

# “How To Teach A Friend About Jesus”

## (Introduction)



“I want my best friend to go to heaven. The only way that can happen is if he learns about Jesus and does what He says. So I know that I need to talk to him about Jesus. But I don’t want to hurt his feelings. Besides, what if I can’t answer all of his questions? Most of all, I am afraid that he might get upset with me...reject me. What should I do? What can I do?”

### I. Why should we teach our friends about Jesus?

#### A. Because of what **WE WANT**:

1. “I don’t want my best friend to go to Hell.”
2. “I want my best friend to go to Heaven.”
3. “I want my best friend to have joy and peace.”
4. “I want my best friend to have a better home life.”
5. “I want my best friend to have a better life.”

#### B. Because of what **THEY NEED**:

1. They need direction, because they are lost. (Matt. 7:13-14)
2. They need freedom, because they are enslaved. (John 8:34)
3. They need love, because they are alone. (Ephesians 2:12)
4. They need forgiveness, because they are condemned. (Romans 3:19-23)
5. They need life, because they are dead. (Romans 6:23)

#### C. Because of what **JESUS EXPECTS**:

1. He expects us to respect His authority. (Matthew 28:18)
  - a. Even if we are satisfied.
  - b. Even if we are afraid.
  - c. Even if we are unconcerned.
  - d. Even if we are busy.
  - e. Even if we are tired.
2. He expects us to “**make disciples.**” (Matthew 28:19-20)
  - a. By “**baptizing them...**”
  - b. By “**teaching them to observe all things...**”

## II. What should we teach our friends about Jesus?

- A. Those Truths that will cause them to **BELIEVE**: (John 8:24, Hebrews 11:6)
  - 1. Romans 10:17 “**faith comes from hearing the message...**”
  - 2. John 20:30-31 “**these are written that you may believe...**”
    - a. The ability of Jesus
    - b. The authority of Jesus
- B. Those Truths that will cause them to **REPENT**: (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30-31)
  - 1. Romans 2:4 “**...God’s kindness leads you toward repentance...**”
  - 2. 2 Corinthians 7:10 “**...godly sorrow brings repentance...**”
- C. Those Truths that will cause them to **CONFESS**: (Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9-10)
  - 1. Luke 6:46-49 “**...why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do...**”
  - 2. Matthew 7:21-23 “**...not everyone who says, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter...**”
- D. Those Truths that will cause them to be **BAPTIZED**: (Acts 10:47-48, Acts 22:16)
  - 1. Colossians 2:11-12 “**...raised with Him through your faith...**”
  - 2. 1 Peter 3:21 “**...baptism that now saves you...**”

## III. How should we teach our friends about Jesus?

- A. From the heart:
  - 1. Because you want them to be saved...so ask them.
  - 2. Because they want to be saved...so ask them.
  - 3. Because Jesus wants them to be saved...so ask them.
- B. From the Word: “**Good News! Jesus can...**”



Starting with Mark 1:1 “**...the beginning of the gospel...**”

# “Mark It!”

(How to mark your Bible with “Good News! Jesus Can...”)

## I. First Page:



On the first page of the Gospel of Mark, write these three outline points.

- A. Jesus can...help (1:1)
- B. Jesus can...care (1:29-45)
- C. Jesus can...save (10:45)

## II. Other Scriptures:



Mark (“chain reference”) these scriptures in your Bible.

### A. “Jesus Can...Help!” (1:1)

1. At the end of Mark 1:1 write: (Mark 4:35-5:43)
2. At the end of Mark 5:43 write: (Mark 16:1-6)
3. At the end of Mark 16:6 write: (Luke 9:1-7)
4. At the end of Mark 9:7 write: (Luke 6:46-49)
5. At the end of Luke 6:49 write: (John 12:47-50)
6. At the end of John 12:50 write: (Acts 3:23)
7. At the end of Acts 3:23 write: (Romans 10:17)
8. At the end of Romans 10:7 write: (1 Corinthians 14:37)
9. At the end of 1 Corinthians write (X)



When you see (X), you’re at the end of Lesson One:

Jesus Can Help!



Return to the first page of Mark. Begin Lesson Two:

Jesus Can Care!

B. "Jesus Can...Care!" (1:29-45)

1. At the end of Mark 1:45 write: (Mark 6:1-6)
2. At the end of Mark 6:6 write: (Mark 6:30-34)
3. At the end of Mark 6:34 write: (Mark 14:32-42)
4. At the end of Mark 14:42 write: (Mark 14:43-46)
5. At the end of Mark 14:46 write: (Mark 14:50)
6. At the end of Mark 14:50 write: (Mark 14:55-56)
7. At the end of Mark 14:56 write: (Mark 14:65)
8. At the end of Mark 14:65 write: (Mark 14:66-72)
9. At the end of Mark 14:72 write: (Mark 15:16-20)
10. At the end of Mark 15:20 write: (Mark 15:31-32)
11. At the end of Mark 15:32 write: (Mark 15:33-34)
12. At the end of Mark 15:34 write: (Mark 15:37)
13. At the end of Mark 15:37 write: (X)



When you see (X), you're at the end of Lesson One:  
Jesus Can Care!



Return to the first page of Mark. Begin Lesson Two:  
Jesus Can Save!

C. "Jesus Can...Save!" (10:45)

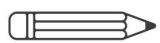
1. At the end of Mark 10:45 write: (Luke 12:42-48)
2. At the end of Luke 12:48 write: (John 8:34)
3. At the end of John 8:34 write: (Acts 17:30-31)
4. At the end of Acts 17:31 write: (Romans 6:23)
5. At the end of Romans 6:23 write: (Acts 4:12)
6. At the end of Acts 4:12 write: (John 8:36)
7. At the end of John 8:36 write: ( Luke 23:34)
8. At the end of Luke 23:34 write: (Mark 10:45)
9. At the end of Mark 10:45 write:



"WHO?" ... "WHAT?" ... "HOW?" ... "WHY?" ... "WHEN?"



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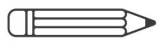
Write these questions at the bottom of the page.

- "When do you believe you were saved?"
- "What were you doing, when you felt like you were saved"?
- "When were you sprinkled or baptized?"
- "Why were you sprinkled or baptized?"
- "Were you sprinkled or baptized to be saved?"


10. At the end of the last question write: (Mark 16:16)
11. At the end of Mark 16:16 write: (Acts 2:36-41)
12. At the end of Acts 2:41 write: (Romans 6:3-6)
13. At the end of Romans 6:6 write: (Galatians 3:26-27)
14. At the end of Galatians 3:27 write: (Acts 22:3-16)
15. At the end of Acts 22:16 write: "X"



When you see (X), you're at the end of Lesson Three: Jesus Can Save!



Write the “SEVEN FOR HEAVEN QUESTIONS” in the back of your bible.

- “When does Jesus say that He will save a person?”
- “Why does Jesus want a person to be baptized?”
- “Is your situation  possible?”
- “Since you were not baptized to be saved, were you baptized with the baptism Jesus commands?”
- “Were your sins forgiven?”
- “Do you want to be saved?”
- “When?”

III. Markings: A guide to understanding markings in the study guide booklet.

A. When a quoted verse is emphasized with **bold** letters in the study guide, underline that phrase in your Bible. (Give it special emphasis as you teach.)

B. When a comment or a question has 😊 next to it in the study guide, write that comment or question in your Bible next to the specified verses. You will ask these questions or make these comments to your friend as you are teaching the verses.

C. WHEN A COMMENT IS IN ALL CAPS, EMPHASIZE THAT POINT.

D. When a phrase is in (parenthesis) in the study booklet, it is the correct answer to the question you have just asked your friend. Always take the time to get the correct answer.

E. When a phrase is in [brackets], it is merely a comment to you, offering some suggestion of a teaching technique or highlighting some thought.

5. Romans 10:17 “...**faith comes from hearing the message...**”



“Why should I listen to Jesus?”

(It is the only way I have faith in Him to help me.)



“How did ‘faith’ help the disciples, when they were afraid...the demoniac man, when he was miserable...the bleeding woman, when she was desperate... the father of the little dead girl, when he was broken-hearted?”

(They all came to Jesus for help.)

6. 1 Corinthians 14:37 “...**what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command...**”



“ Where do I find the words of Jesus?”

(In what is written.)



“When I read 1 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, etc., whose ...whose commands am I reading?”

(Jesus’ commands.)

CONCLUSION: There is good news. Jesus is the Son of God. He has the ability to help us. When no one else can help us...Jesus can. But if we want Jesus to help us, we must listen to Him.