

PREVIEW STUDY, FIRST QUARTER, 1959

January 4 -- Jesus Calls Forth Faith, Mark 9:14-29

In this lesson note the reaction of 3 groups to the power of Christ.

- I. Persistent Fanatics, 9:14, 16
  - II. Perplexed Folks, 9:15-27
  - III. Powerless Followers, 9:28-29
- In the case of each group note the cause and cure of their problem.

Prayer and evangelism

January 11 - Jesus Demands Complete Commitment, Mark 10:17-31

- I. The Man, 17
  - A. His Character
  - B. His Question
- II. The Master, 18-22  
Christ proves His deity, the man's insincerity, and his need of a Saviour.
- III. The Moral, 23-31
  - A. Except for the power of God, the rich could not be saved.
  - B. Sacrificing for Christ brings multiplied riches.

Commitment and service

January 18 - Greatness in the Kingdom, Mark 10:32-45

- I. The Prediction of Death, 32-34
- II. The Pride of the Disciples, 35-41
- III. The Paradox of Discipleship, 42-45
  - A. The Practice of the temporal world, 42
  - B. The Practice of the spiritual world, 43-45

Greatness is attained through service.

Slavery

January 25 - Christ's Right to Command, Matt. 21:1-27

- I. To Command Circumstances, 1-11
  - A. The Preparation for the entry, 1-3
  - B. The Prophecy of the entry, 4-11
- II. To Command People, 12-17
  - A. The Moneychangers, 12-13
  - B. The Sick, 14-17
- III. To Command Nature, 18-20
- IV. To Command Fellowship in prayer, 21-22
- V. To Command All Things, 23-27

Proper praying and evangelism

February 1 - Two Kinds of Citizenship, Luke 20:19-26

- I. The Trap, 19-22  
Note the men, their motive, and their method of attack.
- II. The Truth, 23-26
  - A. The two citizenships are contrasted
  - B. The two citizenships are related
  - C. The two citizenships have responsibilities

Responsibility in the kingdom

February 8 - Death is Not the End, Luke 20:27-38

- I. The Question of the Sadducees, 27-33
- II. The Answer of the Saviour, 34-36
- III. The Proof of the Saviour, 37-38

Life through the Saviour



February 15 - The Great Commandment, Mark 12:28-34

- I. The Question, 28
- II. The Reply, 29-31  
It was correct, comprehensive, and clever.
- III. The Reaction, 32-34
  - A. Of the scribe
  - B. Of the Lord

Love leads to  
witnessing

February 22 - Ready for Christ's Return, Mark 13:1-37

- I. The Asking, 1-4
- II. The Answering, 5-33
  - A. Signs, 5-27
  - B. Sureties, 28-33  
Fig tree, Jews, Word of God
- III. The Applying, 34-37

Work and watch

March 1 - God's Love and Man's Refusal, Matt. 21:33-46

- I. Identifications
- II. Interpretation

The Seriousness  
of Rejection

March 8 - The Cross and the Will of God, Mark 14:12-42

- I. The Supper in the Upper Room, 12-26
- II. The Supplication in the Garden, 27-42
  - A. The Bragging of Peter, 27-31
  - B. The Sleeping of the three, 32-42
  - C. The Agony of the Saviour, 32-43

Thy Will be  
Done

March 15 - What Will you Do With Jesus? Mark 14:53-15:15

- I. The Trial before the High Priest, 14:53-72  
Note the steps that led to Peter's denial
- II. The Trial before Pilate, 15:1-15; cf. John 18:28-38

Jesus, the inno-  
cent substitute  
for our sins.

March 22 - Forgiveness through the Cross, Luke 23:8-46

- I. The Trial before Herod, 23:8-12
- II. The Trial before Pilate the second time, 13-25
- III. The Crucifixion, 26-46

In the incident of the thief on the cross we are taught:

- (1) No soul sleep
- (2) Christ lives
- (3) Heaven is the home of the redeemed
- (4) Christ was always winning men to Himself

March 29 - Jesus Christ lives, Luke 24:13-53

- I. The Living Christ, the Fulfiller of Prophecy, 13-35
- II. The Living Christ, the Pattern of Resurrection Life, 36-45
- III. The Living Christ, the Head of the Church, 46-48
- IV. The Living Christ, the Giver of the Holy Spirit, 49
- V. The Living Christ, the Ascended One, 50-53

The Commission  
and power of  
Evangelism