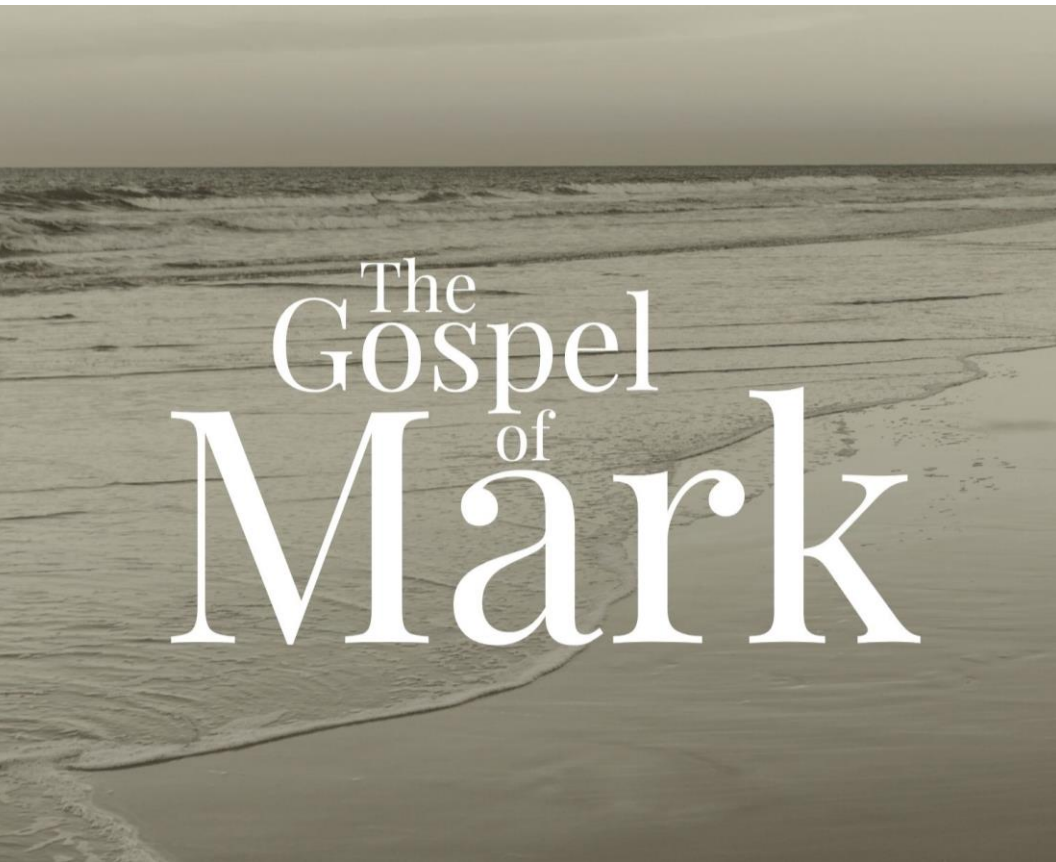


Daily Worship Booklet

November 3rd – 7th, 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 43: What is the preface to the ten commandments?

Answer: A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words,
I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Scripture Proofs:

Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:6

Comment: It's very important to note that the Ten Commandments have an introduction that makes it clear that they are set in the context of freedom. The Ten Commandments are laws for life, to be lived enjoyably in newfound freedom, not a list of 'do not's' to bind the lives of those who keep them.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 22D. The words are on page 8.

Please pray for:

Mon - Spencer Clifton

Tues - Evan and Kaylea, Lauren, Nash, Axl and Lennox Clarke

Wed - Lucas Coelho

Thur - Alice Coelho

Frid - Mark Cousins

Bible Questions for the week:

Question: What happens to Israel now that they are in the land of Egypt? *Answer: Exodus 1:7*

Question: Did the new Pharaoh make life easier or harder for the people of God? *Answer: Exodus 1:11*

Question: What did the Pharaoh tell the Israelite midwives to do? *Answer: Exodus 1:16*

Question: Did they do it? *Answer: Exodus 1:21*

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

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Monday – Mark 7:24-30 - Crumbs for Dogs.

Jesus leaves the area of Galilee and goes further north to Phoenicia. Even though He keeps His presence a secret, people still discover that He is there. One woman, hearing that the Healer has come, goes to see Jesus. She is not a Jew, but a Greek lady, possibly a widow. A demon possesses her daughter, and it is her love for her daughter that makes her come to Jesus, even though she knows that, as a Gentile, she will quite probably not be well-received.

When she comes to Jesus, the woman falls at His feet and begs Him to save her daughter. Jesus' reply seems confusing and harsh. He tells her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." The children are the Jews, the bread is the miracles and teaching, and the dogs are Gentiles or non-Jews. Jesus is saying that His ministry during His lifetime is for the Jews; after His death and resurrection, a time will come when all can hear what He has done and taught, but for now, the focus is on Jews only.

The woman doesn't give up but shows how much she believes in who Jesus is by her answer. She believes that God's mercies are so rich and great that they can spill over to outsiders. Matthew 15:28 says Jesus tells her, "O woman, great is your faith!" Her request is granted because of her humble, believing, persevering prayer to Jesus.

Questions

1. Why does the woman come to Jesus?
2. What does Jesus tell her and what does it mean?
3. What is her reply?

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, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies;*"

Psalm 23:1-5

Tuesday – Mark 7:31-37 - Ears and Mouth Opened.

Jesus now goes back to the area of Galilee, and again we see friends, family, and neighbours bringing those who are sick to Him. For one man who is unable to hear or speak, it is the faith of his friends that brings him to Jesus. They ask Jesus not to heal him, but to place His hand on their friend. They want Jesus to notice their friend and do whatever He can for him.

Jesus takes the man aside to perform this miracle privately. Perhaps He is using a kind of sign language here to explain to the man what He is going to do; by stopping up the man's ears with His fingers, spitting, and then touching the man's tongue. Jesus then looks to heaven from where the healing comes and, with the voice of authority, commands the man's ears and mouth to open. This is a picture of how the power of the Holy Spirit can open our ears to hear and understand the gospel, and open our mouths to call on God to save and forgive us.

Jesus commands the people not to talk about what He has done, possibly because He wants to keep the focus on the things He has to say. He doesn't want people to think He's just a miracle worker. But the people don't listen, and soon everyone hears about it with amazement.

Questions

1. Who brought the deaf and dumb man to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus do before He healed the man?
3. Who opens our hearts, ears, and mouths to love, listen, and obey God?

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Wednesday - Mark 8:1-13 - Another Miracle and More Unbelief.

We read in this passage of another amazing miracle that Jesus did. A large crowd has gathered around Him. They have come to hear the things He has to say, and for three days they have sat and listened to Him preach. Now, Jesus is full of love and kindness for them because He knows they are very hungry, and that if He sends them away, they could collapse before they get anything to eat. This crowd has become hungry by doing the right thing - listening to Jesus. Jesus will make the point that God provides for those who follow Him.

The disciples, on the other hand, still haven't learned to go to Jesus for help with problems. They seem to have completely forgotten the miracle of feeding the 5,000 that Jesus performed only days ago. Once more, Jesus takes their food, blesses it, and distributes it. And again, God provides more than enough.

Sending the crowd away, Jesus and the disciples sail to Dalmanutha, but there they are met by a group of Pharisees who have come to try to test Jesus. They ask Him for a sign. This is incredible because even they would've seen or heard of all the healing Jesus has done, not to mention the amazing feeding of the first 5,000, then 4,000 people, with just a few loaves of bread and some fish. Jesus knows that they are just playing silly games, but He is amazed at their lack of faith.

Questions

1. Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowds?
2. What should the disciples have remembered?

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Thursday – Mark 8:14-21 - Guilty About The Wrong Thing.

As Jesus and the disciples are sailing back over the Sea of Galilee, He tells them, “Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” Leaven is the same thing as yeast, and it is something that you can’t see growing, but it spreads everywhere. Both the Pharisees and Herod are hypocrites; the Pharisees pretend to love God and want to obey Him - they pretend to look for signs from God. But, in reality, they are proud men who love for everyone to think that they are very religious. In their hearts, they don’t care about God at all. Herod pretends to be interested in the things John the Baptist has to say, but when it comes to repenting of his sin, Herod isn’t about to do that. Jesus is warning the disciples not to be like the Pharisees and Herod - not to pretend to care about God by the things they say and do, but to really ignore God in their hearts. This is a quiet, unseen danger that can spread through the church, until there are many people who come and sit in the pews on the Lord’s Day, but don’t truly love the Lord Jesus Christ, and aren’t prepared to serve Him wholeheartedly.

When the disciples hear what Jesus says, they immediately get a guilty conscience. But not over the fact that they doubt that Jesus can feed 4,000 or are constantly shocked at His power. No, the thing that worries them is that they forgot to bring some food. They still haven’t grasped that Jesus has the power to take care of them in every situation.

Question

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples, and what did it mean?
2. What did the disciples think He was saying?

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Psalms 23:1-5

Friday - Mark 8:22-26 - People That Look Like Trees.

When Jesus comes to the town of Bethsaida, people who care very much for their blind friend bring him to Jesus and beg Him to touch their friend. They know Jesus has enough power to cure blindness with just a touch. Jesus, however, decides to open this man's eyes in a very different way from many of His other miracles.

Jesus leads the man outside the city. The blind man must have wondered what was going on, especially when the next thing Jesus did was to spit on his eyes. But when Jesus asks the blind man if he sees anything, the man replies that he sees people who look like trees walking around. In other words, he still doesn't see very clearly. So, Jesus puts His hands on the man's eyes again, and then the man sees clearly.

Isn't Jesus able to heal the man completely the first time? Of course, He is. He just chooses to do it this way, this time. It can remind us of how we are blind in sin; but when we believe and trust in Jesus, He opens our eyes to understand what He tells us in the Bible. However, we don't understand it perfectly at first, but we have to grow in understanding so that we can see clearly the things God has to say to us.

Questions

1. Who did Jesus heal outside of Bethsaida?
2. What did Jesus do before He healed the man?
3. Could Jesus heal any way He wants to?

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Psalm 22D

9. I'll praise You in the gathering,
Telling my brothers of Your name;
All you who hold the LORD in awe,
To Him Your praises now proclaim.
Give Him the glory, Jacob's seed;
All Isr'el's sons, fear Him indeed!

10. For He has not despised the poor;
He has not scorned their wretched state.
He has not turned away His face
From anyone in trouble great.
When any cried to Him in grief,
He heard his prayer and sent relief.

11. Within the congregation great
I offer praise You have supplied;
I'll pay my vows with those who fear.
With food the meek are satisfied;
Those seeking Him will praise the LORD.
May your heart live for evermore!