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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST (APRIL 25)

The color for St. Mark, Evangelist, is red.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the Gospel Reading. When does it take place during the service? What do we do with our bodies when it is time to hear the pastor read the Gospel? Why do we do this?

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Gospel Reading: Mark 16:14-20

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

14 Afterward [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What does "rebuke" mean?
- 2) Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples?
- 3) What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
- 4) Jesus tells the disciples, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." So are we saved by the good things we do?
- 5) Although the apostles did the "signs" we read about in verses 17-18 in those days, we don't normally see them today. Do we still have what matters? (see verses 15-16)
- 6) Where did Jesus go after He was done speaking to the disciples?
- 7) What did the disciples do after Jesus was taken up into heaven?

People of the Bible: Mark

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Mark. But who was Mark?

Mark, which is short for John Mark, was a travel companion to Paul and Peter as they proclaimed the Gospel of Christ. The Gospel of Mark, which records the life of Jesus from His Baptism to His resurrection, is most likely a recording (writing down) of Peter's preaching by Mark. Mark also went on missionary journeys to bring the Good News of Christ to the Gentiles with Barnabas, another one of Paul's traveling companions who was also Mark's cousin. We praise and thank our Lord for inspiring Mark to write this book of the Bible where God tells us about Christ and His love for us.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
 For all Your saints at rest,
 Your holy name, O Jesus,
 Forevermore be blest!
 For You have won the battle
 That they might wear the crown;
 And now they shine in glory
 Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 For Mark, O Lord, we praise You,
 The weak by grace made strong,
 Whose labors and whose Gospel
 Enrich our triumph song.
 May we, in all our weakness,
 Reflect Your servant life
 And follow in Your footsteps,
 Enduring cross and strife.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
 And worship God the Son
 And sing to God the Spirit,
 Eternal Three in One,
 Till all the ransomed number
 Fall down before the throne,
 Ascribing pow'r and glory
 And praise to God alone.