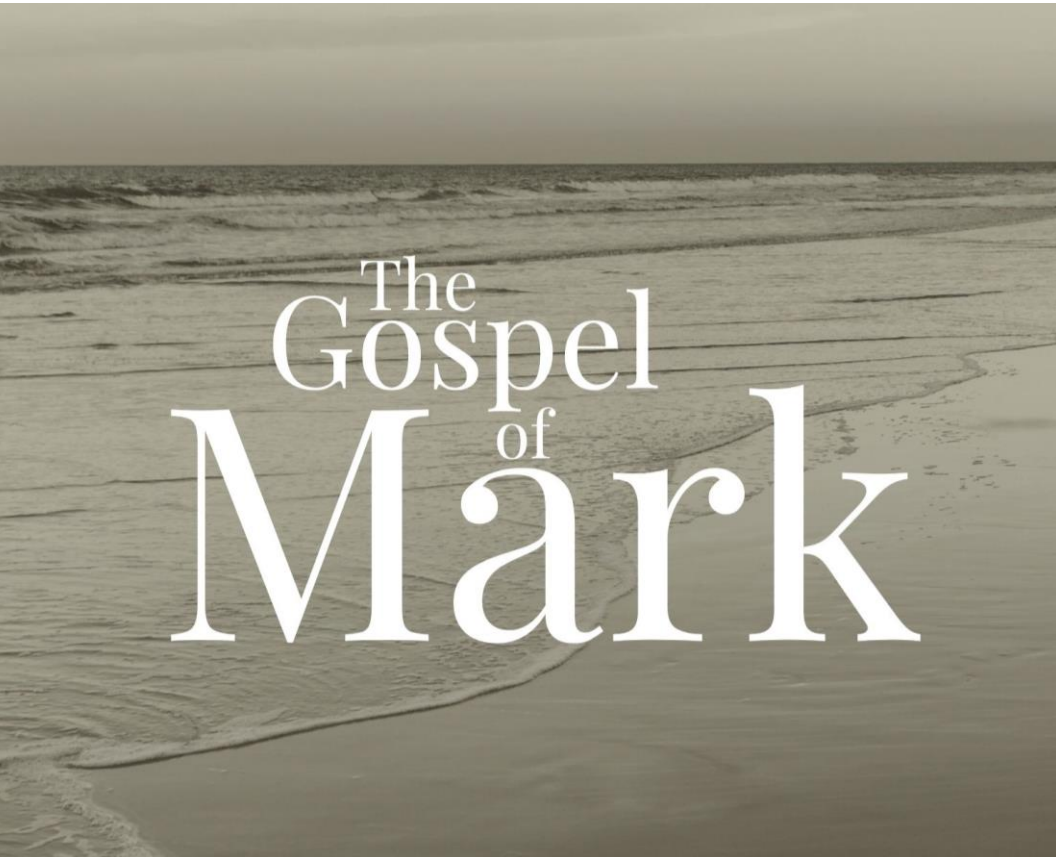


Daily Worship Booklet

December 15th - 19th, 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.

Bible Classes Resume January 11, 2026

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 27B. The words are on page 8.

Please pray for:

Mon - Michael Omelon

Tues - Colin & Corine, Ella, Rose, Lucy, Mabel, Hendrik
and Beatrice Postma

Wed - Andrew and Heather Quigley

Thur - Catherine Quigley

Frid - Louise Rock

Bible Questions for the week:

Question: What was Moses' age and what was Aaron's age when they appeared before Pharaoh?

Answer: Exodus 7:7

Question: What did Aaron's staff turn into, and what did it do to the soocerers' staffs/serpents?

Answer: Exodus 7:12

Question: What was the first plague?

Answer Exodus 7:20

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

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Monday – Mark 13:32-37 – Watchfulness.

Jesus has been telling His disciples what will happen when Jerusalem is destroyed, and what their lives as Christians are going to be like. Now, He tells them what it will be like at the end of the world when He comes again. Jesus is teaching His disciples that the day will come when He will return in power and glory to judge the world. But He goes on to make the point that no one knows when this day is coming.

Our job as Christians is not to guess when He is coming back, but to watch, pray, and work. Christians are to watch. Jesus could return at any moment, or we could die at any time. We must always be prepared to meet our Lord. We must be faithful and obedient, and we must stay away from anything that would make us unfaithful. We must guard against becoming lazy or dull in our love and obedience to the Lord.

Christians are to spend regular time in prayer to the Lord. How can you be prepared to meet Jesus if you never talk to Him? We must also pray that God keeps us faithful and obedient.

Finally, Christians are to work. We are servants of a great Master who has given each of us a job to do; we are to do that job the best we can to please God. Our Master will return and hold us accountable for our actions. We must not be found sleeping, thinking we are safe in our routine, forgetting to do our work, and forgetting our Saviour. Do we live as if we expected Christ to come again?

Questions

1. Does anyone know when Jesus will come again?
2. What three things are we to do while we are waiting for Jesus?

The week's Memory Verse for life.

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Psalms 119:11

Tuesday – Mark 14:1-9 - A Good Name and Fine Perfume.

The chief priests have come to a decision - Jesus must die. But they are strategically cunning and recognize that they must manage the crowds effectively. They want to make Jesus' death a quiet thing, but God is going to turn their evil plans to good and make the crucifixion an incredibly public event.

Meanwhile, Jesus has been staying with friends in Bethany and going into Jerusalem during the day. The story in these verses appears to parallel John 12:1-11, where Jesus is at a meal in His honour, and Mary anoints Him with costly perfume. The disciples, especially Judas, object to this. Judas has been stealing from the money box, John tells us, so he sees this as a lost opportunity to fill his own pockets. The disciples can't imagine putting themselves to such an expense on Christ's behalf, so they criticise this woman. They think she has misplaced priorities, but they are the ones with real misplaced priorities - they want to take away from Jesus to give to the poor. Even today, people want to serve God in moderation, and they mock those who give to Him wholeheartedly.

Jesus is making the point that you can never give too much to God. You can't solve all the world's problems, and you're not asked to. Instead, you are to serve God with what you have, where you are, like this woman. She loses nothing, for in exchange for the expensive perfume, she is repaid with a good name, which Ecclesiastes says is far better (Ecclesiastes 7:1).

Questions

1. What decision did the chief priests come to?
2. Why were the disciples angry at what the woman did?

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Wednesday – Mark 14:10-16 - The Passover Lamb.

Judas has been a follower of Jesus for three years. He has been one of the inner circle of twelve, seeing the miracles and hearing the teachings. But at the end of the day, Judas loves money more than he loves the Lord. There are plenty of Judases in the church - people who pretend to be followers of Jesus, but in their hearts they love something else much more than they love the Lord.

Jesus sends His disciples into Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover. He is asking people to serve Him in small ways - to give Him a room, to cook the lamb, and make the other necessary arrangements. Unquestioning obedience in the small things is just as necessary and honouring to God as in the big things.

It is no coincidence that Jesus is killed during the Passover. From the very beginning, the Passover foreshadowed Jesus's death. As the Jews eat this feast, remembering their slavery in Egypt and how the blood of the perfect lamb is killed and put on the doorposts of their houses caused the angel of death to pass over them, the true Passover Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, is about to die.

He is the final sacrifice whose blood, claimed by believers and applied to their lives, will cause God's wrath and judgement to pass over them; and they will be delivered from their slavery to Satan.

Questions

1. Why did Judas betray Jesus?
2. What happened in Egypt at Passover?
3. Why is Jesus like the Passover lamb?

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Thursday – Mark 14:17-25 - The Lord's Supper.

Judas is given many opportunities to repent and love Jesus, but he always hardens his heart, and so he will be judged even more for all the opportunities he refuses. Jesus tells His disciples that He will be betrayed, as the Scriptures have prophesied, but the betrayer remains fully responsible for what he does. To the disciples' credit, instead of doubting each other, they doubt themselves. We must remember that if it weren't for the grace of God, we would all be like Judas.

Jesus then sets up the Lord's Supper to replace the Passover. The Passover looks forward to what Jesus will do; the Lord's Supper looks back on what Jesus has done. The breaking of bread reminds us of Jesus' body broken on the cross for our sake; the drinking of wine reminds us of His blood that was shed to cover our sins. When we take part in the Lord's Supper, we remember what Christ has done, just as the Jews remembered what the Passover lamb had done when they ate it.

Our eating the Lord's Supper symbolizes our taking God's salvation for ourselves. In the same way that eating strengthens and refreshes our bodies, the Lord's Supper strengthens and restores our souls; and we look forward to heaven, where we will eat and drink with Christ.

Questions

1. What does the bread and wine symbolize in the Lord's Supper?
2. How does the Lord's Supper help us?

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Friday – Mark 14:26-31 - Love Despite Failures.

At the end of the Lord's Supper, Jesus and His disciples probably sing Psalms 63-68, which are usually sung at the end of the Passover Feast. Then they go to the Mount of Olives. Here, Jesus tells them that the time is coming when they will all leave Him. He knew when He chose these 12 men that in His darkest hour one would betray Him, and the others would run away. He still chose them. Jesus still loves those who believe in Him, despite their many failures. He knows what we are, but He still promises never to leave us. If Jesus can bear with our failures, we should be able to bear with the failures of other Christians.

Peter has no problem believing that the other disciples might desert Jesus, but he refuses to believe that he will. His pride in his own strength leads him to insist that he will never deny Jesus. Peter, as usual, is the mouthpiece for all the other disciples. He even speaks for all Christians who trust in their own strength and forget how sinful they really are.

Jesus has spoken of His betrayal, desertion, and death, but He has also spoken of His resurrection, yet the disciples ignore this. Because they never listen to the promise of hope, they will sink into despair as each of Jesus' prophecies comes true. Just like the disciples, we often despair because we do not heed the many promises in the Bible that could comfort and encourage us.

Questions

1. What does Peter refuse to believe?
2. What promise were the disciples always ignoring or forgetting?

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Psalm 28C

6. The LORD be blessed, He heard my voice
When unto Him I cried.

The LORD's my strength, He is my shield;
On Him my heart relied.

7. I have been helped; my heart is glad;
My joyous praise I'll sing.

The LORD's His people's strength, He saves
His own anointed king.

8. O save Your people; give them help;
And bless Your heritage.

Be their own Shepherd, carry them
Secure through every age.