

# **CHANGED LIVES**

## **Lesson 12**

### **JOHN MARK:**

Acts 12:12

Acts 12:25

Acts 13:5

Acts 13:13

Acts 15:37-39

Colossians 4:10

2 Timothy 4:11

Philemon 24

Did you Notice:

Mark means: consecrated to the god Mars. Warlike

John means: Jehovah has been gracious.

Acts 12:12 His home was a place where Christians gathered to pray. The house being attributed to his mother, would suggest that his father was dead. That large gathering and a servant girl, suggests that they were a family of means. This particular evening many were gathered and praying for Peter who had been imprisoned. Peter's flight to the home, would suggest that this was a customary gathering for Christians in Jerusalem. They learned of God's deliverance of Peter.

Acts 12:25 Barnabas and Saul had brought a benevolent gift from the Christians at Antioch for the Jews in Judea. As they returned to Antioch they took along John, also called Mark.

Acts 13:5 John was the helper for Barnabas and Saul on this 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey

Acts 13:13 John Mark had traveled throughout Cyprus, but now heads home to Jerusalem as they enter Asia Minor.

Acts 15:37-39 John Mark's departure on the 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary trip caused a disagreement between Barnabas and Paul. The result was that Barnabas took John Mark and returned to Cyprus to encourage and strengthen the Christians there. Paul would take Silas and they would go to Asia Minor to encourage and strengthen the Christians there.

Colossians 4:10 While Paul is in prison in Rome (1<sup>st</sup> imprisonment); he writes this letter to the church at Colosse. John Mark is there with him and may travel with the letter to Colosse. Here, we learned that John Mark is the cousin of Barnabas and gain insight why Barnabas was so determined to include him.

2 Timothy 4:11 Paul wrote this letter to Timothy just prior or during his second imprisonment in Rome. He requests for Mark to come because of the help he provides.

Philemon 24 This letter was written during Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> imprisonment in Rome. We find that Mark is there and considered a "fellow worker".

Traditionally believed that this was the same Mark who wrote the second gospel.

Mark 14:51, 52 Suggested that he was the young man that fled when Jesus was arrested.

1 Peter 5:13 It is suggested that this "son" is in reality "John Mark" and writer of the second gospel.

Mark was also attributed to having started churches in Alexandria, Egypt.

What lessons can you learn for YOUR life?