

WEEK 22: REVIEW OF OUR YEAR

OLDER STUDENTS

GOAL

To highlight and recall important points from this year

LESSON

Materials Needed: Orthodox Study Bible; Icons; Map of Holy Land in Jesus' Times

GOSPEL OF MARK -

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE:

- Holy Scripture are the writings contained in the Bible
- There are many books that make up the Bible. (All of these individual books were placed together to make the Bible.)
- There are two main parts to the Bible - Old Testament and New Testament
- The Old Testament is larger than the New Testament
- The Old Testament always points towards Christ
- The New Testament starts with the 4 Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- We studied the Gospel of Mark this year
- The Bible is part of our Holy Tradition

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE:

- Find the beginning of the New Testament in your Bible. (What is the first book in the New Testament?)
- At the top corner of each page in your Bible, you will see the name of the book. Find the book of Mark.
- Each book of the Bible is made up of chapters and verses. The Gospel of Mark has 16 chapters. (Assign each child a different chapter to find.)
- In order to help us find specific spots in each chapter of Mark, numbers are assigned within the chapter. These are called verses. (Assign each child to find a specific chapter and verse - different from each other. Ask them to find more than one to check their knowledge for using the Bible. Offer guidance, as needed.)

INTRODUCTION TO THE FOUR GOSPELS:

- Gospel (evangelion) = “Good news or message”
- The gospels are the written record of Christ’s life provided by the apostles.
- An evangelist is someone who brings the good news to others.
- Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the Synoptic Gospels because they are similar to one another. They tell about the life, teachings, and miracles of Jesus.
- John is different from the other three gospels. His gospel supports the other three, but it is more theological in content than the others. We learn who Jesus is and why He came.
- The four gospels give a slightly different viewpoint of Jesus’ life, teachings, and miracles. Think of four people being at the same event and all of them telling their version of what happened. It will not be identical and each will give a unique perspective. This provides us with a fuller view of Christ’s life, teachings, and miracles. All four gospels support one another.
- Matthew wrote his gospel for the Jews.
- Mark and Luke wrote their gospels for Gentiles. (A gentile is anyone who was not a Jew)
- John wrote his gospel for Hellenistic Jews (Hellenistic Jews are Greek speaking Jews)

LIFE OF SAINT MARK:

- Saint Mark is also known as John Mark
- His parents’ home is where Christ celebrated the first Holy Communion
- His uncle is Saint Barnabas, who travels with Saint Paul during his missionary journeys.
- Saint Mark traveled with Saint Barnabas and Saint Paul during Saint Paul’s first missionary journey
- Saint Mark also travels with Saint Peter
- Saint Mark writes his gospel based on Saint Peter’s eye witness account of Jesus’ teachings and miracles
- Saint Mark is an apostle. (One who is sent out to spread the good news of Christ) He is an evangelist. (He wrote down the life, teachings, and miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.) He is also a martyr. (He was tortured and killed because of his belief in God.)
- We remember Saint Mark on April 25th and January 4th (among the Seventy Apostles).

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- Saint Mark is good at telling stories and he emphasizes Jesus' miracles in his gospel.
 - The Gospel of Saint Mark is the shortest of all four gospels - 16 chapters
 - Sequence of Events in Mark's Gospel - 1. Prologue (introduction); 2. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (His life, teachings, and miracles); 3. Jesus' Ministry Outside of Galilee; 4. Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem; 5. Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem; 6. Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection (We learn all about this in the services during Holy Week)

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK:

- **Jesus' Miracles:** What is a miracle you remember learning about this year? (Jesus casting out unclean spirits; Feeding of the 5,000 and the 4,000; Healing of Peter's mother-in-law; large numbers of people healed; Jesus heals the leper; Jesus heals the paralytic; Jesus heals the man with the withered hand; the woman with the flow of blood)
- What is a parable?
- **Jesus' Parables:** What is a parable you remember learning this year? (Parable of the Sower; Parable of the Light under the Basket; The Parable of the Growing Seed; the Parable of the Mustard Seed)
- Why do the Jews cheer for Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey? What do they lay down on the ground?
- Describe the Jewish Temple as best as you can.
- Why did some of the Jews want Jesus to die?
- Why is it important to you and me (and all of humanity) that Jesus willingly died and then rose from the dead?
- What is the most important feast day of the entire year for us as Orthodox Christians?

ICONS AND MAPS:

- Show an icon that you discussed this year and ask the students questions regarding the icon - Who is depicted? What is happening?
- Using the maps provided in your classrooms, find any of the following locations and point with your finger - Sea of Galilee, Tyre, Capernaum, Nazareth, Jerusalem, etc.

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- Let's sing the song, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John" together.

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- What happened on Palm Sunday (or Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem)?
- What is the most important feast day of the entire year for us as Orthodox Christians?
- When someone says, "Christ is Risen!" to you, what do you say in response?

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Mark 1	Mark 2
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Mark 5	Mark 6
Mark 7	Mark 8
Mark 9	Mark 10
Mark 11	Mark 12
Mark 13	Mark 14
Mark 15	Mark 16

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Mark 1:14	Mark 2:18
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Mark 5:25	Mark 6:5
Mark 7:16	Mark 8:1
Mark 9:50	Mark 10:19
Mark 11:2	Mark 12:4
Mark 13:3	Mark 14:3
Mark 15:17	Mark 16:20

