

## Questions for discussion and application

- How does Mark show us that Jesus is worthy of attention?
- What “witnesses” does Mark call upon to introduce Jesus, and why?
- What is the message of Jesus, and how does it draw your attention to him?
- According to the passage, what has Jesus come to do?
- What is your own reaction to Jesus after reading this passage?

\*I *highly* recommend the book “*One To One Bible Reading*” by David Helm. It’s a short but extremely helpful resource to learn more about how to read the Bible with someone else.

**For ANY passage of the Bible try “OIA”:**

### **O – OBSERVATION**

Just make observations. Say what you see. It might be obvious to others or not. Doesn’t matter. Just make observations. What’s happening? The who, what, when, where of the text. What kind of writing is this? Any clues as to the circumstances under which it was written? What’s happened so far? The surrounding context? What surprises are there? What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?

### **I – INTENDED MEANING**

Find the intended meaning of the passage.  
How does this text relate to other parts of the book?  
What does it teach us about God? About man?  
How does it relate to Jesus?  
How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?

### **A - APPLICATION**

How does this passage challenge or confirm my understanding?  
Is there something it is calling me to change? An attitude? Behavior?  
How does it call me to change the way I live?  
We want to take time to work through the passage and let the Bible speak, but don’t expect total comprehension; as if you’ll walk away knowing everything you can about a passage.

Pray about what you’ve learned. Always pray.

## Disciples Who Make Disciples

**Mark 1:1-15**

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When we set out to make disciples a number of things happen:

1. We obey King Jesus
2. We find joy and fulfillment
3. We grow in our faith (stretched)
4. Our vision for mission broadens
5. Our dependency on God deepens
6. Missionaries are raised up and sent out - churches are planted

### **One to one Bible reading**

Intentional relationships centered on God’s Word. No graduate degrees required!

Three questions

# 1. Who is Jesus

and how does Mark show us he is worthy of attention? (Mark 1-13)

NT Wright: *In Jesus, Israel's God had become present, had become human, had come to live in the midst of his people, to set up a kingdom, to take upon himself the horrors of their plight, and to bring about his long-awaited new world.*

**Mark calls upon a few “witnesses” to introduce us to Jesus.**

- Isaiah
- John the Baptist
- God the Spirit
- God the Father

## 2. What is Jesus' message

and what has he come to do?

(Mark 1:14-15)

The Kingdom of God describes an activity – this is God's reign over His people and His world.

## 3. What is your reaction to Jesus

after

reading this passage?

Payne and C. Marshall in *The Trellis and the Vine*: *“Imagine if all Christians, as a normal part of their discipleship, were caught up in a web of regular Bible reading – not only digging into the Word privately, but reading it with their children before bed, with their spouse over breakfast, with a non-Christian colleague at work once a week over lunch, with a new Christian for follow up...with a mature Christian friend once a month for mutual encouragement. It would be a chaotic web of personal relationships. Prayer and Bible reading- more of a movement than a program-but at another level it would be profoundly simple and within reach of all.”*