



**The Gospel of**  
**Mark**

**What Jesus Said**

# Helpful Facts about Mark:

**Matthew includes 90% of Mark**

**Luke includes 50% of Mark**

**Approximately half the words and verses of Luke**

**Probably the first gospel account written**

**Mark most likely influenced by Peter**

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▶ “...Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, because it... [goes] into his stomach and is eliminated” — Mark 7.18-19

- The first subject is food — Jesus declared all food clean.

  - Jesus kept the law but spoke of its end (Mt. 5.17f)

- The second subject is the heart:

  - Sin proceeds forth from the heart (Mk. 7.20-23)

  - How does sin get into our hearts? Jesus just spoke of a way (Mk. 7.8f)

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- ▶ “And looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"” — Mark 7.34
- An impaired man from Decapolis was brought to Jesus.
  - Remember what Jesus had just said — 7.14,16
  - Jesus opened the ears of a deaf man as a sign for people the people!
- But consider what else Jesus did — he sighed.
  - Not because the healing was difficult or troublesome
  - Because of the situation which necessitated His healing (cf. John 1.3; Genesis 1.31).

**What Jesus Said:**

- ▶ “You are not far from the kingdom of God” — Mark 12.34
  - Jesus is responding to the scribe who asked Him about the greatest command (12.28).
    - The scribe was impressed with Jesus’ answer (12.26f)
  - Jesus was equally impressed with the scribe’s answer (12.34).
    - Because he was willing to listen (12.32-33)
    - Because he was willing to go against common sentiment (12.33b)
    - Because he was near to the kingdom of God (12.34) — perhaps all he lacked was accepting Jesus for who He was (cf. 12.6,10-12)
    - How sad to end “not far from the kingdom of God”!

**What Jesus Said:**

▶ “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved” — Mark 16.15f

• How do we enter the kingdom of God? How do we submit to the rule and reign of God?

• Jesus calls on us to submit to respond to His gospel through belief and baptism.

→ Baptism is useless without belief — hence the condemnation statement in 16.16

→ Salvation isn't simply about baptism — it's about our whole-hearted response to God through His Son's gospel

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