



# Reading the Gospel of Mark



## Reading the Gospel of Mark: Group Study Sessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22    TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24    WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1    TUESDAY, MARCH 3    WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8    TUESDAY, MARCH 10    WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15    TUESDAY, MARCH 17    WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22    TUESDAY, MARCH 24    WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Sunday morning discussions will follow 10 am worship in the sanctuary. Tuesday evening discussions will follow dinner at Tuesday Nights at St. John's. Dinner begins at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday morning discussions begin at 10 am in the conference room.

This year as we enter the season of Lent, I invite you to join me in reading through the Gospel of Mark. Hopefully, by the end of the forty days of Lent you will have experienced reading the whole Gospel from start to finish. On the next page a daily reading plan can be found for your use. Each day you will typically read twenty to thirty verses from the Gospel. Many people can read this much in fifteen minutes or less each day. The amount of time you spend exploring and pondering the texts is up to you. Sundays are a day for worship and omitted from a daily reading from the Gospel of Mark.

I will also be offering opportunities to further explore the Gospel of Mark three times per week during Lent. The sessions on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will cover the same amount of material based on the readings from the Gospel of Mark. You can find the dates for sessions on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays on the front page of this plan.

Finally, a few remarks about reading through the Gospel of Mark: Grab a pencil, pen, highlighter or some way to mark the text as you read. Write down insights, observations, and questions you have and bring them to one of the group sessions. Instead of a daily comment to ponder I will offer several questions to carry with you as you read day to day.

*What does this passage reveal about Jesus, the One who is Crucified and Risen?*

*The Gospel is written to be read by people gathered in Jesus name—what does this passage say to our community of faith?*

*What demand, if any, does this passage make of people of faith?*

*What promise, if any, is present in this passage for people of faith?*

May the reading of the Gospel of Mark enrich your Lenten journey as we move through Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday to the great celebration of Christ resurrection at Easter.

In Christ,

Pastor Kern

## Reading the Gospel of Mark: Day by Day Plan

| DATE   | <i>Chapter and verses</i> | DATE          | <i>Chapter and verses</i> |          |                 |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| DAY 1  | FEBRUARY 18               | 1:1-20        | DAY 19                    | MARCH 11 | 10:17-32        |
| DAY 2  | FEBRUARY 19               | 1:21-45       | DAY 20                    | MARCH 12 | 10:35-52        |
| DAY 3  | FEBRUARY 20               | 2:1-17        | DAY 21                    | MARCH 13 | 11:1-19         |
| DAY 4  | FEBRUARY 21               | 2:18—<br>3:6  | DAY 22                    | MARCH 14 | 11:20—<br>12:12 |
| DAY 5  | FEBRUARY 23               | 3:7-30        | DAY 23                    | MARCH 16 | 12:13-27        |
| DAY 6  | FEBRUARY 24               | 3:31—<br>4:20 | DAY 24                    | MARCH 17 | 12:28-<br>44    |
| DAY 7  | FEBRUARY 25               | 4:21-41       | DAY 25                    | MARCH 18 | 13:1-13         |
| DAY 8  | FEBRUARY 26               | 5:1-20        | DAY 26                    | MARCH 19 | 13:14-37        |
| DAY 9  | FEBRUARY 27               | 5:21-43       | DAY 27                    | MARCH 20 | 14:1-11         |
| DAY 10 | FEBRUARY 28               | 6:1-29        | DAY 28                    | MARCH 21 | 14:12-25        |
| DAY 11 | MARCH 2                   | 6:30-56       | DAY 29                    | MARCH 23 | 14:26-<br>42    |
| DAY 12 | MARCH 3                   | 7:1-23        | DAY 30                    | MARCH 24 | 14:43-<br>72    |
| DAY 13 | MARCH 4                   | 7:24-37       | DAY 31                    | MARCH 25 | 15:1-15         |
| DAY 14 | MARCH 5                   | 8:1—21        | DAY 32                    | MARCH 26 | 15:16-32        |
| DAY 15 | MARCH 6                   | 8:22—<br>9:1  | DAY 33                    | MARCH 27 | 15:33-<br>47    |
| DAY 16 | MARCH 7                   | 9:2-29        | DAY 34                    | MARCH 28 | 16:1-20         |
| DAY 17 | MARCH 9                   | 9:30-50       |                           |          |                 |
| DAY 18 | MARCH 10                  | 10:1-16       |                           |          |                 |

