

Week beginning 15th April 2018

## St Barnabas reads Mark



### Welcome



Who was one of your best teachers and what made them so good?

15 mins 15/4

### Worship



1 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
4 In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.  
5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
6 Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death:  
by man has come also the resurrection of the  
dead;  
8 for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be  
for ever. Amen.

Read or read together these Easter  
verses and use them  
as a basis for praise  
Sing some songs.

20 mins 15/4

### Word



As part of our St Barnabas reads Mark programme hopefully the group will have read a couple of chapters of Mark. You may want to take a different approach to the study during this time, perhaps seeing if anything they have read has struck them particularly or whether they have questions they would like to be discuss. Maybe the Swedish bible study method we did in February would be helpful (I can print you some templates if you would like). If you would like a more usual structure I've included some studies on chapters 1, 2 and 3 on the back of this sheet.

10 mins 15/4

### Witness



Pray for the Alpha Course, which is happening on Monday evenings at the Start Studio and all who are attending.

Continue to pray for our new vicar.

10 mins 15/4

**Mark 1:1-13**

What do the opening verses of Mark's Gospel tell us about his purpose in writing it?

Why did so many people come to listen to John the Baptist?

What can we learn from John about pointing people to Jesus?

What things can get in the way of us doing this effectively?

How did Jesus' baptism prepare him for the temptations to follow?

Why did Jesus need to undergo such a severe examination before beginning his ministry?

How are the times of testing that we experience different from or similar to Jesus' experience?

How can these verses (v12,13) help us when we are tempted?

**Mark 1:14-39**

What was the good news Jesus was preaching? What did he mean by the kingdom of God?

What prompted the fishermen to respond so immediately to Jesus' call?

Do we need to give up our daily work to follow Jesus?

Why did Jesus tell the demons to be quiet about who he was? Is demon possession a reality today?

Jesus' authority is clearly demonstrated (v21-34). What can we learn from Jesus about the proper use of authority?

Why was it important for Jesus to spend time in prayer (v35)?

How can we ensure that prayer does not get squeezed out of our day when we are really busy?

**Mark 2:23-3:19**

What kinds of work did the Pharisees criticize Jesus for doing on the Sabbath?

How does David's story apply to Jesus?

Why did the Pharisees want to kill Jesus?

How should we use our Sabbath day constructively?

Have Christians any right to tell other people what they can and cannot do on a Sunday?

How can Jesus' response to criticism help us when we are criticized?

Jesus called the twelve disciples to be with him and to be sent out to preach. Do we get the balance right in our church and personal life between spending time with Jesus and getting out to share the message?

Jesus chose a variety of people to be in his inner circle. Do we find anything surprising about the list or omissions from it?

Why do you think Jesus did not choose women to be among the twelve?

In what way can Jesus use our natural characteristics in his service?