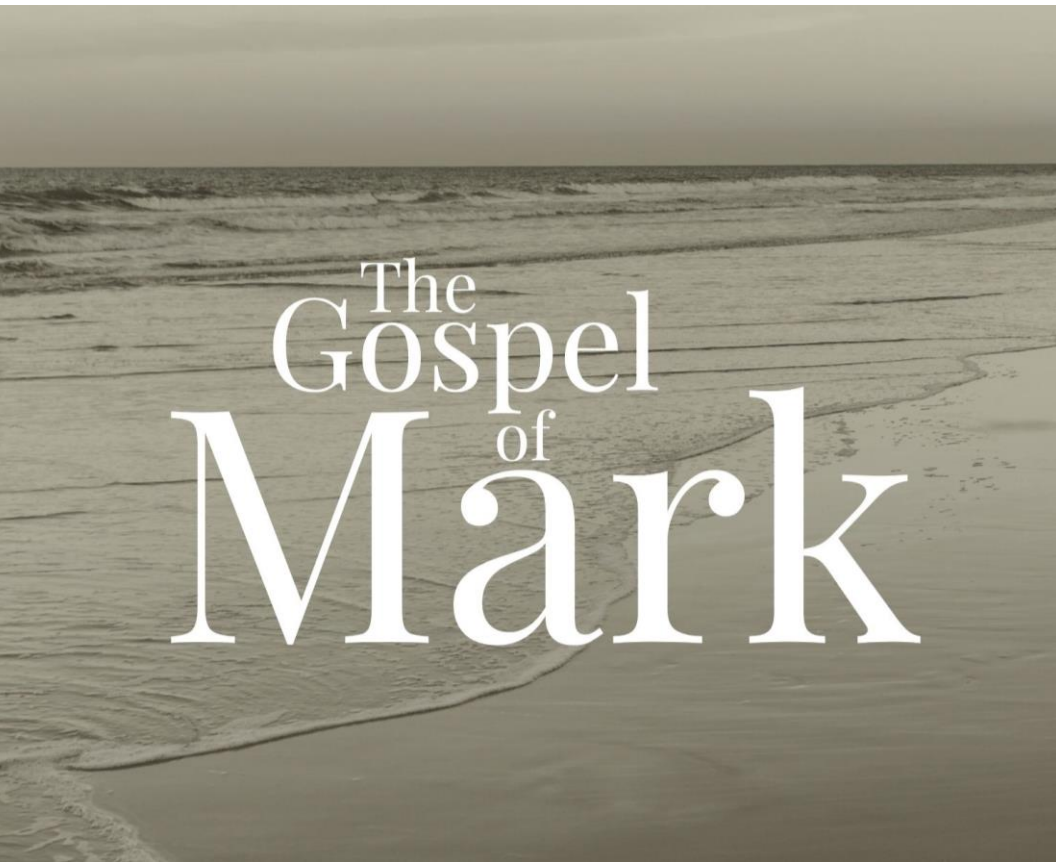


# Daily Worship Booklet

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## The Gospel of Mark

God tells us that Ezra read from the book of the Law,  
day after day, and the people of God were filled with joy.

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

*Question 40:* What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

*Answer:* The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

*Scripture Proofs:*

Romans 2:14-15; Romans 10:5

*Comment:* Praise God that He has not left us without knowing how He wants us to live for His glory and our good. It's a wonderful thing that God has revealed His Law and calls us to obey it with promises if we do, and pronouncements of serious consequences if we don't.

**Psalm of the Week:** Psalm 19B. The words are on page 8.

### **Please pray for:**

Mon - Johannes Tiukuvaara

Tues - Moisés Valdez and Laura Restrepo, and Noah

Wed - Judith Van Berkom

Thur - Ezra and Tia Van Hoffen, and Evangeline

Frid - Natalie Ward

### **Bible Question for the week:**

Question: Who does Israel bless in this chapter?

*Answer: Genesis 48:9*

Question: What was unusual about this blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh?

*Answer: Genesis 48:14, 17-19*

**Please pray for the Holy Spirit's help as you study God's Word.**

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## **Monday – Mark 4:26-29 - Finishing What He’s Started.**

Jesus now gives us a wonderful picture of what salvation and growth in a Christian’s life are like. First, we see that for a seed to grow, it must be planted by someone. This is why our ministers are so important. God has chosen the preaching of His Word to be the number one tool He uses to save people. God alone can change their hearts, but our job is to bring people to church where they can hear God’s Word being preached. We don’t know how the Holy Spirit changes hearts and causes people to believe; it is a mystery to us, just like the mystery of how a seed grows; but the great thing is that the Holy Spirit does change hearts and lives.

Second, we observe that a change in a person is gradual and begins in small ways. However, even at its weakest, it is still a plant, and the weakest Christian is still a child of God. The change and growth in a Christian will not fail as Paul writes in Philippians, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6). Even though the growth starts small, it will continue to grow until it is full-sized and flourishing, just as a Christian will continue to grow in being more like Christ.

Finally, Jesus teaches that God never removes His people from this earth until they are ready, and their work is done. Christians will never die at the wrong time.

### **Questions**

1. What does a seed need to grow?
2. Why are ministers so important?
3. Who completes the work in a Christian?

### **Memory Verses**

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness, for his name’s sake.

*“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,”*

Psalm 23:1-4

## **Tuesday – Mark 4:30-34 - Small Beginnings.**

Jesus is telling parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. What is the kingdom of heaven? The church. His first parable is about how individuals in the church believe and grow as Christians. Now, He is going to describe how the whole church grows.

He compares the church to one of the smallest and tiniest seeds, the mustard seed. This tiny seed then grows into a large and far-reaching plant. The church itself has a small, weak, seemingly insignificant beginning, when all the followers of Jesus are able to fit in one room. However, the church grows and fills the earth in amazing ways as these believers take the Gospel everywhere.

The church hasn't finished growing yet, and this parable is a wonderful promise of how great the church will be. We must be careful not to despise small beginnings in a church because God does great things with small beginnings.

Jesus speaks in parables using simple examples of everyday things, but He takes the time to explain the parables to His disciples, knowing that one day they will need to explain and teach them to others.

### **Questions**

1. What is the kingdom of heaven?
2. What was the church like when it first began?
3. Why did Jesus explain His parables to the disciples?

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## **Wednesday - Mark 4:35-41 - Calming the Storm.**

After preaching all day, Jesus decides to cross over to the other side of the lake. Leaving the crowd, they immediately set off. Other boats also come along, possibly with people in them who are determined to follow Jesus wherever He goes. Exhausted by His long day, Jesus falls asleep in the boat.

While Jesus is sleeping, a terrible storm comes up and threatens to sink the boat. Just because the disciples are following and serving Christ doesn't mean they are kept from storms and trouble. The disciples are terrified and can't believe that Jesus is sleeping through the storm. Even though they are wrong to be afraid, at least they know where to go for help with their fears, and they wake Jesus up and accuse Him of not caring if they drown.

Jesus gets up and quickly calms the storm just by speaking to it. The wind and the sea know that this is their Creator speaking to them. They recognize His power and authority, even though the disciples have forgotten all the miracles He has done. The disciples stand there with open mouths, and Jesus turns to them, asking why they were so afraid. Don't they realize that the Lord Jesus Christ can calm any storm and take care of His people in any situation? The disciples, who had previously turned from fear of the storm to fear of Jesus, now try to understand who exactly He is.

### **Questions**

1. Why was Jesus sleeping?
2. How did Jesus stop the storm?
3. Why was Jesus able to stop the storm?

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## **Thursday – 5:1-17 - ‘Dressed And In His Right Mind’.**

Jesus has come through and calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee; now He is going to deal with a spiritual storm. As Jesus and the disciples come to the land of the Gerasenes, they are met by a man possessed by demons. This is a picture of the terrible cruelty and power of Satan. This man, possessed by Satan’s demons, has often been chained but has broken his chains and fights off all who have tried to stop him. Forced to live alone among the graves, the demons make him cry out and hurt himself with stones. To all who know of him, it must seem a terrible and hopeless situation.

When Jesus arrives, the demons admit who He is and recognize that He has power over them. The demon’s name is Legion, and a Roman legion usually has 6-12,000 soldiers in it, so this name reveals Satan’s terrible power in this man. Jesus, who has the power to deliver from anything, makes the demons leave the man and permits them to go into a herd of pigs.

You can imagine the open-mouthed astonishment of the pig-keepers as they see the most violent man in their community healed at the same time as their herd races to their death in the sea. They immediately go and tell others, but instead of rejoicing over the healing of this man, they are upset over losing their pigs, and they are afraid of Jesus. They ask Him to leave, and sadly, He does.

### **Questions**

1. What was wrong with the man who came to meet Jesus?
2. What was the name of the demons?
3. What happened to the pigs?

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## **Friday - Mark 5:18-20 - Go And Tell Your Family.**

The men of the Gerasenes, ignoring the fact that Jesus had healed a man, are upset over the loss of their pigs and terrified at the power of Jesus. So, they ask Jesus to leave, and to their loss, Jesus agrees to go. The demon-possessed man begs to go with Him.

Despite the hardships that come with following Christ, in some ways, it is more comfortable for this man to go with Jesus. Nobody will know about his humiliating past, and he will be surrounded by people who care about him. But the Lord Jesus Christ always knows better than we do about what is best for us, so He refuses this man's request. Why? Because He has a job for him to do there. Jesus is going to leave this man there, in the region of the Gerasenes, to tell his family, his old friends, and everyone what Jesus has done for him. The man must have cringed at the very thought. To go back to his old home where they will be afraid, disgusted, and angry at him; to go back to the places where people will point him out as "the crazy man who ran around naked in the cemetery."

Not a pleasant idea by any stretch of the imagination. But this is the job Jesus has for him to do. If he wants to follow Jesus, he must begin at home by telling those around him what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for him. So, this healed man obeys and begins every Christian's life-long task of telling others about Jesus.

### **Questions**

1. What did Jesus tell the healed man to do?
2. Why would this have been hard for him?
3. What is every Christian's task?

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## Psalm 19B

5. The LORD's most perfect law  
Will make the soul revive;  
The LORD's firm witness makes  
The simple-minded wise.  
The precepts of the LORD are right,  
And fill the heart with great delight.

6. The LORD's command is pure,  
Enlight'ning eyes to see.  
Fear of the LORD is clean,  
And lasts eternally.  
The judgments of the LORD express  
His truth and perfect righteousness.

7. They're more to be desired  
Than stores of finest gold;  
Than honey from the comb  
More sweetness far they hold.  
With warnings they Your servant guard;  
In keeping them is great reward.

8. His errors who can know?  
Cleanse me from hidden stain.  
Your servant keep from sins;  
Let them not in me reign.  
Completely blameless then I'll be,  
From guilt of great transgression free.

9. O let the words I speak  
Be pleasing in Your sight;  
And may my inmost thoughts  
Be in Your judgment right.  
O LORD, You are a Rock to me;  
You have redeemed and set me free.