

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

READING PLAN

WEEK 1

- *Monday*
Read: Mark 1:1-20
SOAP: Mark 1:7-8
- *Tuesday*
Read: Mark 1:21-45
SOAP: Mark 1:35
- *Wednesday*
Read: Mark 2:1-17
SOAP: Mark 2:16-17
- *Thursday*
Read: Mark 2:18-28
SOAP: Mark 2:27-28
- *Friday*
Read: Mark 3:1-19
SOAP: Mark 3:13-15

May 12

WEEK 2

- *Monday*
Read: Mark 3:20-35
SOAP: Mark 3:35
- *Tuesday*
Read: Mark 4:1-20
SOAP: Mark 4:20
- *Wednesday*
Read: Mark 4:21-41
SOAP: Mark 4:39-41
- *Thursday*
Read: Mark 5:1-20
SOAP: Mark 5:19-20
- *Friday*
Read: Mark 5:21-43
SOAP: Mark 5:27-29

May 19

WEEK 3

- *Monday*
Read: Mark 6:1-29
SOAP: Mark 6:5-6
- *Tuesday*
Read: Mark 6:30-56
SOAP: Mark 6:49-50
- *Wednesday*
Read: Mark 7:1-30
SOAP: Mark 7:21-23
- *Thursday*
Read: Mark 7:31-8:33
SOAP: Mark 8:29-30
- *Friday*
Read: Mark 8:34-9:29
SOAP: Mark 9:7

May 26

WEEK 4

- *Monday*
Read: Mark 9:30-50
SOAP: Mark 9:43
- *Tuesday*
Read: Mark 10:1-31
SOAP: Mark 10:27
- *Wednesday*
Read: Mark 10:32-52
SOAP: Mark 10:45
- *Thursday*
Read: Mark 11:1-14
SOAP: Mark 11:9-10
- *Friday*
Read: Mark 11:15-33
SOAP: Mark 11:24-25

Jun 2

WEEK 5

- *Monday*
Read: Mark 12:1-27
SOAP: Mark 12:10-11
- *Tuesday*
Read: Mark 12:28-44
SOAP: Mark 12:43-44
- *Wednesday*
Read: Mark 13:1-23
SOAP: Mark 13:10-11
- *Thursday*
Read: Mark 13:24-37
SOAP: Mark 13:32-33
- *Friday*
Read: Mark 14:1-21
SOAP: Mark 14:8-9

Jun 9

WEEK 6

- *Monday*
Read: Mark 14:22-52
SOAP: Mark 14:36-38
- *Tuesday*
Read: Mark 14:53-72
SOAP: Mark 14:61-62
- *Wednesday*
Read: Mark 15:1-32
SOAP: Mark 15:25-27
- *Thursday*
Read: Mark 15:33-47
SOAP: Mark 15:39
- *Friday*
Read: Mark 16
SOAP: Mark 16:5-6

Jun 16



Introduction

Jesus the Servant

The Gospel of Mark identifies an aspect of Jesus' character that was significantly different from what the Jews expected in their messiah. Instead of focusing on His impressive lineage, Mark highlighted incidents in Jesus' ministry that displayed how He is both the Son of God and the faithful Suffering Servant who died for the sins of the world.

Mark contains three main sections, each describing a different aspect of Jesus' servanthood. Chapters 1–7 reveal how Jesus was a servant to the multitudes, and these chapters feature His deity and power. Chapters 8–10 display how He was a servant to the disciples, focusing on principles of discipleship and servant-leadership. Finally, chapters 11–16 display how Jesus was a servant to the world, detailing His death and resurrection. Two significant confessions of Jesus' deity serve as markers in the Gospel of Mark: Peter's confession in 8:29 and the centurion's in 15:39.

Many contend that Mark wrote the Gospel that bears his name while in Rome under Peter's supervision. Mark was a participant in some of the events recorded in this Gospel, possibly including the arrest of Jesus (where he may have been the man who ran away naked from the soldiers in the garden). Mark probably wrote this Gospel around the time of Peter's death, about A.D. 65–67.

The Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as God's Son, as one who was willing to die for the sins of humanity. This Gospel reminds us of Jesus' overwhelming love for people. He not only gave up His authority and position in heaven, but He humbled Himself and became a servant, not only of God but of sinful humans. His matchless love is on display on every page of this Gospel, encouraging us to respond by loving Him greatly and surrendering our lives to Him.

REFLECT

Week 1

1. *Is there a difference between Jesus' willingness to heal and His ability to heal? Which is harder for you to believe, that Jesus is willing to help you, or that He is able to help you?*

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2. *Why was the Sabbath made for people? Why is it important for us to practice Sabbath today, even though we are not under the Old Testament Law?*

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3. *Why was it significant for Jesus to heal on the Sabbath? What did these healings and His explanations of them say about who He is?*

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4. *Why did Jesus order evil spirits not to make Him known? Why was it important that His identity remain concealed for a time?*

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5. *Why did Jesus appoint disciples? Why did He give them the authority to preach and cast out demons?*

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REFLECT

Week 2

1. Why is it significant that we are considered brothers and sisters of Christ if we believe in Him? What does being a member of the family of God mean for us?

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2. How can we be sure our hearts are like the good soil described in Mark 4:20? What steps can you take today to make sure your heart is open to the seed God is sowing in you?

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3. How do you respond when it seems like Jesus is sleeping through the storms of your life? What has Jesus done for you that helps you believe He will calm future storms in your life?

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4. What can you do today to preach the gospel to those immediately around you? How can you encourage your community with the gospel this week?

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5. What would it take for you to have faith like the bleeding woman? Do you believe Jesus is able to fully restore you and answer your prayer for whatever you are facing today?

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REFLECT

Week 3

1. Why was Jesus unable to perform miracles in Nazareth? How can we fight the temptation of unbelief in our own lives?

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2. What are some of the ways Jesus has comforted you in your fear, like He spoke to the disciples as He walked on water? How can you have courage in what you are facing today?

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3. Why did Jesus warn His disciples not to tell anyone He was the Christ after Peter's confession?

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4. What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus? How can you practice this in your daily life?

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5. How did Jesus' transfiguration confirm for Peter, James, and John that He was the Son of God? Why did Jesus ask them not to tell anyone about what they saw?

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REFLECT

Week 4

1. *What does it mean that "all things are possible with God"? Do you believe this is true? Why or why not?*

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2. *What does Mark 10:45 tell us about the character of God? Why is the servanthood of Jesus so significant?*

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3. *Is praise a regular practice in your life? How can you incorporate praise into your daily habits?*

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4. *What do we do with the promise in Mark 11:24-25 and the reality that sometimes God does not give us what we ask?*

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5. *Do you struggle to believe God cares for you when He does not answer your prayers in the way you hoped He would? How do you trust in God's goodness when He doesn't give you what you want?*

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REFLECT

Week 5

1. How had the widow given more than the rich? How can we steward our resources in such a way that allows us to give them back to God?

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2. What does Mark 13:10 teach us about God's heart for the nations? If Jesus will not return until the gospel has reached every nation, what can you do today to bring the gospel to unreached places?

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3. Why is it important for us to be ready for Christ's return? What can we do to prepare ourselves for His return?

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4. How does the story of the woman from Bethany challenge you in your practice of worship? How can you worship Jesus the way she did?

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5. Both the widow in the temple and the woman from Bethany gave Jesus everything they had. What does this tell us about the way we should give and the way we should worship?

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REFLECT

Week 6

1. *Why do you think Mark (and other Gospel accounts) include Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane? What do we learn about Jesus in this intimate moment with the Father?*

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2. *Why do you think Jesus had compassion on the guard who lost his car? What does this show about the character of Jesus?*

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3. *Why did Jesus publicly proclaim that He is the Messiah during His trial when, previously, He had wanted His identity to remain hidden?*

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4. *Why is the centurion's confession of Christ significant?*

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5. *How would you have responded to the angels' message at the tomb? Why was this such a significant moment for the women who went to anoint Jesus?*

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SOAP

Bible Study Method

SOAP
WEEK 1 • MONDAY

SCRIPTURE / Write out the SOAP verses

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the (ruling authority) of his Christ, have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, the one who accuses them (day and night) before our God, has been thrown down. Revelation 12:10

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

OBSERVATION / Write 3 - 4 observations

Loud voice, powerful, all knowing
We are accused day and night, constant struggle
The Lord will help, establish and guard me
He's always there
He's constant, a protector in my life, guardian

S
STANDS FOR
SCRIPTURE

Physically write out the SOAP verses.

You'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and write out what you are reading!

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OBSERVATION

What do you see in the verses that you're reading?

Who is the intended audience? Is there a repetition of words?

What words stand out to you?

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APPLICATION**

This is when God's Word becomes personal.

What is God saying to you today? How can you apply what you just read to your own personal life?

What changes do you need to make? Is there action you need to take?

APPLICATION / Write down 1 - 2 applications

Remind myself of God's strength is more powerful than anything
Memorize these verses and say them daily this week
Ask God to strengthen my faith in Him
Trust God that he will deliver me from evil
Pray for my brothers and sister's in Christ

PRAYER / Write out a prayer over what you learned

Dear Lord,

Thank you for being constant, faithful, and loving towards me and my life. Help me to further my trust and faith in you daily and through difficult times

Help me to know you're always there by my side, guarding, and protecting me. Remind me of the suffering of others and to be able to help and encourage them in their growth.

I ask all these things in Jesus name.
Amen

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Pray God's Word back to Him.

Spend time thanking Him.

If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it.

If He has revealed some sin that is in your life, confess.

And remember, He loves you dearly.

