



MARK I:29-39 – A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

Step I Read the passage [Mark I:29–39](#) carefully two or three times.

Step II Read the sections of the gospel that come before and after this passage to find out the context.

Step III Look at the passage as closely and in as much detail as you possibly can. These are the kinds of detailed questions you might ask yourself:

1. Where exactly is Galilee? (Find it on one of the maps in the [Atlas of the Bible](#) Chapter 17 The World of Jesus).
2. What is the name of the place Jesus is visiting?
3. What was the town like? (Look at some pictures of [Capernaum](#) and read about what kind of place it was in the time of Jesus.)
4. This short excerpt (10 verses) has at least three changes of scene. What are they?
5. What day of the week was it?
6. What do Jewish people do (or not do) on this day of the week?
7. Why did the townspeople wait until after sunset to bring all the sick to Jesus?
8. What is a synagogue?
9. Who is mentioned by name in this section of the gospel?
10. Later on in the gospel Simon's name is changed. Do you know the new name he is given?
11. What does the fact that Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law tell us about Simon?
12. What is surprising about Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law?
13. What are devils? How might we talk about them now?
14. In this extract, who is in control of the devils?
15. Where did Jesus stay overnight?
16. What does he do in the morning? Who went to look for him?
17. What did Jesus say was the reason he came?
18. How does this section of the gospel end?



Step IV Now that you have carefully considered these ten verses of the gospel:

1. What do they tell us about Jesus? What kind of a person is he shown to be?
2. What is his relationship to God, to his disciples and friends, to other people?
3. What is his mission in life?

Step V Carefully consider the meaning of this text for us?

1. What does it suggest about how we might go about life from day to day?
2. What does it suggest about the conflict between good and evil in our world?
3. What does it suggest about our relationship to God and others?

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