

## Some of Jesus' hard sayings from Mark's Gospel

Many who listened to Jesus during His public ministry found some of His sayings 'hard', and it is no different today! People may hear them read in church, or find them in their own daily readings and don't always think it's acceptable to say, "That's a bit tough". However, the sayings Jesus used were all part and parcel of the wonderful tapestry of his life and works (miracles, mighty signs and actions). Often we filter our study of scripture through the eyes of our time and culture, but if we can lay this aside for a moment we will glimpse who Jesus really was. Jesus is so often wrapped up in 'nice' images, such as 'gentle Jesus meek and mild' - an inoffensive person who no one would take the trouble to crucify. Yet the Jesus of the gospels is far from being inoffensive, He offended left, right and centre! He upset the established notions of religion among His own people; He upset His disciples so much that some left Him and one even betrayed Him. Jesus spoke of God in terms of intimacy, which sounded like blasphemy to many; and He seemed to enjoy the most questionable company. But in those who were not turned off by Him, He created a passionate love and allegiance which even death could not destroy.

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship

10<sup>th</sup> The son of man forgives sin (Mark 2: 10)  
Acts 8: 14 - 17. Mk 2: 1 - 12 Preacher: Keith Elliott

17<sup>th</sup> The sin against the Holy Spirit (Mk 3: 28, 29)  
Phil 3: 4b - 14, Mk 3: 20 - 30 Preacher: Paul Chung

24<sup>th</sup> Let the children first be fed (Mk 7:27)  
1 Cor 2: 1 - 11, Mk 7: 24 - 30 Preacher: Joseph Ajeafobi

31<sup>st</sup> Take up your cross (Mk 8: 34)  
1 Cor 12: 12 - 31a, Mk 8: 31 - 9: 1 Preacher: Keith E

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship

14<sup>th</sup> For or against (Mk 9:40)  
1 Cor 13: Mk 9: 38 - 40 Preacher: Jo Elliott

21<sup>st</sup> Why do you call me good? (Mk 10: 18)  
2 Cor 3: 12 - 4:2, Mk 10: 17 - 31 Preacher: Derek Leaf

28<sup>th</sup> The cursing of the fig tree (Mk 11: 14)  
Rom 10: 8b - 13, Mk 11: 12 19 Preacher: Keith Munro

March 7<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship

14<sup>th</sup> Faith that moves mountains (Mk 11:23)  
Phil 3: 17 - 4:1, Mk 11: 20 - 26 Preacher: Keith Elliott

21<sup>st</sup> Give to Caesar (Mk 12:17)  
2 Cor 5:16 - 21, Mk 12: 13 - 17 Preacher: Terri Skinner

28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
Phil 2: 5 - 11, Lk 22: 14 - 23 Preacher: Keith Elliott

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter: All Age Worship?  
Acts 10: 34 - 43, Lk 24: 1 - 12 Preacher: Keith Elliott

11<sup>th</sup> Rev 1: 4 - 8, Jn 20: 19 - 31  
Preacher: Terri Skinner

18<sup>th</sup> Rev 5: 11 - 14, Jn 21: 1 - 19  
Preacher: Keith Elliott