

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A PLAN FOR GROUP STUDY
AN ANALYSIS OF EACH CHAPTER

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M A R K - Chapter 1

Theme: CHRIST'S BASIC PURPOSES

ANALYSIS:

I.	Christ's submission to His Father.	vv. 1-11
II.	Christ's resistance to the Devil.	vv. 12-13
III.	Christ's compassion to men.	vv. 14-45

From this chapter only consider the following:

1. John's ministry was to "make ready." (v.3).

Analyze John's ministry in vv. 4-8 and decide what connection these preparations had with the coming of Christ.
2. (a) In what way was the baptism of Christ different from the baptism of others? In what ways was Christ's baptism similar to that of others?

(b) Note carefully any phenomenon accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus, and make a deduction from this.
3. (a) What conclusion can be drawn from the Spirit descending upon Christ (v. 10) and then driving Him into the wilderness? (v. 12)

(b) What conclusions can be drawn from verses 12-13 regarding temptation?
4. State in general terms the basic problems that Christ dealt with in this chapter and from these define His purpose incoming into the world.
5. When Christ in compassion uses His power among men what are the consequences? From your answer decide what are the conditions within the Kingdom of God (v. 15) where Christ is sovereign.
6. Make a list of examples of faith and its consequences.
7. As far as possible determine the motives of those who came to Christ for help.
8. Carefully consider vv. 16-20 and vv. 29-31 for any evidence of the qualities in men that Christ called to follow Him. i.e. what kind of men were they?

M A R K - Chapter 2

Theme: CHRIST'S AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SIN

ANALYSIS:

I.	Christ's authority to forgive sin demonstrated.	vv. 1-12
II.	Forgiveness related to response to a call.	vv. 13-14
III.	Forgiveness is for those conscious of sin.	vv. 15-17
IV.	Forgiveness involves complete transformation.	vv. 18-22
V.	Christ determines what is sin.	vv. 23-28

From this chapter only consider the following:

1. Use this chapter as a basis for defining "sin."
2. What are common methods of dealing with sin other than seeking forgiveness from God? Evaluate these methods taking into consideration verse 7.
3. On what did Christ base His authority to forgive sin?
4. Discuss Christ's purpose, method and words in associating with sinners (vv. 15-17). Decide whether this is an example for us to follow.
5. In retaliation to obtaining forgiveness of sin, what is the value of fasting and other such religious activities? See verses 18-20 for your answer.
6. "Not a new patch on an old coat: not new wine in old skins." (vv. 21-22). Assuming that forgiveness of sin is more than a patched up life, state all that is involved in becoming a follower of Christ.
7. Read I Samuel 21:1-6 for the background on vv. 23-28. Consider David's action, and the action of the disciples in plucking grain, and determine the difference between what is sin in the eyes of man and what is sin in the eyes of God.
8. What does this chapter reveal of the conditions to be met before God forgives our sin?

M A R K - Chapter 3

Theme: CHRIST AND CRITICISM

ANALYSIS:

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| I. | Christ's attitude towards criticism. | vv. 1-6 |
| II. | Christ's persistence under criticism. | vv. 7-19 |
| III. | Christ's answer to criticism. | vv. 20-30 |

From this chapter alone consider:

1. From vv. 1-6 determine whether Christ made any attempt to avoid actions that might be criticized.

Also determine:

- (a) The motives for his actions.
 - (b) The reason for his anger.
 - (c) The reasons why he was criticized.
2. From vv. 7-19 determine whether Christ's activities gave His opponents further cause to criticize.
 3. From this chapter make a complete list of all that Christ was accused of. How does this compare with what we Christians are criticized for?
 4. Verse 21. Literally "He is mad." C. S. Lewis has written "Either He was a lunatic; or God." (vv. 11, 21). What caused His friends to accuse Him of insanity? What evidence does this chapter have of His divinity? Do Christians ever seem to be insane?
 5. What process of reasoning led some to suggest that Christ cast out demons by the prince of demons? v. 22.
 6. From vv. 23-30,
 - (a) Summarize Christ's teaching on Satan.
 - (b) Make a definition of blasphemy.
 7. How much should the possibility of criticism determine our Christian witness and activities? Include a study of vv. 31-35 in your answer.
 8. From the example of Christ, what conclusions can we make regarding criticism directed against us as Christians?

M A R K - Chapter 4

Theme: CHRIST'S TEACHING

ANALYSIS:

I.	Teaching regarding the results.	vv. 1-20
II.	Teaching regarding hearing.	vv. 21-25
III.	Teaching regarding mysterious growth.	vv. 26-29
IV.	Teaching regarding great growth.	vv. 30-34
V.	The two questions.	vv. 35-41

From this chapter alone, consider the following:

1. Define "seed," "fruit" and "sower" in modern language.
2. What are the necessary conditions for the "seed" to bear "fruit?"
Add to your answer:
 - (a) A precise explanation of the phrase "Who hath ears to hear." (verses 9, 23)
 - (b) A list of practical essentials for effective hearing.
3. What are the causes for the failure of the "seed" to bear "fruit?" Trace these failures to their source. Do your answers imply that the "sower's" only responsibility is to sow the "seed," and not to achieve results?
4. In your own experience what is the most common of the various causes of failure for the "seed" to produce "fruit?"
5. From this chapter what conclusions can be made as to the methods used by Christ to teach:
 - (a) The "multitudes." (v. 1)
 - (b) His disciples. (vv. 33-34)In what ways are Christ's methods a guide to us?
6. From the teaching of the parables in this chapter what would be our normal expectation of results from "sowing the seed"?
7. In what way can the incident recorded in verses 35-41 be related to the teaching in the rest of the chapter? The incident took place "on that day". (v. 35).
8. What particular truth in this chapter has made the greatest impression on you?

M A R K - Chapter 5

Theme: CHRIST'S POWER TO HEAL

ANALYSIS:

Verses	1-20	Legion delivered.
	21-24, 35-43	Jairus' daughter raised from death.
	25-34	A woman healed.

From this chapter alone, answer the following questions:

1. What were the most noticeable differences in the cases of these three people?
2. Can you discover any features that their cases had in common?
3. Determine in each case whether the initial move towards healing was made by Christ or by the person in need of by someone else.
4. In each case, were there any conditions to be fulfilled by the person in need before help was granted by Christ?
5. From these three cases, what conclusions can be made regarding the methods used by Christ to heal?
6. From verses 32-36, consider the factors of faith and fear. Then determine:
 - (a) What did the woman fear? v. 33
 - (b) What fear did Jairus face? v. 36
 - (c) What was Jairus to believe? v. 36

From your answers to the above three questions, make a generalization regarding faith and fear, if possible, indicating the sources of each.

7. In each of the three cases what was the decisive factor that brought about the result?
8. Suggest a reason for Christ excluding from the house of mourning those who scorned. v. 40.
9. What do you consider the main truth that this chapter is intended to teach?

M A R K - Chapter 6

Theme: CHRIST'S CALL TO MEN

ANALYSIS:

I.	Christ, the despised, calls men.	vv. 1-6
II.	Christ calls and sends.	vv. 7-13
III.	To obey Christ's call:	
	A. May lead to danger.	vv. 14-29
	B. Is demanding.	vv. 30-31
	C. Involves us in other's needs.	vv. 32-44
IV.	Christ is always with those He needs.	vv. 45-52
V.	Christ's followers witness His power.	vv. 53-56

From a study of this chapter answer the following:

1. Is Christ despised by people of our generation? If so, for what reasons?
2. Christ could do no "mighty work" in Nazareth because of unbelief. (vv. 4-6). Is it true that our unbelief limits God?
3. Consider carefully the equipment, instructions and methods for sending out the 12 disciples. (vv. 7-13). Of these, which are applicable to us in these days?
4. This chapter infers that some reasons people are unwilling to follow Christ are:
 - (a) Christ is an insignificant person. v. 3
 - (b) Christians are a minority group. vv. 7-13
 - (c) Christians sometimes are persecuted, even to death. vv. 14-29
 - (d) The Christian life is too demanding on our time and strength. vv. 30-31
 - (e) Christian service leads to involvement in other's needs. v. 37

Are these still the main reasons for people rejecting Christ?
What are the answers to these objections?
5. How big a factor is food in Christian service? (v. 31)
6. In verses 14-28, four people speak: John (v. 18), Herod (v. 22), Herod's daughter (v. 24, 25), Herod's wife (v. 24b).
Which of these speakers was right in so speaking?
7. Determine the reasons for the disciples' distress (v. 48) trouble (v. 50) and fear (v. 50). What basically was the cause of all these difficulties? Apply your conclusions to your problems as a Christian.
8. For what reasons did the disciples want Christ to send the people away? (vv. 34, 35). What are the basic reasons we do not want to be bothered with other people's troubles?

M A R K - Chapter 7

Theme: CHRIST AND RELIGION

ANALYSIS:

I.	Commandments of God and traditions of me.	vv. 1-23
II.	Illustration of an acceptable attitude to Christ.	vv. 24-30
III.	Illustration of a commandment of God.	vv. 31-37

From this chapter consider:

1. Rabbi Taanith wrote, "Whosoever hath abode in the land of Israel, and eateth his food and washed hands, and speaks the holy language, and recites his phylacteries morning and evening, may rest assured that he shall obtain eternal live."

On what modern equivalents of such religious practices do people rely for salvation?

2. Verses 6-8 have a contrast between lips and heart, human traditions and divine commands. Give examples of ways in which these contrasts are seen amongst religious people in our times.
3. Verses 10-13. "Corban" means "Something brought near the altar" or "a sacrificial present". It refers to the custom of dedicating everything to God but keeping hands on it and thus escaping the obligation to assist needy parents.

Do you consider that pastors, missionaries and other Christian workers sometimes neglect their family responsibilities by claiming they are "full time" workers for God?

4. In verses 14-23 Christ speaks of defilement. (Defile - see vv. 2, 5, 15, 18, 20, 23).
 - (a) "Religion is concerned with respectability: Christ with the state of man's heart." Do you agree with this statement?
 - (b) Is man's basic problem his environment or his heart?
 - (c) Decide how many of the evils mentioned in these verses are characteristic of our modern age.
5. Jews regarded Gentiles as unclean dogs. Christ's words to the Syrophenician woman were probably spoken as much for the sake of Jewish listeners as for her. "Dogs" here are the house pets. Christ in effect said, "The blessings Jews throw away shall be given to the Gentiles."

"Faith is agreeing with God." Test the validity of this definition by the story in verses 24-30.

6. To prefer God's promises to God's commands is said to be the first step in backsliding.
 - (a) What is the reason for preferring God's promises to His commands.
 - (b) Consider the words, "Be opened" in v. 34 and decide if this gives any light on the motive behind God's commands.

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7. Verses 6, 32, 33, 35 all refer to the mouth. What conclusion can be drawn as to the necessary conditions for truly honoring God with our lips?

8. Compare the “vain worship” of v. 7 with the Syrophenican woman falling down at Christ’s feet. (v. 26)

What are the characteristics of:

- (a) vain worship

- (b) true worship

M A R K - Chapter 8

Theme: THE PERSON OF CHRIST

ANALYSIS:

I.	Jesus the Provider	vv. 1-10
II.	Jesus the Teacher	vv. 11-21
III.	Jesus the Healer	vv. 22-26
IV.	Jesus the Christ	vv. 27-30
V.	Jesus the Son of Man	vv. 31-38

Read through this chapter, and then answer the following questions, limiting your study to this chapter alone.

1. Assuming that you had been a witness of the events described in verses 1-26, what conclusions would you have come to regarding who Jesus is?
2. What deductions can be made regarding the personality of Christ from popular opinions held concerning him? (verses 27-28)
Do these deductions conflict with popular opinions now held by Christians concerning him?
3. What conclusions can be made from Christ's own words in verses 31-38 regarding:
 - (a) The person of Christ.
 - (b) The work of Christ.
 - (c) The knowledge of Christ.
4. What, in general terms, are the basic problems dealt with by Christ in this chapter?
Decide whether Christ could have effectively solved some or all of these problems if He had not been divine.
5. In regard to verses 11-13, what "signs" can be legitimately be expected as convincing proof that the Christian Gospel is the truth, and that Christ is uniquely different from the founders of world religions?
6. From this chapter decide what are the basic facts concerning Christ that we should present to non-Christians.
7. From verses 31-38 list the advantages and disadvantages of:
 - (a) being a Christian
 - (b) not being a Christian
8. What evidence can be found in this chapter that Jesus Christ was:
 - (a) truly man
 - (b) truly God

M A R K - Chapter 9

Theme: CHRIST'S GLORY

ANALYSIS:

I.	Christ's glory revealed.	vv. 1-13
II.	Disciples' failure revealed.	vv. 14-29
III.	Christ's death foretold.	vv. 30-32
IV.	Christ's teaching on greatness.	vv. 33-50
	Humility	vv. 33-37
	Toleration	vv. 38-41
	Intoleration	vv. 42-50

From this chapter only consider:

1. What conclusions can be made regarding life after death from verses 1-8?
2. God's design was not that man should die. Through man death entered the world.
 - (a) Consider whether the transfiguration of Christ Jesus gives any light on God's original plan for removing sinless man from this earth to Heaven.
 - (b) Consider God's present plan for receiving sinful men to Himself. See vv. 9, 30-32.
3. Determine from vv. 14-29:
 - (a) What the disciples failed to do.
 - (b) The exact reason for their failure.
 - (c) Whether Christ's rebuke was reasonable. (v. 19).
 - (d) What are the major reasons for our failure in Christian service?
4. What may have caused the dispute between the disciples as to who was the "greatest"? v. 34. What claims to superiority do some Christians make in our days?
5. In His talk on greatness, Christ twice referred to little children (vv. 36, 37, 42). What does He approve? What does He condemn? How far does a person's attitude to children reveal character?
6. Consider vv. 38-40. What guidelines do these verses give for our attitude towards people serving Christ in ways with which we do not agree?
7. Verses 38-41 refer to toleration towards others; vv. 42-50 to intoleration towards our own weaknesses. Are vv. 43-48 to be taken literally? If they are not to be taken literally, how are they to be taken?
8. In what ways do adults cause children to stumble? (v. 42)

M A R K - Chapter 10

Theme: CHRIST AND LIFE

ANALYSIS:

I.	Physical Life.	vv. 1-16
	Life perpetuated through marriage.	vv. 1-12
	Life's product is life (children).	vv. 13-16
II.	Spiritual Life.	vv. 17-52
	A product of union with Christ.	vv. 17-22
	The hindrance of possessions.	vv. 23-31
	A product of Christ's death.	vv. 32-45
	A product of faith.	vv. 46-52

From this chapter only consider:

1. True to man's sordid nature, the Pharisees asked about divorce rather than marriage. From Christ's answer summarize His teaching on:
 - (a) Marriage
 - (b) Divorceand compare your answer with modern views.
2. What was the probable reason for the disciples keeping children from Christ? (v. 13). In what ways do adults now try to keep children from Him?
3. Verses 17-22.
 - (a) Do you agree that either Christ was God or not good? (v. 17)
 - (b) What did the man have?
 - (c) What did the man lack? (v. 21)
4. Make a list of your 5 most precious possessions. Decide which of these you value more highly than eternal life. (vv. 23-31) Also decide how much materialism and family relationships keep men from accepting Christ.
5. Summarize all this chapter teaches concerning the death of Christ.
6. Consider in detail how Bartimaeus came to Christ including:
 - (a) His difficulties
 - (b) His words
 - (c) His encouragements
 - (d) His actionsCompare all this to coming to Christ for eternal life.
7. From this chapter. In what ways is marriage an illustration of becoming a Christian?
8. What truth in this chapter impresses you most?

M A R K - Chapter 11

Theme: THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

ANALYSIS:

I.	Christ's authority over the animal kingdom.	vv. 1-10
II.	Christ's authority over the vegetable kingdom.	vv. 11-14, 19-25
III.	Christ's authority over men.	vv. 15-18
IV.	Christ's authority challenged.	vv. 27-33

Note: "Authority" is taken to mean "power" or "influence" since this is consistent with Greek usage.

1. In what ways is the authority of Christ seen in this chapter? From your answer make a general conclusion and statement concerning the power of Christ.
2. At which points did the authority of Christ conflict with ideas of men?
3. Modern man regards the universe in all its parts, including man, as being governed by absolute physical laws that cannot be broken. "Mother Nature" rules supreme. Is this view compatible with the concept of Christ's power as revealed in this chapter?
4. From this chapter can you find any clue as to the source of Christ's power?
5. In view of the authority and power of Christ as revealed in this chapter, what are the basic reasons why we find it difficult to believe in Him under any circumstances? (see vs. 20-25). Do you consider the mountain (v. 23) should be understood literally? If not, then how?
6. Under what conditions did Christ use His power?
7. Make a list of each of the recipients of Christ's words in this chapter, and give the essence of what He said to each.
8. Summarize all this chapter teaches concerning prayer.

M A R K - Chapter 12

Theme: CHRIST AND MAN'S ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD

ANALYSIS:

Man accountable for his reaction to Christ.	vv. 1-12
Man accountable to give God what is His.	vv. 13-17
Man accountable for his attitude to Scripture.	vv. 18-27
Man accountable for loving God.	vv. 28-34
Man accountable for recognizing Christ as Lord.	vv. 35-37
Man accountable for impressions he creates.	vv. 38-40
Man accountable for what he does with himself	vv. 41-44

1. From verses 1-12 list the reasons why men reject Christ, and why men should reverence Christ.
2. Consider the principle in verse 17, and decide what, in our days, are the things to be “rendered to Caesar”, and what are the things to be rendered to God. Do you find any conflict between the two obligations?
3. The Sadducees’ difficulty over the teaching of Moses originated in the denial of a resurrection (vv. 18,19).
 - a. Give examples from your own knowledge of difficulties in understanding the Bible through approaching it with prejudice.
 - b. What other reasons can be found here for the errors of the Sadducees?
1. Verses 28-34.
 - a. Make a definition of the love mentioned here.
 - b. Make clear distinctions between loving God with heart, with soul, with mind and strength; and give an example of each of these 4 things. (Take “soul” here to mean the essential person, the “I” or the ego.)
 - c. In what ways do we love ourselves? V. 31.
1. What evidence is there in a Christian’s life that Christ is his Lord? (vv. 35-37)
2. List the ways in which the Scribes tried to create and impression, and then decide what their basic objections were. (vv. 38-40) In what ways do we Christians try to create an impression, and for what reasons?
3. The widow cast in all that she had (v 44) and thus became absolutely dependent on God Himself.
 - a. Does motive determine the value of a gift?
 - b. Why is it easier to give God a percentage of what we have than to make a complete surrender of all we are and have to Him?
8. Of the 7 “accountabilities” in this chapter, which do you consider the most basic?

M A R K - Chapter 13

Theme: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

ANALYSIS:

I.	A prophesy regarding the Temple.	vv. 1-2
II.	General conditions of suffering.	vv. 3-13
III.	Warnings regarding Jewish sufferings at destruction of Temple.	vv. 14-23
IV.	Signs of the coming Christ.	vv. 24-37

From this chapter along consider:

1. What perils Christians can expect to meet, and which of them are peculiar to God's people? (verses 1-13).
2. Carefully examine verses 14-23 and decide whether the conditions described:
 - (a) are world-wide or local.
 - (b) are of long or short duration.
 - (c) could be repeated more than once.
3. Verse 30 suggests that the generation which sees the signs heralding Christ's coming, this generation will also see Christ Himself return. Have any of the general conditions of vv. 3-13, or the special signs of vv. 24-27 yet been fulfilled?
4. Verse 32 means that God had not made known to His Son for revealing to men the day and hour of Christ's return. Does this verse teach that Christ was not omniscient ("all-knowing") as a Man.?
5. What resources are promised in this chapter to Christians in time of difficulty and suffering?
6. "Take heed" occurs 4 times in this chapter, verses 5, 9, 23, and 33. Search out the reasons for these 4 warnings.
7. Verses 33-37:
 - (a) Define precisely the work God has given you personally to do. (see v. 34)
 - (b) Give some of the reasons why Christians "sleep on the job". (see v. 36).
 - (c) For what are we to "watch"? (see vv. 33, 34, 35, 37).
8. If you knew that Christ would certainly return in exactly one week from now, what 4 things would you do during this last week?

M A R K - Chapter 14

Theme: THE WILL OF GOD AND WILL OF MAN

ANALYSIS:

I.	Human decisions	vv. 1-11
II.	Divine decisions	vv. 12-26
III.	Human decisions	vv. 27-31
IV.	Divine decisions	vv. 32-42
V.	Human will in action	vv. 43-52
VI.	Divine will in action	vv. 53-65
VII.	Human will in action	vv. 66-72

This chapter records human decisions and consequences; and in contrast, divine decisions and consequences. From this chapter alone, consider the following questions:

1. Summarize the decisions of the chief priests and scribes (vv. 1,2) and check on how many were fulfilled.
2. From verses 3-11, suggest a possible motive for Judas noting how he did, and when he did. Do you find that the decisions of Judas conflicted with the decisions of the priests and scribes?
3. From verses 12-26
 - (a) Summarize all that Christ knew of what was about to happen.
 - (b) Do you agree that Christ knew what was about to happen because all had been divinely planned?
 - (c) What indications are there in these verses as to the time and manner of Christ's death?
4. Compare the uncertainty of the disciples regarding their loyalty to Christ (vv. 18-19) with their confidence. (vv. 27-31). What were the reasons for their failure?
5. What was the difference, if any, between the will of Christ and the will of His Father? (v. 36).
6. Compare the human decisions in vv. 1, 2; vv. 10-11, and vv. 27-31, with the human actions in vv. 43-52, and come to a conclusion regarding the decisive factor that determined these actions.
7. Summarize the charges brought against Christ (vv. 53-65) and evaluate them as a cause for condemning Him to death.
8. What testimony finally gave the high priest an opportunity to pass the death sentence on Christ?
9. What were the causes of peter's failure? What can we learn from his failure?

M A R K - Chapter 15

Theme: CHRIST'S DEATH

ANALYSIS:

I.	Pilate and Christ.	vv. 1-15
II.	Soldiers and Christ.	vv. 16-20
III.	Simon and Christ.	v. 21
IV.	Priests and Christ.	vv. 22-32
V.	God the Father and Christ.	vv. 33-41
VI.	Joseph and Christ.	vv. 42-47

This chapter reveals how various people become involved in Christ's death, and their attitude to Him.

1. Of the men mentioned here, determine which were involved voluntarily and which involuntarily with Christ's death. Which classes of people could each of these men be said to represent?
2. Compare the attitude of Pilate (vv. 1-15) with that of the priests (vv. 22-32) to Christ. Which was basically responsible for the crucifixion of Christ?
3. Compare the involvement of Simon with Christ (v. 21) with that of Joseph (vv. 42-47). What differences and similarities do you find? Are either of these men representative of types of people of our day?
4. Examine carefully the taunts of the onlookers in verses 27-32.
 - (a) How much truth was in these taunts?
 - (b) How could each of these taunts be answered?
5. Compare the attitudes of each of the persons who witnessed the death of Christ. (vv. 33-41). Are these attitudes generally typical of those of people in our age towards Christ's death?
6. Read Psalm 22:1-8, and then determine the reason for Jesus crying with a loud voice that He had been forsaken of God. (v. 34). Does this cry have any relevance to the sinlessness of Christ?
7. What caused the centurion to believe (v. 39) when all others, seeing and hearing the same things, disbelieved?
8. In what ways was the death of Christ different from that of all men?

M A R K - Chapter 16

Theme: CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

ANALYSIS:

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| I. | The unbelief of the disciples. | vv. 1-13 |
| II. | The obedience of the disciples. | vv. 14-20 |

From this chapter alone determine:

1. What were the total evidences that Christ was risen from the dead?
2. Compare the "young man's" (v. 5) confident testimony to Christ's resurrection with the disbelief of the disciples. (vv. 11, 13, 14). What was the reason for each?
3. The authenticity of vv. 9-20 has sometimes been challenged. For the sake of this study, please ignore this textual problem.
 - (a) Summarize the promises given by Christ in this section.
 - (b) Is our unbelief in some of Christ's promises similar to the unbelief of His disciples in the resurrection?
4. What exactly is our individual responsibility in regard to v. 15, and how is it to be carried out?
5. By a careful study of vv. 15-17, what conclusions can be made regarding the importance of:
 - (a) Preaching the Gospel.
 - (b) Belief.
 - (c) Baptism.
 - (d) Miraculous signs in a person's salvation?
6. Summarize all this chapter teaches concerning Jesus Christ.
7. From this chapter give definitions of:
 - (a) "hardness of heart" (v. 14)
 - (b) "condemned" (v. 16)
 - (c) "manifested" (v. 12)
 - (d) "signs" (v. 17, 20)
8. What are the practical consequences to us of the resurrection and ascension of Christ?

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 - The widow case in all that she had (v.44) and thus became absolutely dependent of God Himself.
 - Does motive determine the value of a gift?
 - Why is it easier to give God a percentage of what we have than to make a complete surrender of all we are and have to Him?
 - Of the 7 “accountabilities” in this chapter, which do you consider the most basic?