

Let's Read Mark's Gospel Together

Mark's Gospel confronts us with Jesus' question: *WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?* Always ask: "What does today's reading tell me about Jesus and about being His disciple?" The questions for each day will help you find an ever-deeper answer to His identity and the meaning of your discipleship.

Day One: Mark 1:1-13. *This is my beloved Son.*

According to these verses, what do we learn about Jesus from the Old Testament, John the Baptist, and God?

Day Two: Mark 1:14-45. *Follow Me.*

THE
QUESTION

What question did the people in the synagogue ask? Why?

Day Three: Mark 2:1-3:12. *Son, your sins are forgiven.*

Compare the rulers' attitude toward Jesus (Mark 2:1-3:6) with the attitude of the common people (Mark 1:14-45).

Day Four: Mark 3:13-35. *Who are my mother and brothers?*

NO
ANSWERS

What answer did the Jerusalem authorities give to the question of Jesus' identity? What answer did his family give? Why did they give these answers?

Day Five: Mark 4:1-34. *He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

Why do you think Jesus began teaching his new disciples by telling them the Parable of the Sower?

Day Six: Mark 4:35-6:6. *Daughter, your faith has made you well.*

How do these three miracles expose the error of the answers given to the identity of Jesus in Mark 3:13-35?

Day Seven: Mark 6:7-56. *Take heart, IT IS I.*

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How do the common people and King Herod answer the question of Jesus' identity? How do Jesus' feeding the 5000 and walking on the water expose the insufficiency of their answers?

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Day Eight: Mark 7:1–37. *He has done all things well.*

Why do you think the disciples failed to understand Jesus?

Day Nine: Mark 8:1–26. *Beware of . . . the Pharisees and of . . . Herod.*

How does Jesus relate to the crowd, the Pharisees, and His disciples?

Day Ten: Mark 8:27–9:29. *WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?*

THE
ANSWER

How does Peter answer Jesus' question? Why were the disciples shocked at Jesus' announcement of his crucifixion?

Day Eleven: Mark 9:30–10:52. *Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*

How do the events and teaching recorded in these verses show us what it means to obey Jesus by denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Him?

Day Twelve: Mark 11:1–33. *By what authority are you doing these things?*

What do the Triumphal Entry and the cleansing of the Temple reveal about Jesus' identity?

Day Thirteen: Mark 12:1–44. *This is the heir.*

Who does Jesus claim to be by telling the Parable of the Vineyard?

Day Fourteen: Mark 13:1–37. *Stay awake!*

Why does Jesus pronounce judgment on the Temple?

Day Fifteen: Mark 14:1–72. *Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? I AM.*

Why does Jesus wait until He is before the High Priest to declare openly that He is the Messiah?

Day Sixteen: Mark 15:1–16:8. *Truly this man was the Son of God!*

Why did the Centurion declare that Jesus was the Son of God?

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