

WEEK 4

Reading: Mark 11:1–16:8

Big Idea: The Ultimate Sacrifice. The pace slows down. We walk day by day with Jesus to the Cross, ending with the empty tomb.

Memory Verse: Mark 15:39, “And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Day 1: Mark 11:1–26 *Cleansing the Temple*

Q: The temple had become a "den of robbers." If Jesus walked into your life today, what "tables" might He overturn?

Day 2: Mark 11:27–12:27 *Paying Taxes to Caesar*

Q: Jesus says give to God what is God's. Read Genesis 1:27. You bear God's image, are you giving yourself fully to Him?

Day 3: Mark 12:28–44 *The Widow's Mite*

Q: The widow gave everything. Do you give to God out of your surplus (what's left over) or out of sacrifice?

Day 4: Mark 13:1–37 *The End Times*

Q: Jesus warns us to "stay awake." What spiritual distractions make you "sleepy" or unaware of God's work?

Day 5: Mark 14:1–52 *Gethsemane*

Q: Jesus prayed, "Not what I will, but what you will." When you pray, do you pray for your will to be done for for God's will to be done in your life?

Day 6: Mark 14:53–15:47 *The Crucifixion*

Q: The Centurion realized who Jesus was by the way He died. What about Jesus' suffering impacts you the most?

Day 7: Mark 16:1–8 *The Resurrection*

Q: The women fled the tomb in astonishment. What hope does the empty tomb give you today?

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JANUARY

MON- Shady Grove Kids Ministry

TUES- Shady Grove Youth Ministry

WED- Persecuted Christians/Church

THUR- Missionary (Sharon S.)

FRI- Shady Grove Shut-Ins and Sick

SAT- Shady Grove Ministers

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Dive deeper with these resources:

1. Life Change Bible Studies (NavPress) - Mark
2. Thegospelcoalition.org - “Knowing the Bible” Series - Mark
3. Enduringword.com - Mark Commentary

WEEK 1

Reading: Mark 1:1–3:35

Big Idea: Identity and Authority. Jesus bursts onto the scene. We see who He is (God's Son) and what He has authority over (Sickness, Demons, Sabbath, and Sin).

Memory Verse: Mark 1:15, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Day 1: Mark 1: 1–20 *The Baptism & Call of the Disciples*

Q: What do we learn from Mark 1:18 and Mark 1:20 about the nature of Christian discipleship?

Day 2: Mark 1:21–45 *Healings & Being Strengthened by the Father*

Q: What does Mark 1:35 tell us about Jesus' priorities in his ministry? What can we learn from this for our own walk with God?

Day 3: Mark 2:1–17 *Eating with Sinners*

Q: How does Jesus statement in Mark 2:17 challenge your perceptions of people and what should you do in response to Jesus' statement?

Day 4: Mark 2:18–3:6 *Lord of the Sabbath*

Q: What does Mark 2:27-28 teach us about the authority of Jesus?

Day 5: Mark 3:7–19 *Appointing the Twelve*

Q: What might be the significance of Jesus choosing twelve men? Note Genesis 49:1-28 & Revelation 21:12–14.

Day 6: Mark 3:20–35 *Jesus' True Family*

Q: Jesus defines family by obedience to God rather than blood. How does this encourage you or challenge your family priorities?

Day 7: Reflection

Re-read the memory verse. Pray for authority over sin in your own life.

WEEK 2

Reading: Mark 4:1-8:26

Big Idea: Hearing and Believing. Jesus begins teaching in parables and performing massive miracles (nature, feeding thousands), yet the disciples struggle to understand.

Memory Verse: Mark 4:40 “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’”

Day 1: Mark 4:1-34 Parable of the Sower

Q: What is common to each of the first three seeds of the sower parable? What is the central point of the parable (Mark 4:1-20)?

Day 2: Mark 4:35-5:20 *Calming the Storm*

Q: The disciples panicked while Jesus slept. What "storm" are you facing, and what would it look like to trust Jesus in the middle of it?

Day 3: Mark 5:21-6:13 *Jairus' Daughter & The Bleeding Woman*

Q: Jesus is stopped on his way to heal a girl who is very sick. What does Jesus' attentive care for this woman reveal about who he is?

Day 4: Mark 6:14-56 *Jesus Feeds The 5,000*

Q: How much did each person eat? How much was left over? Can God supply your needs and satisfy you today?

Day 5: Mark 7:1-37 *The Critique Of The Pharisees*

Q: What is the difference between worshiping God with our heads and worshiping God with our hearts? Will you give God your heart today?

Day 6: Mark 8:1-26 *Healing The Blind Man*

Q: The blind man had people lead him to Jesus. Who do you need to lead to Christ today?

Day 7: Reflection

Re-read the memory verse. Ask God to reveal Himself to you in a real and tangible way.

WEEK 3

Reading: Mark 8:27-10:52

Big Idea: The Upside-Down Kingdom. This is the turning point. Peter confesses Jesus is the Messiah, but Jesus immediately teaches that "Messiah" means suffering. He teaches that the way up is down.

Memory Verse: Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Day 1: Mark 8:27-9:1 *Peter's Confession*

Q: Jesus rebukes Peter for focusing on man's interests, not God's. Are you focused on God's plans or your plans?

Day 2: Mark 9:2-29 *Transfiguration*

Q: What is the biblical significance of Jesus becoming “radiant, intensely white” (Mark 9:3), in light of Dan. 7:9; Luke 24:4; Acts 1:10; Rev. 20:11?

Day 3: Mark 9:30-50 *Who is the Greatest?*

Q: Jesus says greatness is being "last of all and servant of all." How is this different from our culture's definition of success?

Day 4: Mark 10:1-16 *Jesus & The Children*

Q: We must receive the Kingdom like a child. What traits of a child (trust, wonder) do you need to recover in your faith?

Day 5: Mark 10:17-31 *The Rich Young Ruler*

Q: This man couldn't let go of his wealth. What is the one thing you are most afraid Jesus might ask you to give up?

Day 6: Mark 10:32-52 *The Request for Glory*

Q: James and John wanted glory; Jesus offered suffering. Will you follow Jesus even if it means difficulty and hardship?

Day 7: Reflection

Re-read the memory verse. Ask God to reorient your heart to his kingdom instead of your own.