

BIBLE STUDY 1

Isaiah was a prophet, a messenger from God, who lived 740 years before Jesus was born.



Read Mark 1:1-8

1. In verse 2, what does Isaiah say will happen before the Lord comes?
2. Who is the messenger? (See verse 4.)
3. What will the messenger do (verse 2)?
4. What did John teach the people (verse 4)?
5. How did John describe Jesus? (See verses 7-8.)
6. How do you feel about starting to discover the good news about Jesus the Messiah?

BIBLE STUDY 2



 Read Mark 8:27-29

1. Why do you think Jesus asks the disciples who the people think he is?
2. Did the people in the crowds that followed Jesus understand who he is? Who did they think Jesus is?
3. What does Peter say in Mark 8:29, and why is this important?
4. "Messiah" means "God's only chosen King". What does this tell us about Jesus?
5. In Mark 8:29, Jesus asks: "But what about you? Who do you say I am?" How would you answer and why?

BIBLE STUDY 3



Read Mark 9:43-47

1. In the ancient world, thieves may have had their hand cut off for stealing a loaf of bread. Would this stop them from being a sinner? (Think about what you just learned from Mark 7:21-23.)
2. Why wouldn't this (question 1) stop them from being a sinner? What is the problem of sin? (See Mark 7:21-23.)
3. What does Jesus say is the consequence of sin?
4. How serious is the problem of sin?
5. What is the answer to the problem of sin? (Look at Mark 2:17.)
6. Do you believe that Jesus can change your heart?

BIBLE STUDY 4



Read Mark 8:31-33

1. What did Jesus say was going to happen to him? ("Son of Man" in verse 31 means Jesus.)

2. Just before this, Peter had said something to Jesus. Look at Mark 8:29. What did Peter say?

3. Look at Mark 8:32. Now what is Peter saying?

4. Read Mark 8:33. Why does Jesus respond to Peter in this way?

5. Why is Satan trying to stop Jesus carrying out his mission?

6. Why is Jesus determined to be killed and rise again?

7. Peter thinks he knows better than Jesus. How do you treat Jesus in your life?

BIBLE STUDY 5



Read Mark 14:60-62

These verses are part of the account of Jesus' trial.

1. What do you think the high priest meant when he asked Jesus if he was the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that "you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven" (verse 62)?

"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."
(Acts 17:31)

3. Why is judgment necessary?
4. Do you think that Jesus, as judge of all the world, will judge us fairly?
5. What verdict do we deserve?
6. What verdict will Jesus give believers on that final day? Why?

BIBLE STUDY 6



Read Mark 10:17-22

1. What do we learn about the man's concerns and his attitude to Jesus in verse 17?

2. "How do I get eternal life?" is the same as asking: "How do I get to heaven?" Why is this such an important question to ask?

3. In verse 18, Jesus said that only God is good.
What should the man have understood about himself from these words?
If he had understood this, how would he have reacted?

4. The man said he had kept the commandments that Jesus listed. He had lived a respectable life. Why was this not enough for him to gain eternal life?

5. Jesus said that if the man sold all his stuff and gave the money to the poor, he would have treasure in heaven. What did he mean?

6. Why did the man walk away from Jesus (verse 22)?

7. Money was more important for this young man than following Jesus, and it was getting in the way of him receiving eternal life.
What things in your life are more important than following Jesus, and are getting in the way for you today?

BIBLE STUDY 7

"Soul" (spirit) – a part of us that lives for ever and relates to God.



Read Mark 8:36-38

1. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, but forfeit (lose) their soul (verse 36)?
2. How does someone forfeit (lose) their soul?
3. Can we buy (ransom, redeem, save) our own soul (verse 37)?
4. Jesus calls his generation "adulterous and sinful". What does he mean?
5. Is our generation any different?
6. What might make you "ashamed" of Jesus? What makes us feel like that?
7. What does Jesus say about being ashamed of him?
8. A Christian is someone who is prepared to follow Christ, whatever the cost. What is the cost?

BIBLE STUDY 8



 Read Mark 4:13-20

1. How does a person who is like the path respond to the gospel message?
2. What happens to the gospel in a person who is like the rocky places?
3. What happens to the gospel when it falls among the thorns?
4. What happens when the gospel takes deep root in our hearts?
5. Read verse 20. Jesus says that there will be a crop from the seed that lands in good soil. What do you think he means?