

TAKE HOME SHEET



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For more information about Mark, check out these passages and their context. The story of his upbringing, experience in historic ministry, failure, and redemption are super hopeful.

Acts 12:13-16

Acts 12:25

Acts 13:5

Acts 13:13

Acts 15:36-41

And years later Colossians 4:10

Philemon 24

2 Timothy 4:11.

Mark's biography paints a picture of Jesus being deliberate and focused on His mission. As you reflect on that, how does it impact your devotion to Him?

How does seeing Jesus this way impact your personal focus this Christmas: Your appreciation for Him? Your desire to reach out to your friends and family that don't yet follow Him?

To prepare for Christmas Eve, read Luke's account in chapters 1-2.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Mark tells Jesus' story from a different viewpoint than the others. The reason is that his primary audience is non-Jewish.

Rather than Old Testament prophecies and the historical context surrounding His birth, Mark goes straight to Jesus' reason for coming.

If we don't understand why He came, then our celebration of Jesus' birth will miss the point.

Mark doesn't tell us how Jesus came, but why.

⁴² So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42–45 (NLT)

Mark also shows us Jesus deliberately stayed focused on His mission.

³⁵ Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

³⁸ But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."

Mark 1:35–38 (NLT)

As His church, we need to follow His example and resist mission drift, distraction, and disillusionment.

²² Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22–23 (NLT)