Unit #2 Exam Study Guide

A reminder, you may not access a Bible in the course of taking this exam...

First, carefully review and be familiar with the Introduction to the Gospel of Mark, like the author, the Apostolic author behind it, the intended audience, the date of its composition the professor holds, and its organization—where it divides. Also:

1. Know the 2 purposes probably why Jesus was baptized...

2. Know why Jesus tried to keep the Messianic Secret...

3. Know how Jesus defined his ministry after the healings at Peter’s house...

4. Know which town becomes “home” to Jesus’ ministry...

5. Know the details of 2:1-12, the healing of the paralytic...

6. Know what is odd about the Pharisees and the Herodians teaming up...

7. Be able to write out the definition of the eternal/unforgiveable sin...

8. Know the details of 5:1-20, the exorcism of the Gadarene Demonic(s)...

9. Know the details of 6:30-44, the Feeding of the 5,000...be able to contrast the details with the Feeding of the 4,000 in 8:1-13...

10. Know the details of 10:17-31, the Rich, Young Ruler...

11. Know what lesson Jesus was teaching when he cursed the Fig Tree... ✓

12. Know the details of 14:1-11, the Anointing of Jesus at Bethany—especially as it is informed by John 12:1-11, as we discussed in class & notes...

13. Be able to place the 11 steps of the Passover Meal in the proper order...(oh my)

14. Know the illegalities of Jesus’ trials...

15. Know the details of the Temple Curtain and the events that surround the Death of Jesus from Matt. 27:51-54...

16. Know the opinions of the professor (as in the notes and as stated in class) about the long ending of Mark’s Gospel, Mark 16:9-20...
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Life of Christ STUDY GUIDE
Exam #2

Introduction to the Gospel of Mark  pg.12
Author: John Mark (a Jewish Christian), companion to Peter and Paul
Apostolic Author behind it: Peter (remember Mark became Peter’s Interpreter)
Intended Audience: a Gentile, Roman audience
Date written: Dr. Cameron believes it was the late 50’s from Rome
    Probably the first gospel written
Composition (where it divides): between chapter 8:30 and 8:31
    Roughly in the middle

2 Purposes - why was Jesus baptized?  pg. 14
   1. It was the proper thing to do. (according to Jesus himself)
   2. To fulfill all righteousness (in Mark and Matthew)

Why did Jesus try to keep the Messianic Secret?  pg.13
   1. He didn’t want to be associated with Demons and Exorcisms
   2. Healings - the crowds would pressure him, and keep him from Preaching and teaching, which was why he came
   3. The Disciples didn’t understand who he was until later

How did Jesus define his ministry after the healings at Peter's house?
Pg. 15
Jesus temporarily left the healing ministry in order to spend more in prayer, and to concentrate on his core ministry - preaching

Which town became the “home” of Jesus Ministry?  pg. 15
Answer: Capernaum

What are the details of the healing of the Paralytic?  pg. 15 - 16
Happened in Capernaum
House crowded, Paralytic brought to Jesus by his friends had to go Through the roof to get to Jesus
Dropped him down right in front of Jesus
Jesus forgave him of his sins first, then healed him
This upset the Pharisees and weren’t expecting that
This event established that Jesus had the power to forgive sins
Why did the Pharisees and Herodians team up against Jesus? Pg.16-17
We don’t really know who the Herodians were, but we do know that
the Pharisees were legalists, followed the law. It would be odd if the
Herodians did not feel the same way. We do know that they were
banded together by their hatred of Jesus and their outrage at his
“crimes” on the Sabbath.
Remember: Jesus named himself “the Lord of the Sabbath”

What is the definition of Eternal/Unforgivable Sin? Pg.17
Be able to Quote this exactly
“Ascribing the work of Father/Son Holy Spirit to the Devil for the
purpose of creating unbelief”

Details of the exorcism of the Gadarene Demonic(s): pg.18
Happened in Decapolis, region east of the Sea of Galilee
Gentile/pagan territory
2 demoniacs mentioned in Matthew
Jesus exchanged words with the demons
The crowd’s odd response: wanted Jesus to leave the area
The legion of demons left the demoniac and went into a herd of
2,000 Pigs, causing them to drown in the Sea of Galilee.
(profits of the pig farmers - gone!)

Feeding of the 5,000 pg.19
crowd was probably more like 10-15,000 because women and
children were not counted (the custom)
5 loaves and 2 small fish were blessed and broken by Jesus
Everyone ate their fill and there were 12 basketfuls left over
(this confirmed to each disciple that God was able to provide)

Feeding of the 4,000 pg.20
4,000 present
7 loaves for this one, and a “few” small fish
7 basketfuls left over

Rich Young Ruler pg.22
Said, ”Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
Jesus said, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God.”
After that, Jesus listed some of the 10 Commandments, knowing
The young man had endeavored to keep them since he was little.
Jesus then told him what he was lacking, "one thing you lack,
You must sell every thing you have and give the money to the poor.
THEN "Follow me".
Young man, became sad and left.

The Cursing of the fig tree.  Pg. 22-23
The lesson: We must bear fruit
The fig tree is a parable revealing Israel’s condition
And is a lesson about faith

Jesus anointed at Bethany  pg 24
Host: Simon (former Leper)
Martha served the meal
Mary presented her offering to Jesus, by anointing his
Feet with her perfume and tears, cleaning them with her hair-
perfume was worth a year’s wage, probably her inheritance
Judas thought the perfume should be sold and the money given
to the poor
The disciples missed this reference to Jesus’ burial

The Passover and the Lord’s Supper  pg. 24
(in a meeting room, planned ahead)
1. Recitation/singing of the Hallel
2. Father pronounces a blessing on the festival and wine,
   They drink the 1st cup of wine
3. The food is brought in
4. The oldest son asks,"Why is this night distinguished from all
   others?"
5. Father answers recalling Israel’s redemption from Egypt,
   Praising God for past redemption and future redemption.
6. Drink the 2nd cup of wine
7. Father takes the bread and pronounces the blessing, breaks it into
   Pieces, and everyone eats it with bitter herbs and fruit
8. The meal begins
9. The father blesses the 3rd cup of wine, and gives a prayer of
   Thanksgiving.
10. Recitation/singing of the 2nd part of the Hallel
11. Drink the 4th cup of wine
The illegalities at Jesus’ trials  pg. 25
(Jesus charged with blasphemy)

*These are how the trial was supposed to happen:*
1. Capitol cases were tried at day time, not at night.
2. No trials on festivals or festival eves.
3. Capitol cases began with reasons for acquittal.
4. Conviction verdicts had to be slept on.
5. Conviction required 2 unimpeachable witnesses.
6. Trial should be held in the inner court, not the High Priest’s home.

Everything was completely opposite what was considered legal.

The death of Jesus  pg 25
Series of events:
1. The Curtain was…
   Torn top to bottom,
   Made of blue and purple wool,
   40 cubits by 20 cubits
   4 inches thick
   Took 300 priests to carry and wash it
2. Earthquakes occurred, caused tombs to break open
3. Saints of old were raised back to life, they went into Jerusalem
   and appeared to many people.
4. The Centurian witnessed to the manner in which Jesus died
   (many women followers were present, but the men were absent, why?)

What about the long Ending of Mark’s Gospel?  p26
Dr. Cameron believes:
1. The ending is probably NOT authentic.
2. The verses are probably absent from the 2 oldest complete
   manuscripts.
3. They contain peculiar vocabulary and style, and questionable
   theology.
4. A 2nd century scribe reworked the endings of other Gospels and
   Acts to make a more suitable closing to Mark.
5. Question: If this ending is not authentic, should we use it as
   a reference for our doctrine? (Cameron: “doesn’t seem proper“)