

March 6
Lesson 1

Powerful Faith

Devotional Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Background Scripture: Mark 9:14-29

KEY VERSE

Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. —Mark 9:24

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. The Best Water You Ever Drank
- B. Lesson Background

I. Prelude (MARK 9:14-16)

- A. Scene Interrupted (vv. 14, 15)
- B. Question Asked (v. 16)

II. Problem Analyzed (MARK 9:17-22)

- A. Demon's Domination (vv. 17, 18)
- B. Jesus' Exasperation (v. 19)
- C. Boy's Presentation (v. 20)
- D. Father's Explanation (vv. 21, 22)

III. Problem Solved (MARK 9:23-27)

- A. Faith's Power (v. 23)
- B. Father's Quandary (v. 24)
Belief and Unbelief
- C. Jesus' Command (vv. 25-27)

IV. Problem Explained (MARK 9:28, 29)

- A. Disciples' Failure (v. 28)
- B. Jesus' Response (v. 29)
Exorcisms, Then and Now

March 13
Lesson 2

Simple Faith

Devotional Reading: Galatians 5:1-13

Background Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

KEY VERSE

Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. —Mark 10:21

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. Longing to Do It Yourself
- B. Lesson Background

I. Jesus and the Rich Man (MARK 10:17-22)

- A. Question (v. 17)
- B. Reply (vv. 18, 19)
- C. Assertion (v. 20)
- D. Rejoinder (v. 21)
- E. Reaction (v. 22)

II. Jesus and the Disciples (MARK 10:23-31)

- A. Where the Rich Stand (vv. 23-25)

The Camel and the Needle

- B. What God Can Do (vv. 26, 27)
- C. What the Disciples Have Done (v. 28)
- D. What Will Result (vv. 29-31)

Hundreds of Relatives

NOTES:

March 20
Lesson 3

Struggling Faith

Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 3:12-18
Background Scripture: Mark 14:26-31, 66-72

KEY VERSE

Jesus saith unto [Peter], Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. —Mark 14:30

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. When Reality Doesn't Match the Plan
- B. Lesson Background

I. To the Mount of Olives (MARK 14:26-31)

- A. Supper Ends (v. 26)
- B. Jesus Predicts (vv. 27, 28)
 - Scattered Flocks*
- C. Peter Counters (v. 29)
- D. Jesus Specifies (v. 30)
- E. Peter Vows (v. 31)

No Hubris

II. At the Place of Trial (MARK 14:66-72)

- A. First Confrontation (vv. 66-68)
- B. Second Confrontation (vv. 69, 70a)
- C. Third Confrontation (vv. 70b-72)

Notes:

March 27
Lesson 4

Resurrection Faith

Devotional Reading: Psalm 23
Background Scripture: Mark 16

KEY VERSE

*[The angel] saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
—Mark 16:6*

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. Surprised by Life
- B. Lesson Background: Gospels' Witness
- C. Lesson Background: Joseph's Actions

I. Expecting a Corpse (MARK 16:1-3)

- A. Spices of Sorrow (v. 1)
- B. Path of Mourning (v. 2)
- C. Stone of Defeat (v. 3)

II. Encountering a Man (MARK 16:4-6)

- A. Stone Out of Place (v. 4)
- B. Messenger in White (v. 5)
- C. Victor over Death (v. 6)

Where Is Jesus?

III. Receiving a Message (MARK 16:7, 8)

- A. Instruction (v. 7)
It's Personal
- B. Reaction (v. 8)