15. [15:15] What did Pilate do?

Pilate released Barabbas to them. He also scourged Jesus, and he handed Jesus over to be crucified.

16. [15:15] What do you think it meant that Pilate scourged Jesus?

(*Answer may vary.*) It probably meant that Pilate ordered his soldiers to strike Jesus many times with a whip.

**Comment Section:**