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**THE
GOSPEL
OF MARK**



For the first time ever as a church, we're diving headfirst into a year-long journey through the Gospel of Mark. That's right. One book. One year. Verse by verse. Chapter by chapter. From now until Easter 2026.

If you're wondering, "Why Mark?" the answer is simple — because Mark doesn't waste time. It's fast-paced. It's raw. It's gritty. And it was written in a moment of chaos to boldly declare that: **Jesus is King.**

Every heart longs for a King like Jesus; most people just don't know it yet. Our world needs to know there's somebody you can trust. Someone worth following. Someone who came not to be served, but to serve—and to lay down His life as a ransom for many. It's not just ancient history. It's a bold, living declaration: **Jesus still reigns. Jesus still restores. Jesus still saves.**

MONTHLY READING PLAN

This isn't about checking a box; it's about walking with Jesus one story at a time. Our suggestion is to read through the whole book of Mark once a month (It takes roughly 60 mins to read the book in one go.) To support this, the plan below follows the natural flow of the book, and breaks it up into 30 parts, so you can read every day and digest the entire book every month:

DAY 1: Mark 1:1–13

(John the Baptist Prepares the Way / The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus)

DAY 2: Mark 1:14–28

(Jesus Begins His Ministry / Calls the First Disciples / Drives Out an Impure Spirit)

DAY 3: Mark 1:29–45

(Jesus Heals Many / Prays in a Solitary Place / Heals a Man With Leprosy)

DAY 4: Mark 2:1–17

(Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man / Calls Levi and Eats With Sinners)

DAY 5: Mark 2:18–3:6

(Fasting / Lord of the Sabbath / Healing on the Sabbath)

DAY 6: Mark 3:7–35

(Crowds Follow Jesus / Jesus Appoints the Twelve / Accused by Teachers / His True Family)

DAY 7: Mark 4:1–20

(The Parable of the Sower and Its Explanation)

DAY 8: Mark 4:21–41

(Parables of the Lamp, Growing Seed, and Mustard Seed / Jesus Calms the Storm)

DAY 9: Mark 5:1–20

(Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man)

DAY 10: Mark 5:21–43

(Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman)

DAY 11: Mark 6:1–29

(Jesus Rejected at Nazareth / Sends Out the Twelve / Death of John the Baptist)

DAY 12: Mark 6:30–56

(Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand / Walks on Water / Heals the Sick)

DAY 13: Mark 7:1–23

(Traditions and Inner Purity)

DAY 14: Mark 7:24–8:10

(Faith of the Syrophenician Woman / Heals a Deaf Man / Feeds Four Thousand)

DAY 15: Mark 8:11–30

(Warnings / Healing of the Blind Man / Peter Declares Jesus the Messiah)

DAY 16: Mark 8:31–9:13

(Jesus Predicts His Death / The Transfiguration)

DAY 17: Mark 9:14–50

(Healing a Possessed Boy / True Greatness / Temptations to Sin)

DAY 18: Mark 10:1–31

(Teachings on Divorce / Children / The Rich Young Ruler)

DAY 19: Mark 10:32–52

(Jesus Predicts His Death / James and John / Healing Blind Bartimaeus)

DAY 20: Mark 11:1–26

(The Triumphal Entry / Clears the Temple / Fig Tree Withered / Faith and Prayer)

DAY 21: Mark 11:27–12:12

(Jesus' Authority Questioned / Parable of the Tenants)

DAY 22: Mark 12:13–44

(Paying Taxes / Resurrection Debate / Greatest Commandment / The Widow's Offering)

DAY 23: Mark 13:1–23

(Signs of the End Times)

DAY 24: Mark 13:24–37

(The Coming of the Son of Man / Be Watchful)

DAY 25: Mark 14:1–26

(Anointing at Bethany / Judas' Betrayal / The Last Supper)

DAY 26: Mark 14:27–52

(Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial / Gethsemane / Arrest)

DAY 27: Mark 14:53–72

(Jesus Before the Council / Peter Denies Him)

DAY 28: Mark 15:1–20

(Jesus Before Pilate / Mocked and Condemned)

DAY 29: Mark 15:21–47

(The Crucifixion and Burial)

DAY 30: Mark 16:1–8

(The Resurrection and the Invitation to Go)



STUDY & REFLECTION RESOURCES

Want to grow deeper in your understanding of the Gospel of Mark? These resources are great companions for personal or group study:

BLUE LETTER BIBLE

- A broad outline of every book of the Bible, designed to enrich the reader's understanding of the whole of Scripture.
- Check out this: [Blue Letter Bible: Intro to Mark](#)

THE BIBLE PROJECT: MARK

- Beautiful animated explainer videos, reflection questions, and deep dives.
- More info here: [Bible Project: Gospel of Mark](#) and here: [Bible Project: Servant Messiah](#).

GOSPEL OF MARK: WORD FOR WORD BIBLE COMIC

- Easily accessible, Biblical Gospel of Mark using a bold contemporary art style.
- Purchase here: <https://www.amazon.com/Gospel-Mark-Bible-English-Translation/dp/0995603545>

LARRY W. HURTADO – [MARK](#)

(UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE COMMENTARY SERIES)

- A highly readable, accessible commentary ideal for personal study. Hurtado provides historical background, textual insight, and theological reflection in a concise package.

OTHER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- **Tim Keller** – [King's Cross](#)

Through the Gospel of Mark, Keller shows how the story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God.

- **N.T. Wright** – [Mark for Everyone](#)

Insightful and pastoral, this book walks through Mark with theological clarity and application.

- **David Alan Black** – [Perspective On The Ending of Mark](#)

The final section of Mark sparks ongoing debate. This book explores key views and offers thoughtful responses.

- **LifeGuide Bible Study** – [“Mark: The Servant King”](#)

Great for small groups or individuals looking to process the Gospel of Mark over several weeks.

- **The Gospel Coalition** – [What Do You Do With the End of Mark's Gospel](#)

This article explores the debated ending of Mark 16. It presents key perspectives and offers clear, thoughtful insights for readers.

