

Application Questions The Gospel of Mark For the 2026-2027 Bible Quiz season

Sources for Application Questions:

Fire Bible Student Edition (FBSE) in the New Living Translation, published in 2015 by Life Publishers, Springfield, MO.

Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ) questions, the number is that of the Fact-Pak questions.

The College Press NIV Commentary: Mark (Black) by Allen Black, published in 1995 by College Press, Joplin, MO.

Life Application New Testament Commentary (Barton) by Bruce Barton, Philip Comfort, et al., published in 2001 by Tyndale, Wheaton, IL.

Application Question Rules:

1. You cannot contest validity of application questions.
2. Application questions should be treated like a complete answer requiring all of the phrases, clauses, and key words. The exception would be if they are quotation questions or chapter analysis.
3. Application questions designated with chapter analysis answers follow the rules for chapter analysis answers.
4. Application quotation questions must be quoted perfectly like every other quote. However, they do not have to abide by the primary verse rules of Contender and XP5.
5. XP5, Contender, and Championship will only quiz over the application questions that match the new material for each league meet of their respective divisions with no review questions.
6. The finish of an interrupted question follows the standard rules for finishing an interrupted question.
7. Active quizzers are allowed to look at application questions during confers, contests, and timeouts if the coach brings it to the table.

Question number 1 for 10 points. Application question.

When was the book of Mark written?

M 1 Between A.D. 55 and 65 FBSE 1493

Question number 2 for 10 points. Application question.

Who wrote this gospel?

M 1 John Mark, the cousin of Barnabas Black Intro

Question number 3 for 10 points. Application question.

What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

M 1:8 To be immersed, cleansed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. FBSE 1495

Question number 4 for 20 points. Application question.

Why is it important that the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus?

M 1:10 Despite being fully God, Jesus willingly laid aside his rights and privileges as God and lived fully human. He was fully dependent on the Holy Spirit just like we have to be. FBSE 1414

Question number 5 for 20 points. Application question.

How does the baptism of Jesus show us the Trinity?

M 1:15 All three persons of the Trinity are present: God the Father spoke acknowledging Jesus as His Son, and the Holy Spirit came to empower Jesus for ministry. FBSE 1495

Question number 6 for 20 points. Application question.

What is a synagogue?

M 1:21 The synagogue was the local Jewish gathering place for prayer, teaching and worship on the Sabbath and education and community events throughout the week. FBSE 1497

Question number 7 for 10 points. Application question.

Referring to the Messiah, where is the name Son of Man first found?

M 2:10 Daniel 7:13 FBSE 1552

Question number 8 for 10 points. Application question.

Why should Christians keep a Sabbath day rest?

M 2:27 God gave us the Sabbath as a blessing so we use it to worship God and refresh ourselves FBSE 1499

Question number 9 for 20 points. Application question.

Why was it not a sin for Jesus to be angry?

M 3:5 Jesus' anger was acceptable, for it reflected his hatred and disapproval of all sin, rebellion, and injustice. FBSE 1499

Question number 10 for 20 points. Application question.

What does it mean to cast out demons?

M 3:15 It means commanding evil spirits who live inside a person to come out and release control over that person. FBSE 1500

Question number 11 for 20 points. Application question.

If the farmer was planting his seed, why was he scattering it everywhere?

M 4:3 During the time of Jesus, farmers planted seed by hand-tossing it over the prepared ground. Using this method meant that some seed missed and fell on unprepared ground. FBSE 1503

Question number 12 for 30 points. Application question. 4-Part answer.

In the Parable of the Sower, to what four kinds of people did Jesus compare the soils?

- M 4:15-20 Those who allow Satan to steal the Word
Those who deny Christ when persecuted
Those who allow worldly things to dominate their lives
Those who receive the gospel and share it with others

JBQ 516

Question number 13 for 20 points. Application question. 2-Part answer.

What do we learn from Jesus sleeping during the storm?

- M 4:38 His exhaustion shows his human nature.
His lack of worry about troubles that would concern other people shows he was confident in God's care and the power of the Holy Spirit.

FBSE 1505

Question number 14 for 10 points. Application question.

Where is the region of the Gerasenes?

- M 5:1 It was part of the Ten Cities, a largely non-Jewish area east of the Sea of Galilee.

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Question number 15 for 10 points. Application question.

What is a legion?

- M 5:9 A Roman military division which contained about 6000 soldiers and support troops.

Black

Question number 16 for 30 points. Application question. 4-Part answer.

Why did the demons beg to be sent into the pigs?

- M 5:12 They knew they had to submit to Jesus
They did not want to be sent to some distant place
They knew Jesus would not let them go into the city where they could possess other people
There were enough unclean animals in the area to host all the demons

Barton 163

Question number 17 for 20 points. Application question.

Why was it significant that Jairus fell at the feet of Jesus?

- M 5:22 As a synagogue ruler, Jairus held an important position in the town. To fall down before Jesus and plead for him to come heal his daughter was a significant and daring act of respect and worship.

Barton 164

Question number 18 for 20 points. Application question.

Why was the woman with the constant bleeding frightened when Jesus called her?

- M 5:33 She was afraid of how Jesus would react, since according to Leviticus she had made him unclean by touching him while she had constant bleeding.

Black

Question number 19 for 10 points. Application question.

What is one lesson we learn from the death of Jairus' daughter?

- M 5:36 We should place our trust in God even when it seems as if all is lost.

FBSE 1507

Question number 20 for 20 points. Application question.

Why does Mark record that Jesus held the dead girl's hand?

- M 5:41 According to Leviticus, touching a dead body made a person unclean. Jesus was more concerned about compassion and raising the girl to life than remaining clean according to the Law.

Barton 166

Question number 21 for 20 points. Application question.

Since Jesus was God and the Messiah, why would he refer to himself as a prophet?

- M 6:4 Jesus was referencing his role that was prophesied by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:18-19 as the prophet like Moses who would speak the very words of God.

FBSE 1693

Question number 22 for 10 points. Application question.

Who was Herod Antipas?

M 6:14 The son of Herod the Great. He ruled Galilee for the Romans after his father's death. Black

Question number 23 for 20 points. Application question.

Why was John the Baptist in prison?

M 6:17 Herod's sin was ignored by all the Jewish authorities, but not by John who stood with God, preached God's commandments fearlessly, and opposed sin, even though it cost him imprisonment and his life. FBSE 1439

Question number 24 for 10 points. Application question.

Besides Jesus' resurrection, what is the only miracle told in all four Gospels?

M 6:30 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand Barton 171

Question number 25 for 20 points. Application question.

What is compassion?

M 6:34 Compassion is a deep sincere emotion that involves feeling sorrow for another's suffering and misfortune as well as being willing to take action to help the person in need. FBSE 1508

Question number 26 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

What did Jesus mean by the phrase, quote, "sheep without a shepherd"?

M 6:34 Sheep are easily scattered and lost; without a shepherd they are in grave danger. Barton 171

Question number 27 for 10 points. Application question.

What can we learn from Jesus using the five loaves and two fish?

M 6:41 No matter how little we have God can multiply the effects of what we surrender to him. FBSE 1509

Question number 28 for 10 points. Application question.

Jesus walking on the water reflects back to what Old Testament verse?

M 6:48 Job 9:8 Black

Question number 29 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

What is Jesus speaking about when he says, quote, "out of a person's heart"?

M 7:20 Throughout God's Word, the "heart" represents a person's entire inner being, including the intellect, emotions, motives, desires and will. Actions show what is inside our inner being. FBSE 1511

Question number 30 for 30 points. Application question.

Why was the faith of the Gentile mother so incredible?

M 7:28 Unlike the Israelites, she understood his parable. In addition to understanding it, she continued it by stating that children who love pets often drop crumbs to them. She did not ask for the entire meal, just for one crumb in particular—one miracle for her daughter. Barton 177

Question number 31 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

What did Jesus mean when he said, quote, "I feel sorry for these people"?

M 8:2 Jesus has compassion for human needs and hurts, and he shows it by taking care of our needs. FBSE 1513

Question number 32 for 20 points. Application question.

How was a sign different from miraculous healings?

M 8:11 Healings are when God makes a sick person well. A sign is when a prophet said something would happen, whether miraculous or not, and it came to pass, demonstrating that he was telling the truth from God. Barton 179

Question number 33 for 30 points. 2-Part application question.

What is the yeast of the Pharisees, and what is the yeast of Herod?

- M 8:15 The yeast of the Pharisees refers to their extra religious traditions, which caused them to set aside God's true commands, ignore portions of his Word, and disregard what God truly desires.
The yeast of Herod refers to a worldly mindset which caused him to resist God and demand a sign from Jesus to prove he was God. FBSE 1513

Question number 34 for 20 points. Application question.

Regarding the parable of the Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod, what does the disciples' failure to understand reveal?

- M 8:21 The disciples failed to let go of their expectations about the Messiah which caused them to not see who Jesus really was despite the amazing miracles he did. Black

Question number 35 for 10 points. Statement and application question.

Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

When could they tell everyone?

- M 8:30 After he was raised from the dead Black

Question number 36 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why did Jesus exclaim to Peter, quote, "Get away from me, Satan!"?

- M 8:33 Peter's attempt to deter Jesus from suffering and dying presented the same temptation and point of view that Satan confronted Jesus with during his temptation in the desert. FBSE 1514

Question number 37 for 20 points. Application question.

What does it mean to take up your cross?

- M 8:34 To make a deliberate choice to give up our own selfish desires in order to follow Christ knowing we will face ridicule, suffering, and maybe even death while living for him. FBSE 1514

Question number 38 for 20 points. Application question.

Why should we not be ashamed of Jesus and his message?

- M 8:38 All who are more concerned about how people view them rather than how God views them will be rejected by Christ when he returns. FBSE 1515

Question number 39 for 20 points. Application question.

Why was there a discussion about Elijah returning before the Messiah comes?

- M 9:11 Malachi 4:5-6 prophesied that Elijah would return before the Messiah. The teachers understood this, but Jesus revealed that John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy by being a prophet like Elijah. Black

Question number 40 for 10 points. Application question.

What is hell?

- M 9:48 A place of eternal fire, punishment, and torment. JBQ 462

Question number 41 for 30 points. Application question.

Why do Matthew and Mark use different phrases for God's kingdom?

- M 10:14 Matthew wrote to Jews who were hesitant to say the name of God to avoid misusing it, so he used the phrase "kingdom of heaven". Mark writing to non-Jews expressed the same idea using the Greek phrase "kingdom of God". FBSE 1518

Question number 42 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God, quote, "like a child"?

- M 10:15 We should accept it in a simple, humble, trustful, and wholehearted way when turning from sin to our Savior. FBSE 1518

Question number 43 for 10 points. Application question.

What does Jesus blessing the children teach us?

M 10:16 Christ is deeply concerned about the well-being and the spiritual salvation of children. FBSE 1518

Question number 44 for 20 points. Application question.

Why is it hard for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God?

M 10:23 The rich often live as if they have no need for God. They often place their trust in the false sense of security their wealth gives. Such people live focused only on themselves and their wealth, not God. FBSE 1588

Question number 45 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why did Jesus ask, quote, "Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?"

M 10:38 This is a Jewish expression meaning to share someone's fate. Jesus' cup was to suffer and die for others. FBSE 1519

Question number 46 for 20 points. Application question.

How do we become great leaders in Jesus' kingdom?

M 10:43 We become great leaders by being so committed to God that we pursue his plans and purposes on earth without desiring glory, position or material rewards. FBSE 1519

Question number 47 for 10 points. Application question.

What is a ransom?

M 10:45 A ransom is a price paid to obtain freedom for others. FBSE 1462

Question number 48 for 10 points. Application question.

Where is Bethany located?

M 11:1 Bethany is less than two miles from Jerusalem on the eastern side of the Mount of Olives. Black

Question number 49 for 10 points. Application question.

What Old Testament passage was the crowd quoting during Jesus' Triumphant Entry?

M 11:10 Psalm 118:25-26 FBSE 1520

Question number 50 for 20 points. Application question.

What do we notice about the cursing of the fig tree in relation to the cleansing of the temple?

M 11:14 The cursing of the fig tree symbolizes God's judgment on Israel for not bearing the fruit he wanted from them as evidenced by using their misuse of the temple. Black

Question number 51 for 10 points. Statement and application question.

People who came to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast needed animals for the sacrifices.

Why did Jesus drive the sellers of these animals out from the temple?

M 11:15 The temple area was not the appropriate place for the sellers to set up their booths. FBSE 1521

Question number 52 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

Why does Jesus state that the temple is a house of prayer for, quote, "all nations"?

M 11:17 The outer court of the temple which housed the market was called the court of the Gentiles. It was the only part of the temple assigned for those who were not Jewish to pray to the one true God. FBSE 1521

Question number 53 for 20 points. Application question.

How do we have the kind of faith that throws a mountain into the sea?

M 11:24 We cannot create this kind of faith in ourselves. We must receive this kind of faith from God, knowing that this is what he wants to happen to show his glory. We cannot take credit for the results of this faith. FBSE 1521

Question number 54 for 10 points. Application question.

In the Parable of the Evil Farmers, who did the servants represent?

M 12:2 The prophets God had sent to Israel including John the Baptist.

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Question number 55 for 10 points. Application question.

What is the cornerstone?

M 12:10 The cornerstone is the large main stone of the foundation used to anchor and align a wall.

FBSE 1522

Question number 56 for 20 points. Application question. 2-Part answer.

In the question about paying taxes, what were the two main parts of the trap?

M 12:15 If Jesus argues against paying the Roman taxes, the Roman authorities would arrest him.

If he argues for paying the taxes, he would anger many of the Jews who resented Roman rule.

Black

Question number 57 for 20 points. Application question.

Who were the Sadducees?

M 12:18 The Sadducees were an aristocratic party which included the high priest and most of the chief priests. They accepted only the written law of Moses and denied the resurrection.

Black

Question number 58 for 20 points. Application quotation question.

What did Jesus say was the first and most important commandment?

M 12:30 You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

JBQ 371

Question number 59 for 20 points. Application quotation question.

What did Jesus say was the second most important commandment?

M 12:31 Love your neighbor as yourself.

JBQ 372

Question number 60 for 30 points. Scripture text application question.

How did the teachers of the religious law cheat, quote, “widows out of their property”?

M 12:40 The teachers did not receive a salary. They specifically took advantage of the generosity of widows who were willing to help men of God. The teachers lived in luxury while encouraging the widows to give more than they could afford.

FBSE 1524

Question number 61 for 20 points. Scripture text application question.

When referring to the Temple, why did the disciples call it, quote, “magnificent buildings”?

M 13:1 The Temple complex consisted of a majestic mixture of porches, colonnades, separate small buildings, and courts surrounding the Temple proper.

Barton 207

Question number 62 for 20 points. Application question.

What should we conclude from Jesus’ repeated use of phrases similar to watch out?

M 13:5 These warnings indicate that many unbiblical beliefs and teachings will be popular in churches. True Christians must know and obey God’s Word.

FBSE 1524

Question number 63 for 20 points. Application question.

What is the sacrilegious object that causes desecration?

M 13:14 It refers to something detestable that causes something to be laid waste. It is mentioned multiple times in the book of Daniel in regard to the sacrilegious object being set up at the temple.

Black

Question number 64 for 30 points. Application question. 3-Part answer.

What three events fulfill Daniel's prophecies of the sacrilegious object?

- M 13:14 Antiochus Epiphanes sacrificing a pig to Zeus on the altar in the temple in 168 B.C.
The events surrounding the Roman destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in A.D. 70.
The antichrist setting up an image of himself to be worshipped prior to Christ's return.

Barton 209

Question number 65 for 20 points. Application question.

What should be the Christian's view about persecution.?

- M 13:20 We must remember that God is in control. Persecution will occur, but God knows about it and controls how long it will take place. He will not forget his people.

Barton 209

Question number 66 for 20 points. Application question.

What is the Good News?

- M 14:9 The Good News is the message that God has provided us the means and opportunity of forgiveness and a personal relationship with him through the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. FBSE 1528

Question number 67 for 20 points. Application question.

Why was the story of the woman with expensive perfume to be remembered?

- M 14:9 She set an example of selfless and wholehearted dedication to Christ, reminding us that the primary purpose and privilege of the Christian faith is to love and serve Jesus himself.

FBSE 1479

Question number 68 for 30 points. Application question.

What is the Passover?

- M 14:14 The Passover was a festival God commanded the Israelites to keep. It remembered the deliverance of Israel from slavery, when God sent the final plague upon Egypt killing the firstborn, but passing over all the houses where the blood of the lamb was applied to the doorposts.

FBSE 1479

Question number 69 for 10 points. Application question.

What hymn did Jesus and the disciples sing?

- M 14:26 Psalm 116-118 was normally sung after the Passover meal.

Barton 215

Question number 70 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

Why did Jesus want the disciples to, quote, "keep watch and pray"?

- M 14:37 Prayer was the only thing that could keep them from failing during the difficult time ahead.

FBSE 1530

Question number 71 for 30 points. Application question. 2-Part answer.

Why did the High Priest decide that Jesus had committed blasphemy?

- M 14:62 Jesus claimed the name of God, I am, that was revealed to Moses at the burning bush.
He applied Messianic passages from Psalms and Daniel by claiming to be the Son of Man seated at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Barton 220

Question number 72 for 20 points. Application question.

Describe a Roman flogging?

- M 15:15 Often before crucifixions, Romans beat criminals using a multiple-piece whip fitted with pieces of bone or metal on the leather straps assuring the tearing of the skin, even down to the bone.

Black

Question number 73 for 10 points. Application question.

Why do Christians call where Jesus died Calvary?

- M 15:22 In the Latin translations of the Bible, Calvary is used and means skull.

Barton 224

Question number 74 for 10 points. Scripture text application question.

Why does Jesus recite the opening of Psalm 22 when he says, quote, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”
M 15:34 The whole Psalm is a prophecy about the Messiah, revealing how Jesus would suffer and die. Barton 225

Question number 75 for 20 points. Application question.

Why does Mark use two languages when recording Jesus’ cry at 3 o’clock?
M 15:34 Despite writing his book in Greek, it would not be clear from the Greek why some of the bystanders thought he was calling Elijah. It is understandable from the original Semitic word *Eloi*. Black

Question number 76 for 20 points. Application question.

What was the significance of the tearing of the curtain in the sanctuary?
M 15:38 The curtain kept people out of the Most Holy Place representing sinful humanity’s separation from the presence of the holy God. It being torn signified that a way was now open into the presence of God. FBSE 1485

Question number 77 for 10 points. Application question.

What was proven by Jesus’ resurrection?
M 16:6 That Jesus was exactly who He claimed to be—Son of God, Savior, and Lord. JBQ 337

Question number 78 for 20 points. Application quotation question.

What is the mission of the Church?
M 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. JBQ 424

Question number 79 for 20 points. Application question.

Should we expect miraculous signs and wonders to accompany believers today?
M 16:17 Yes, when Christians in the power of the Holy Spirit do miracles in the name of Jesus, the signs confirm that the gospel message is genuine and that God’s kingdom has come to earth in a powerful and supernatural way. FBSE 1535

Question number 80 for 20 points. Application question.

How do we understand the passage about handling snakes and drinking anything poisonous?
M 16:18 These promises apply to Christians who encounter such dangers in the process of fulfilling the Great Commission given by Christ. It is a sin to test God by deliberately endangering oneself. FBSE 1534