



Read Mark 13 and try to create examples of the grammar points we have covered in the last 3 lessons:

When we report what other people have said, we have to change the tenses, and sometimes use some other words.

Direct speech	Reported speech
'She works in the shop'	She told them that she worked in a shop
'I'm studying the Bible'	He said that he was studying the Bible
'I've finished studying'	She told us that she had finished studying
'I rejected Jesus'	He said that he had rejected Jesus
'At the time, I was wasting my money on drugs'	She said that at that time, she had been wasting her money on drugs.

The word 'that' in the reported speech is often omitted.

Reported Questions

When the answer to a question is simply 'Yes' or 'No', then we begin the reported question with *if* or *whether* – e.g. 'Is that really you?' I asked him *if / whether* it was really him

'Reporting verbs' include *wonder, want to know, ask, enquire* – e.g. I wondered whether it was really him.

When there are question words in the original speech, they are repeated in the reported speech. Question words include: *who, what, which, when, where, why, whom, whose, how*.

E.g. 'Why do you read the Bible so much?'
 'I asked why he read the Bible so much.'

