

Let's Read
The Gospel of Mark
Together

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Recommended for
January 25 – Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

We become like the God we see. From now until Easter, we're reading Mark's Gospel together—watching Jesus in motion, under pressure, among crowds, in storms. As we see him clearly, may we be transformed into his likeness.

How to Use This Booklet

Daily Readings

Each day, read the assigned passage slowly. You might read it twice—once to take it in, and once to let it speak to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see Jesus clearly. Consider keeping a journal to note what stands out to you.

Weekly Focus

Each Sunday introduces a key verse and theme that frames the week ahead. Let this be your lens as you read—a main focus to carry with you through the daily passages.

Reflection Questions

Each week includes two questions designed for reflection. Use them in your personal devotion time, or bring them into conversation with a friend, your serving team, or your small group. Faith grows in community—consider inviting others to read along with you.

Reading with Others

This booklet works for personal reading, but it's designed to be shared. Read with your spouse, a friend, your small group, or your serving team. Check in weekly to discuss what you're seeing in Jesus and how the Spirit is shaping you.

WEEK 1

Sunday, Jan 25 | Mark 1:14–15

"The good news of the kingdom"

Daily Readings

Mon, Jan 26	Mark 1:1–8
Tue, Jan 27	Mark 1:9–13
Wed, Jan 28	Mark 1:14–20
Thu, Jan 29	Mark 1:21–28
Fri, Jan 30	Mark 1:29–34
Sat, Jan 31	Mark 1:35–45

Reflection Questions

1. What does Jesus mean when he says "the kingdom of God has come near"? Where do you see evidence of God's kingdom breaking into your life right now?
2. Jesus called his first disciples to "follow me." What is one thing you sense Jesus inviting you to leave behind in order to follow him more closely?

WEEK 2

Sunday, Feb 1 | Mark 2:17

"I came to call sinners"

Daily Readings

Mon, Feb 2	Mark 2:1–12
Tue, Feb 3	Mark 2:13–17
Wed, Feb 4	Mark 2:18–22
Thu, Feb 5	Mark 2:23–28
Fri, Feb 6	Mark 3:1–6
Sat, Feb 7	Mark 3:7–12

Reflection Questions

1. Jesus consistently moved toward people the religious leaders avoided. Who are the "tax collectors and sinners" in your context that Jesus might be calling you toward?
2. The religious leaders were offended by Jesus' grace. When have you been tempted to see yourself as "righteous" rather than someone in need of Jesus' call?

WEEK 3

Sunday, Feb 8 | Mark 3:35

"Whoever does God's will is my family"

Daily Readings

Mon, Feb 9	Mark 3:13–19
Tue, Feb 10	Mark 3:20–30
Wed, Feb 11	Mark 3:31–35
Thu, Feb 12	Mark 4:1–20
Fri, Feb 13	Mark 4:21–25
Sat, Feb 14	Mark 4:26–34

Reflection Questions

1. Jesus redefines family around obedience to God's will rather than bloodlines. How has the church community become "family" for you?
2. In the parable of the soils, what kind of "soil" best describes your heart right now? What would help the word of God take deeper root in you?

WEEK 4

Sunday, Feb 15 | Mark 4:40

"Why are you afraid?"

Daily Readings

Mon, Feb 16	Mark 4:35–41
Tue, Feb 17	Mark 5:1–20
Wed, Feb 18	Mark 5:21–43
Thu, Feb 19	Mark 6:1–6
Fri, Feb 20	Mark 6:7–13
Sat, Feb 21	Mark 6:14–29

Reflection Questions

1. Jesus calms the storm, casts out demons, heals the sick, and raises the dead. Which of these displays of his authority speaks most to a "storm" you're facing?
2. The disciples had fear even after witnessing Jesus' power. What helps you move from fear to faith when life feels out of control?

WEEK 5

Sunday, Feb 22 | Mark 6:34

"He had compassion on them"

Daily Readings

Mon, Feb 23	Mark 6:30–44
Tue, Feb 24	Mark 6:45–52
Wed, Feb 25	Mark 6:53–56
Thu, Feb 26	Mark 7:1–23
Fri, Feb 27	Mark 7:24–30
Sat, Feb 28	Mark 7:31–37

Reflection Questions

1. Jesus saw the crowd as "sheep without a shepherd" and was moved to compassion. When you look at the people around you, what do you see? What moves you?
2. Jesus contrasts human tradition with the heart. Where might religious routine be substituting for genuine devotion in your life?

WEEK 6

Sunday, Mar 1 | Mark 8:29

"You are the Messiah"

Daily Readings

Mon, Mar 2	Mark 8:1–10
Tue, Mar 3	Mark 8:11–21
Wed, Mar 4	Mark 8:22–26
Thu, Mar 5	Mark 8:27–30
Fri, Mar 6	Mark 8:31–9:1
Sat, Mar 7	Mark 9:2–13

Reflection Questions

1. Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah but then rejects the path of suffering. How do your expectations of Jesus sometimes clash with who he actually is?
2. Jesus says following him means denying yourself and taking up your cross. What does that look like practically for you this week?

WEEK 7

Sunday, Mar 8 | Mark 9:35

"Whoever wants to be first must be last"

Daily Readings

Mon, Mar 9	Mark 9:14–29
Tue, Mar 10	Mark 9:30–37
Wed, Mar 11	Mark 9:38–41
Thu, Mar 12	Mark 9:42–50
Fri, Mar 13	Mark 10:1–12
Sat, Mar 14	Mark 10:13–16

Reflection Questions

1. The disciples argued about who was greatest while Jesus taught about his death. Where does the world's definition of success conflict with Jesus' upside-down kingdom?
2. Jesus welcomes children and says the kingdom belongs to those who receive it like a child. What childlike quality do you need to recover in your faith?

WEEK 8

Sunday, Mar 15 | Mark 10:45

"The Son of Man came to serve"

Daily Readings

Mon, Mar 16	Mark 10:17–31
Tue, Mar 17	Mark 10:32–34
Wed, Mar 18	Mark 10:35–45
Thu, Mar 19	Mark 10:46–52
Fri, Mar 20	Mark 11:1–11
Sat, Mar 21	Mark 11:12–19

Reflection Questions

1. The rich young ruler walked away sad because he had great wealth. What might you be holding onto that keeps you from fully following Jesus?
2. Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve." Who is one person you can intentionally serve this week, expecting nothing in return?

WEEK 9

Sunday, Mar 22 | Mark 11:22
"Have faith in God"

Daily Readings

Mon, Mar 23	Mark 11:20–26
Tue, Mar 24	Mark 11:27–33
Wed, Mar 25	Mark 12:1–12
Thu, Mar 26	Mark 12:13–17
Fri, Mar 27	Mark 12:18–27
Sat, Mar 28	Mark 12:28–34

Reflection Questions

1. Jesus connects faith with forgiveness—we cannot pray in faith while harboring unforgiveness. Is there anyone you need to forgive in order to pray with freedom?
2. The religious leaders kept trying to trap Jesus with questions. When do you find yourself more interested in winning an argument than genuinely seeking truth?

WEEK 10

Sunday, Mar 29 | Mark 12:30
"Love the Lord your God"

Daily Readings

Mon, Mar 30	Mark 12:35–44
Tue, Mar 31	Mark 13:1–23
Wed, Apr 1	Mark 13:24–37

Note: This week is shorter as we prepare for Holy Week

Reflection Questions

1. Jesus says all the commandments hang on loving God and loving neighbor. Which of these two do you find more challenging, and why?
2. Jesus warns his disciples to "keep watch" because they don't know when he will return. How does the promise of Jesus' return shape the way you live today?

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, Apr 5 | Mark 16:1–8
"He has risen!"

Daily Readings

Thu, Apr 2	Mark 14:1–26 — <i>Maundy Thursday</i>
Fri, Apr 3	Mark 14:27–42 — <i>Good Friday (Part 1)</i>
Sat, Apr 4	Mark 15:1–41 — <i>Good Friday (Part 2) / Holy Saturday</i>

Note: Holy Week: Longer readings as we journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb

Reflection Questions

1. As you walk through the Passion narrative, where do you see yourself in the story—among the disciples who fled, Peter who denied, or the women who watched from a distance?
2. The women came to the tomb expecting death but found resurrection. What "tomb" in your life needs the hope of Easter morning?

A Note on Mark's Ending

This reading plan concludes with Mark 16:1–8, which most scholars believe is the original ending of Mark's Gospel.

The women flee from the empty tomb "trembling and bewildered" and say nothing to anyone because they are afraid. This abrupt ending is intentional—Mark leaves us with a question: ***How will you respond to the resurrection?***

Some Bibles include Mark 16:9–20, a longer ending added by later scribes. You may wish to read this passage as well, with an understanding of its textual history.

