

# Study Guide





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## LifeLight Foundations

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## LifeLight Release Schedule

### 2009 RELEASES

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| * LifeLight—Mark                 | July    |
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| LifeLight—Life of David                           | January |
| LifeLight—Selected Psalms                         | April   |
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### 2011 RELEASES

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| LifeLight—Galatians/Philippians/Colossians | January |
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| * LifeLight—Job                            | July    |
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| LifeLight—1, 2 & 3 John                               | January |
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| * LifeLight—Wilderness Wanderings<br>(Le., Nu. & De.) | July    |
| * LifeLight Foundations—Heaven & Hell                 | October |

### 2013 RELEASES

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| * LifeLight—Ezra/Nehemiah            | January |
| * LifeLight—1 & 2 Kings              | April   |
| * LifeLight—Haggai/Zechariah/Malachi | July    |
| * LifeLight Foundations—Parables     | October |

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Intro Kit

# Jesus Begins His Ministry to Defeat Sin and Evil

*Distribute before session 1 for use in session 1.  
Use enrichment magazine pp. 2-4.*

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**Mark 1:1–1:28**

*Resources for Worship*

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week’s assembly.

**Hymn**

By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.

For Mark, O Lord, we praise You,  
The weak by grace made strong,  
Whose labors and whose Gospel  
Enrich our triumph song.  
May we, in all our weakness,  
Reflect Your servant life  
And follow in Your footsteps,  
Enduring cross and strife.

Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow’r and glory  
And praise to God alone.

LSB 518; TLH 193

**Prayer**

O Lord Jesus, bless my study of Your life and ministry as it has been recorded and shared by Your servant St. Mark. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide me into the truth. Thank You for revealing Yourself and Your great love for me. Amen.

**Digging Deep**  
**My Personal Study for Week 1**

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**Day 1 • Read Mark 1:1**

1. Read verse 1 and Romans 1:16. What power does the Gospel possess?

2. Read Galatians 1:4–9. Is there more than one Gospel?

3. In Galatians 1:6–9, how did Paul look upon so-called “revelations” of divine truth if they did not come from the only source of inspiration and revelation, namely, the God who best revealed Himself in the person and work of Jesus Christ?

4. According to Acts 15:36–40, with which important early Christian leaders did Mark work?

5. Read 2 Timothy 4:11, in what is usually considered to be Paul’s last letter. What change is evident in Paul’s opinion of Mark?

6. Read 1 Peter 5:13. How close was the relationship between Peter and Mark?

12. Read Romans 6:3–4. Whom does Baptism unite?

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**Day 2 • Read Mark 1:2–8**

7. Read verses 2–3. What authority was being quoted? (Refer to the cross references in your Bible.)

13. As St. Paul describes it, what does this union do for the baptized?

8. What is the connection between verses 4–8 and verses 2–3?

14. What do both St. Paul and John the Baptizer call upon the baptized to do? Read Romans 6:5–14.

9. What spiritual realities are connected with the Baptism that John administered (v. 4)? How might these be connected with your Baptism in the name of the triune God?

15. Read Mark 1:12–13. Who opposed Jesus in the wilderness? What does this opposition tell us about Jesus and His character?

10. Whom was John the Baptizer talking about in verses 7–8?

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**Day 4 • Read Mark 1:14–20**

16. Read verse 15. What did Jesus teach here about the kingdom of God?

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**Day 3 • Read Mark 1:9–13; Romans 6:3–14**

11. John the Baptizer was given the privilege of baptizing Jesus. Who else participated in Jesus' Baptism? Read Mark 1:9–11.

17. Because God's reign is here, what did Jesus want to occur?

22. What distinguished the teaching of Jesus from that of the scribes? See verses 22 and 27.

18. Read verses 16–18. What was the “carryover” to which Jesus alluded as these fishermen would become apostles? How were their “tools” going to change with their new “trade”?

23. Today the Church and her pastors have a ministry of “Word and Sacrament.” How does this resemble the early days of Jesus’ own ministry, as shown in Mark 1?

19. Notice that these fishermen had been using nets, not a line and pole, when Jesus spoke of their future of catching men. What might the Church today learn from this fact as it continues to “fish for men”? In other words, how can we make sure that our fishing for men more resembles net-fishing than line-and-pole fishing?

24. **Challenge Question.** The Sacraments fight the demonic! How do they do this, and how is this fact of comfort to you?

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**Day 5 • Read Mark 1:21–28**

20. Look at verses 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, and 23 of chapter 1. Which word is used repeatedly? (Mark uses this word a lot!)

21. Besides ordering a demon to come out of a man, what else did Jesus tell the demon to do? Why do you think He did this?



# Jesus Heals Those Broken by Sin and Evil

Distribute before session 2 for use in session 2.  
Use enrichment magazine pp. 5-7.

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**Mark 1:29–3:12**

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week’s assembly.

### Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart’s unrest;  
’Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

LSB 524; LW 279; TLH 364; EVaS disk 6, track 23

### Prayer

Lord, bless our study of the Gospel of Mark. Let the life, teaching, works, and atoning sacrifice of Jesus impress its life-giving power upon our hearts. Let it strengthen our spirit in faith and love toward You and toward those You have created in Your own image, just like us. Grant that our study might equip us for enhanced service through the works in which You have prepared for us to walk, to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### Digging Deep

#### My Personal Study for Week 2

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**Day 1 • Read Mark 1:29–39**

1. Which apostle do we know for sure was married? See 1 Corinthians 9:5.

2. What do you think Jesus was showing about Himself when He healed people, whether an individual like Peter’s mother-in-law or the crowds who came to Him that evening?

3. Why did Jesus not let the demons speak as He cast them out?

4. The next morning, everyone came looking for Jesus. He told His disciples, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out” (v. 38). Did Jesus mean that He had gotten up early to get a head start on the trip to the next place? If not, what *did* He mean? Compare Luke 4:43.

5. How can your congregation seek more effectively to keep its focus on its main mission?

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**Day 2 • Read Mark 1:40–45**

6. How does the leper’s question express confidence in Jesus?

7. What emotion is ascribed to Jesus in verse 41?

13. What problem of the paralytic did Jesus address first?

8. What instruction did Jesus give the former leper in verse 44?

14. What problem did the scribes have? How did Jesus address it?

9. What is implied in the concepts *clean* and *unclean*? What word would might people use today instead?

15. Which is easier to say: “your sins are forgiven” or “rise . . . and walk”? Why did Jesus do what He did in this situation?

10. According to verse 45, what did the man then do? What were the consequences of his actions on Jesus and His ministry?

16. *Discuss.* The art of Christian living is to believe without seeing; that is, to fasten in faith upon what the Lord says, especially when He forgives our sins, although evidence of this forgiveness may not be found.

11. Would you have obeyed the Lord and been silent about His healing? Why or why not? Of course, Jesus has not given *you* this command. Have you been obedient and vocal about your confession of Jesus as Lord and Savior?

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**Day 4 • Read Mark 2:13–22**

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**Day 3 • Read Mark 2:1–12**

12. What problem did the friends of the paralytic encounter? What did they do about it?

17. Whom does Jesus call to ministry in this section? Read Matthew 9:9–13. What was the other name by which this man was called? If you had to guess to which of the twelve tribes of Israel he probably belonged, which would it be?

18. What assets and liabilities might this man have been able to bring from his old job experience to his new position as a disciple and apostle?

24. Read Colossians 2:16–17. Relate Paul’s statement to Mark 2:23–3:5.

19. Read verse 17. Do you suppose Jesus really thought that the Pharisees and scribes were righteous? Do you think the scribes thought they were righteous? Do you think the scribes thought that Jesus thought they were righteous?

25. How does one keep the Third Commandment today?

20. What did the Pharisees want Jesus to explain in verses 18–19? How did Jesus respond?

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**Day 5 • Read Mark 2:23–3:12**

21. What is the significance of the day in question in 2:23–28 and 3:1–6?

22. What is Jesus’ understanding of this day’s significance? How does His understanding compare with that of the Pharisees?

23. What is revealed about the attitude of the Pharisees toward Jesus in 3:6?

