MARK

(Answers)

CHAPTER 1

1. a. John the Baptist. b. He preached a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins preparing their heart for Jesus. c. If we repent and begin doing the will of our Father we make straight paths (a righteous highway).
2. a. Camel's hair and a leather belt. b. Locust and wild honey.
3. John's baptism was an outward sign of an inward commitment to God. Jesus' baptism was an inward dwelling of the Spirit that would help us in our commitment to God's will.
4. The unclean spirit in the man new Jesus.
5. Peter's mother-in-law.
6. It was proper to perform the ceremonial act and gift before the priest as a witness before the people that the leper is now cleansed and now could be included in all of society.

CHAPTER 2

1. A paralytic man.
2. a. They could argue that the man's sins were forgiven. There was no way to prove it either way. b. He told the man to rise and walk, and he was able to do so. This proved God was with Jesus and had given Him the power to forgive sins also.
3. Fasting then was not of the right season since Jesus was still with them. He would be gone and they would fast then for Him and His words of life. Also, the old way of the law could not continue with the new way of the Spirit (Luke 5:33-39; Mat. 9:14-17).
4. The Sabbath was made for us. Any good work or merciful deed could be done on the Sabbath or any day.

CHAPTER 3

1. The Son of God.
2. Boanerges - "Sons of Thunder".
3. The strong man is Satan. His house is the world. Jesus came to bind Satan's works and to take back those bound by Satan.
4. Those spoken against men.
5. a. That spoken (knowingly as the priest did) against the Holy Spirit. b. The Pharisees knew God was with Jesus to do the things He did. They knew the source power of God's Holy Spirit, but they denied it saying it was from Satan. This sin is unforgivable.

6. Everyone who does the will of the Father is part of your family. We are of the one body - Christ.

CHAPTER 4

1. a. These hearers won't accept the word. They hear the word but do not understand it, nor do they care to understand it. b. Those who gladly receive the word of God but they do not seek it further for spiritual growth and strength. They fall away after a short time and in tribulation. c. Those who receive the word, but the cares of the world, wealth, and want are more important to them. They once were fruitful but become unfruitful. b. Those who receive the word and seek further understanding which leads to spiritual maturity, understanding of God's word, and steadfastness in His will.
2. Mark and Luke (8:16-18) record this parable after the Parable of the Sower. Matthew (5:13-16) has it after the Beatitudes. It has the same meaning in all three gospels. We are not to hide or ignore the word of God we hear. We are to apply the word to our life for our growth and benefit and to be an influence on the world around us.
3. The word of God is not hidden to anyone. It will be revealed to those who want it.
4. a. By the effort we seek to understand it and apply it to our lives, we will receive accordingly. b. This person will lose what he knows about God because he does not seek to mature.
5. God's word is planted in us at different times and places but mainly through diligent study of the Bible. We will grow in knowledge and spiritual maturity in stages. Then we will be harvested for salvation.
6. God's kingdom has a small beginning but will rise above all kingdoms.
7. We will find comfort, peace, and rest in the kingdom now and in the time to come.

CHAPTER 5

1. a. Legion. b. Jesus sent him and the others into the swine that were there. c. 2000.
2. She had a flow of blood for 12 years.
3. a. The ruler of the synagogue, Jarius. b. Jesus wanted the people to come to Him for the word of God rather for the miracles He could do.

CHAPTER 6

1. The people did not believe in Him and therefore did not bring many people to Him.
2. The daughter of Herodias (Herod's wife) prompted by her mother.
3. 5,000 men.
4. The disciples should have sought Jesus for help but they still didn't understand the power and authority given to Him by God. Instead, they were troubled and scared, and feared they were seeing a ghost.
5. They were not against Jesus but were surprised when He calmed the storm not remembering He had done this before (Mark 4:41) and not realizing the miracle

of feeding the 5000. They were slow to realize the power and authority God had given Him on earth.

CHAPTER 7

1. Before we give our money as a gift we must provide for our mother and father. This honors the commandment of God.
2. Food, even unconsecrated food, is eliminated by the body. It does not go into the heart.
3. The things in our heart can make us unclean. Evil inside produces evil outside.
4. The purging of food is a physical cleansing. The cleansing of the heart is a spiritual cleansing.
5. She was a Gentile woman who worshiped idols. She did not worship God.

CHAPTER 8

1. a. About 4000 were fed. b. Seven large baskets of fragments were left over.
2. The teachings of the Pharisees (Matt. 16:12). Mark also adds of the Herod (and his followers). The influence of these was to oppose Jesus.
3. A sinner is considered 'blind' before being converted. When being converted he sees or understands partially. Afterwards, he will be shed with light and see clearly.
4. He had to die. If they knew He was the Christ, they would not kill Him.
5. Satan was speaking through Peter trying to tempt Jesus into not having to die.
6. You put the will of God first in your life. You live for Him by His commandments putting to death the desires of the flesh.
7. You can't exchange the world for life. The world is God's anyway and your soul is in His hands.
8. If we are ashamed or fear what people will think or say about us if we uphold truth and righteousness and the doctrines of Christ then the Lord will be ashamed of us.

CHAPTER 9

1. When we see God's truth and receive it, we lose our life in order to live for the will of God. Some of the disciples would not die to self and begin to totally live in service in the kingdom and the spread of the gospel until after Jesus' resurrection.
2. a. Peter, James, and John. b. God. c. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets. This was a sign to the disciples of Jesus' leadership and authority over the people. He was the one, the Messiah to come. It also symbolizes the transition of the old covenant to the new covenant.
3. a. John the Baptist symbolized the spirit of Elijah (Lk. 1:17). b. John taught the people repentance from their heart and to turn to God. He restored their understanding of the Messiah.

4. The faith of the disciples and the father was weak. They doubted because of the severity of the boy's problem. They needed to pray first. This would involve God and show that the healing power comes from Him.
5. To exalt yourself and seek your own gain before others.
6. By being a servant to God and thinking of others before you.
7. It is better to be handicapped against sin, than to continue in it and lose your soul.
8. a. We are seasoned by the testing of God through trials and tribulations to purify and perfect us. b. When you don't transform your life through the testing of God you are no longer a light to those around you. (See Matt. 5:11-16). There is not enough salt in you to purify the world or there is too much world in the pot for the salt to have an effect on the world.

CHAPTER 10

1. The commandment to not commit adultery.
2. As children are submissive, dependent, and trusting in the guidance and teaching of their parents we too should be submissive, dependent, and trusting of our Father in heaven.
3. His security and happiness came from his wealth instead of God. He did not want to give up his wealth.
4. a. We will receive more than we give up and receive it through various ways. b. Eternal life.
5. They too would be persecuted by the people just as Jesus would.
6. We put ourselves last and become a servant and minister to others.

CHAPTER 11

1. Riding on a colt the foal of a donkey. (Matt. 21:5; Mark 11:2; Luke 19:30; John 12:14,15)
2. Their clothes and leafy branches from trees.
3. a. It withered. b. This shows that God expects us to produce fruit - not just profess our faith. God doesn't want a people who are all leaves and no fruit.
4. They were buying and selling and taking advantage of people instead of praying and worshiping God. The temple was to be a place of sincere worship of God not a place to do business.

CHAPTER 12

1. a. The priests in charge of leading the people in God's will. b. The prophets who were persecuted and killed while trying to turn the people to God. c. Jesus, who would be killed by the priests. d. The Gentiles would advance the Kingdom of God.
2. A cornerstone was the principle stone used to build a building. The rest of the building was built from this cornerstone. In the same way Jesus is the foundation of the church. Without Him there would be no blessed life here or in the world to come eternal life. Jesus is also the judge or smiting stone of the unbeliever. We

can be broken in humble surrender before God or be completely broken in judgment.

3. Yes.
4. God remembers those who pleased Him, those who followed his commandments. They are still alive to Him and will be raised at the resurrection.
5. His understanding of God's law was proper to the message of Jesus. He knew God wanted internal worship from the heart rather than insincere external worship through outward appearances and rituals of the law.
6. Jesus was of the lineage of David but He also existed at the time of David in heaven. He was also the Son of God making Him both divine and human. Jesus was showing the scribes that they had only partial understanding of the Messiah.

CHAPTER 13

1. The temple would be desecrated and destroyed.
2. He who loves, advocates, and offers Jesus will be hated and persecuted by those who don't.
3. a. Those who become believers must bear the persecutions, hatred, resistance, and even the threat of death from non-believers and even family members until our last day. b. If one shrinks from their loyalty to Jesus for fear of what others will say or do will forfeit their soul from salvation.
4. It is the destruction of Jerusalem and defilement of the temple (See Dan.9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Luke 21:20-24). God brought upon them an abomination that would be their *desolation,* thus spoken of by Daniel *the prophet* (9:27).
5. They should flee quickly to safety not stopping to take anything with them.
6. To save a remnant of Israel God will shorten that tribulation period. Those who heed the warning about fleeing Judea will survive.
7. God is the only one who knows when it will be time.
8. We must continue to serve God and live righteously while always expecting His return.

CHAPTER 14

1. An expensive perfume. Mary, the sister of Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead (John 11:2; 12:3). She seems to be the same woman in Luke 7:37-38, Matthew 26:6, and John 11:2. Luke records this happening in the city of Nain while Matthew, Mark, and John in Bethany. Matthew and Mark record this as anointing of Jesus' head. Luke and John as anointing His feet.
2. Judas Iscariot.
3. Jesus' body and blood given for sinners for forgiveness and to defeat death.
4. Peter would deny knowing Him three times.
5. If we are not watching for these spiritual attacks and are not praying regularly and in times of fatigue and stress we can become weak and fall to temptation.

CHAPTER 15

1. Barabbas who had made insurrection and had committed murder.
2. They abused Him by hitting Him on the head with a reed and spitting on Him. They mocked Him by dressing Him in purple, putting a crown made of thorns on His head, and bowing down to Him.
3. The sour wine was used to diminish the senses of the crucified. This would ease their suffering but could also speed up their death as they would no longer lift themselves up to breath while on the cross.
4. a. The veil of the temple. b. There is no separation now between the people and God. Those who call on Him can come directly to Him with our prayers. No high priest is necessary.
5. He was standing by Jesus and heard His prayer to God and saw that it was soon answered. Normally it takes longer for someone to die by crucifixion (see vs. 44).
6. Jesus died on Preparation Day which is the day before the Sabbath.

CHAPTER 16

1. The day after the Sabbath which was the first day of the week (this would be our Sunday.
2. Three days and three nights just as He said would be His sign (as Jonah in the whale). (The night before Preparation Day, the night of Preparation Day and the night of the Sabbath. The day of Preparation Day, the day of the Sabbath, and the morning of the day after the Sabbath.)
3. An angel.