FOLLOWING JESUS

A 30-Day Journey
Through the Gospel of Mark

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Name: .....

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Date I Decided to Follow Jesus: .....

This is the beginning of something real.
One chapter.
One step.
One conversation.

DEDICATION

For those who said yes. And those who will follow.

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE.

If you're holding this journal, something has begun.

Maybe you recently decided to follow Jesus.
Maybe you're still exploring.
Maybe you're simply looking for something real.

Wherever you are, you don't have to figure it out alone.

Students across the country are reading through the Gospels together, asking honest questions, and learning what it means to follow Jesus.

Whether you're on a large university campus, a community college, or somewhere in between, we want to help you take your next step with Jesus.

No pressure.
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WELCOME

You're holding this because something in you is ready to move.

Maybe you made a decision recently.
Maybe you're exploring.
Maybe you just know you want something real.

In our country, it's possible to believe in Jesus
without ever learning how to follow Him.

This journal is about closing that gap.

Not adding religion.
Not trying harder.
Learning to actually follow.

For the next 30 days, you'll walk through the Gospel of Mark -
one chapter at a time.

Small steps.
Real conversations.
Honest obedience.

And from the beginning, assume this:

If this helps you,
You'll help others walk through it, too.

That's how movements begin.
One chapter.
One step.
One conversation.

But before you start…

SEE THE BIG PICTURE

Before you read Chapter 1,
take a few minutes to zoom out.

Mark isn't random stories.
It's one unfolding announcement:

Jesus is King.
And His Kingdom is here.

Watch a few short videos that will help you understand:

- Who Mark is writing about
- What "gospel" actually means
- Why this story still matters

Scan below—

Then open to Week 1.

HOW THIS WORKS

1. Read One Chapter a Day

Start your day with it if you can.

Before class.
Before scrolling.
Before the noise.

5–10 minutes.

2. Use These Five Simple Steps

Listen - What stands out as you read this chapter?
Hear - What is Jesus showing you about Himself - or about you?
Obey - What is one clear step you will take today? (Be specific.)
Share - Who could you talk with about what you're learning?
Pray – Where do you need God's help right now?

That's it.

You don't need perfect
answers.
You just need honesty.

START A GROUP IN 10 MINUTES

You don't need training.

You don't need permission.

You don't need to know everything.

Just text two friends:
"I'm reading through Mark for 30 days. Want to join?"

Meet once a week.
Use the same five questions in this journal.

That's how you follow Jesus together.

Stay one chapter ahead.
You'll be fine.

IF YOU MISS A DAY

Don't quit.

Just pick up where you are.

Growth isn't about perfection.
It's about direction.

THE 5.3.2 WAY (SIMPLE VERSION)

Following Jesus works best with these principles (5)

- Start small.
- Stay in the Gospel.
- Listen for the Spirit.
- Do what Jesus says.
- Walk with others.

Don't go it alone (3)

- Invite one person.
- Ask them to invite one person.
- Form a group of three — that's the sweet spot.
- If it grows beyond that, cap it at five and multiply.

Practice these rhythms (2)

- Daily Reading of the Gospel.
- Weekly Huddle with my small group of friends.

That's the 5.3.2 framework.

WEEKLY STRUCTURE

Each week:

- 4 daily readings
- 1 weekly huddle

Weekly Huddle Guide (Groups of at least 3, max 5)

Keep it simple. About 30 minutes. Ask these questions.

1. What stood out this week?
2. What step did you try?
3. Where was it hard?
4. Who are you praying about inviting next?

Pray for courage.
Then go live it.

WEEK 1
COME AND SEE

Start simple.
Read Mark 1–4.
Don't try to master everything.
Just walk.

WEEK 1 - READING 1
MARK 1

The Messiah's Herald

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.[2] As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

> **See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;**
> **he will prepare your way.**
> [3] **A voice of one crying out in the wilderness:**
> **Prepare the way for the Lord;**
> **make his paths straight!**

[4] John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5] The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. [6] John wore a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

[7] He proclaimed, "One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. [8] I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

[9] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. [10] As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

12 Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. 13 He was in
the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the
wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

Ministry in Galilee

14 After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the
good news of God: 15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of
God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The First Disciples

16 As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and
Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were
fishermen. 17 "Follow me," Jesus told them, "and I will make you fish
for people."18 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
19 Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his
brother John in a boat putting their nets in order. 20 Immediately he
called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the
hired men and followed him.

Driving Out an Unclean Spirit

21 They went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the
synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. 22 They were
astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who
had authority, and not like the scribes.

23 Just then a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. He
cried out, 24 "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the
Holy One of God!"

25 Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him.

27 They were all amazed, and so they began to ask each other, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28 At once the news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity of Galilee.

Healings at Capernaum

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went into Simon and Andrew’s house with James and John. 30 Simon’s mother-in-law was lying in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 So he went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 When evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him all those who were sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town was assembled at the door, 34 and he healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Preaching in Galilee

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying. 36 Simon and his companions searched for him, 37 and when they found him they said, “Everyone is looking for you.”

38 And he said to them, “Let’s go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come.”

A Man Cleansed

39 He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and
driving out demons. 40 Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on
his knees, begged him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."
41 Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched
him. "I am willing," he told him. "Be made clean." 42 Immediately the
leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 Then he sternly
warned him and sent him away at once, 44 telling him, "See that you
say nothing to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and
offer what Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to
them." 45 Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely and to
spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a
town openly. But he was out in deserted places, and they came to him
from everywhere.

DAILY SURRENDER

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(Be specific.)

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WEEK 1 - READING 2
MARK 2

The Son of Man Forgives and Heals

2 When he entered Capernaum again after some days, it was
reported that he was at home. [2] So many people gathered together
that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and he was
speaking the word to them. [3] They came to him bringing a
paralytic, carried by four of them. [4] Since they were not able to bring
him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him,
and after digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the
paralytic was lying. [5] Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son,
your sins are forgiven."

[6] But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their
hearts: [7] "Why does he speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can
forgive sins but God alone?"

[8] Right away Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were thinking like
this within themselves and said to them, "Why are you thinking these
things in your hearts? [9] Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your
sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'? [10] But so
that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to
forgive sins"—he told the paralytic—[11] "I tell you: get up, take your
mat, and go home."

[12] Immediately he got up, took the mat, and went out in front of
everyone. As a result, they were all astounded and gave glory to
God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The Call of Levi

[13] Jesus went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd was coming
to him, and he was teaching them. [14] Then, passing by, he saw Levi

the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him.

15 While he was reclining at the table in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who were following him. 16 When the scribes who were Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

17 When Jesus heard this, he told them, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."

A Question about Fasting

18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. People came and asked him, "Why do John's disciples and the Pharisees' disciples fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

19 Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the groom is with them, can they? As long as they have the groom with them, they cannot fast. 20 But the time will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. 21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new patch pulls away from the old cloth, and a worse tear is made. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost as well as the skins. No, new wine is put into fresh wineskins."

Lord of the Sabbath

23 On the Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and his

disciples began to make their way, picking some heads of grain.
[24] The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not
lawful on the Sabbath?" [25] He said to them, "Have you never read
what David and those who were with him did when he was in
need and hungry — [26] how he entered the house of God in the time of
Abiathar the high priest and ate the bread of the Presence —which
is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests —and also gave
some to his companions?" [27] Then he told them, "The Sabbath was
made for man and not man for the Sabbath. [28] So then, the Son of
Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

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WEEK 1 - READING 3
MARK 3

3 Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had
a shriveled hand. [2] In order to accuse him, they were watching him
closely to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath. [3] He told
the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand before us." [4] Then he said to
them, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil, to save
life or to kill?" But they were silent.[5] After looking around at them
with anger, he was grieved at the hardness of their hearts and told
the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out, and his hand
was restored. [6] Immediately the Pharisees went out and started
plotting with the Herodians against him, how they might kill him.

Ministering to the Multitude

[7] Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a large crowd
followed from Galilee, and a large crowd followed from
Judea, [8] Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and
Sidon. The large crowd came to him because they heard about
everything he was doing. [9] Then he told his disciples to have a small
boat ready for him, so that the crowd wouldn't crush him. [10] Since he
had healed many, all who had diseases were pressing toward him to
touch him. [11] Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down
before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God!" [12] And he would
strongly warn them not to make him known.

The Twelve Apostles

[13] Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those he wanted, and
they came to him. [14] He appointed twelve, whom he also named
apostles, to be with him, to send them out to preach, [15] and to have
authority to drive out demons. [16] He appointed the Twelve: To
Simon, he gave the name Peter;[17] and to James the son of Zebedee,

and to his brother John, he gave the name "Boanerges" (that is, "Sons of Thunder"); [18] Andrew; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, [19] and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

A House Divided

[20] Jesus entered a house, and the crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat. [21] When his family heard this, they set out to restrain him, because they said, "He's out of his mind."

[22] The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and, "He drives out demons by the ruler of the demons."

[23] So he summoned them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? [24] If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25] If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. [26] And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. [27] But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house.

[28] "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for all sins and whatever blasphemies they utter. [29] But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— [30] because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

True Relationships

[31] His mother and his brothers came, and standing outside, they sent word to him and called him. [32] A crowd was sitting around him and told him, "Look, your mother, your brothers, and your sisters are

outside asking for you."

33 He replied to them, "Who are my mother and my
brothers?" 34 Looking at those sitting in a circle around him, he
said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will
of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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WEEK 1 - READING 4
MARK 4

The Parable of the Sower

4 Again he began to teach by the sea, and a very large crowd gathered around him. So he got into a boat on the sea and sat down, while the whole crowd was by the sea on the shore. [2] He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them, [3] "Listen! Consider the sower who went out to sow. [4] As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. [5] Other seed fell on rocky ground where it didn't have much soil, and it grew up quickly, since the soil wasn't deep. [6] When the sun came up, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. [7] Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it didn't produce fruit. [8] Still other seed fell on good ground and it grew up, producing fruit that increased thirty, sixty, and a hundred times." [9] Then he said, "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen."

Why Jesus Used Parables

[10] When he was alone, those around him with the Twelve asked him about the parables. [11] He answered them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to those outside, everything comes in parables [12] so that

> **they may indeed look,**
> **and yet not perceive;**
> **they may indeed listen,**
> **and yet not understand;**
> **otherwise, they might turn back**
> **and be forgiven."**

The Parable of the Sower Explained

13 Then he said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How
then will you understand all of the parables? 14 The sower sows the
word. 15 Some are like the word sown on the path. When they hear,
immediately Satan comes and takes away the word sown in
them. 16 And others are like seed sown on rocky ground. When they
hear the word, immediately they receive it with joy.17 But they have
no root; they are short-lived. When distress or persecution comes
because of the word, they immediately fall away. 18 Others are like
seed sown among thorns; these are the ones who hear the
word, 19 but the worries of this age, the deceitfulness of wealth, and
the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it
becomes unfruitful. 20 And those like seed sown on good ground hear
the word, welcome it, and produce fruit thirty, sixty, and a hundred
times what was sown."

Using Your Light

21 He also said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket
or under a bed? Isn't it to be put on a lampstand? 22 For there is
nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that
will not be brought to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him
listen." 24 And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear. By the
measure you use, it will be measured to you—and more will be
added to you. 25 For whoever has, more will be given to him, and
whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from
him."

The Parable of the Growing Seed

26 "The kingdom of God is like this," he said. "A man scatters seed on
the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day; the seed sprouts

and grows, although he doesn't know how. [28] The soil produces a crop by itself—first the blade, then the head, and then the full grain on the head. [29] As soon as the crop is ready, he sends for the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

[30] And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use to describe it? [31] It's like a mustard seed that, when sown upon the soil, is the smallest of all the seeds on the ground. [32] And when sown, it comes up and grows taller than all the garden plants, and produces large branches, so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade."

Using Parables

[33] He was speaking the word to them with many parables like these, as they were able to understand. [34] He did not speak to them without a parable. Privately, however, he explained everything to his own disciples.

Wind and Waves Obey Jesus

[35] On that day, when evening had come, he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea." [36] So they left the crowd and took him along since he was in the boat. And other boats were with him. [37] A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. [38] He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die?"

[39] He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. [40] Then he said to

them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

41 And they were terrified and asked one another, “Who then is this?
Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

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PRAY - *Where do you need God's help right now?*

WEEKLY HUDDLE

Date:

1. *What stood out this week?*

2. *What step did you take?*

3. *Where was it hard?*

4. *Who are you praying about inviting next?*

WEEK 2
WHO IS THIS?

Look closer.
Read Mark 5–8.
Who is Jesus really?
What kind of leader is He?

WEEK 2 - READING 1
MARK 5

Demons Driven Out by Jesus

5 They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. [2] As soon as he got out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit came out of the tombs and met him. [3] He lived in the tombs, and no one was able to restrain him anymore—not even with a chain— [4] because he often had been bound with shackles and chains, but had torn the chains apart and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. [5] Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

[6] When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and knelt down before him. [7] And he cried out with a loud voice, "What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you before God, don't torment me!" [8] For he had told him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

[9] "What is your name?" he asked him.

"My name is Legion," he answered him, "because we are many." [10] And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.

[11] A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. [12] The demons begged him, "Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them." [13] So he gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned there.

[14] The men who tended them ran off and reported it in the town and the countryside, and people went to see what had happened. [15] They

came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and told about the pigs. 17 Then they began to beg him to leave their region.

18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged him earnestly that he might remain with him. 19 Jesus did not let him but told him, "Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So he went out and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.

A Girl Restored and a Woman Healed

21 When Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the sea. 22 One of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet23 and begged him earnestly, "My little daughter is dying. Come and lay your hands on her so that she can get well and live." 24 So Jesus went with him, and a large crowd was following and pressing against him.

25 Now a woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years 26 had endured much under many doctors. She had spent everything she had and was not helped at all. On the contrary, she became worse. 27 Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothing. 28 For she said, "If I just touch his clothes, I'll be made well." 29 Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

30 Immediately Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He

turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

31 His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing against you,
and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

32 But he was looking around to see who had done this. 33 The woman,
with fear and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came
and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.
34 “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has saved you. Go in peace
and be healed from your affliction.”

35 While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue
leader’s house and said, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the
teacher anymore?”

36 When Jesus overheard what was said, he told the synagogue
leader, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” 37 He did not let anyone
accompany him except Peter, James, and John, James’s brother.
38 They came to the leader’s house, and he saw a commotion—people
weeping and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, “Why are
you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but
asleep.” 40 They laughed at him, but he put them all outside. He took
the child’s father, mother, and those who were with him, and entered
the place where the child was. 41 Then he took the child by the hand
and said to her, “Talitha koum” (which is translated, “Little girl, I say
to you, get up”). 42 Immediately the girl got up and began to walk. (She
was twelve years old.) At this they were utterly astounded. 43 Then he
gave them strict orders that no one should know about this and told
them to give her something to eat.

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WEEK 2 - READING 2
MARK 6

Rejection at Nazareth

6 He left there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed
him. [2] When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the
synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. "Where did
this man get these things?" they said. "What is this wisdom that has
been given to him, and how are these miracles performed by his
hands? [3] Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of
James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?"
So they were offended by him.

[4] Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his
hometown, among his relatives, and in his household." [5] He was not
able to do a miracle there, except that he laid his hands on a few
sick people and healed them. [6] And he was amazed at their
unbelief. He was going around the villages teaching.

Commissioning the Twelve

[7] He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs and
gave them authority over unclean spirits. [8] He instructed them to
take nothing for the road except a staff—no bread, no traveling
bag, no money in their belts, [9] but to wear sandals and not put on an
extra shirt. [10] He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay
there until you leave that place. [11] If any place does not welcome you
or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off your feet as
a testimony against them." [12] So they went out and preached that
people should repent. [13] They drove out many demons,
anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

John the Baptist Beheaded

14 King Herod heard about it, because Jesus's name had become well known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that's why miraculous powers are at work in him." 15 But others said, "He's Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet, like one of the prophets from long ago."

16 When Herod heard of it, he said, "John, the one I beheaded, has been raised!"

17 For Herod himself had given orders to arrest John and to chain him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. 18 John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 So Herodias held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing he was a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard him he would be very perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 An opportune time came on his birthday, when Herod gave a banquet for his nobles, military commanders, and the leading men of Galilee. 22 When Herodias's own daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I'll give it to you." 23 He promised her with an oath: "Whatever you ask me I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

"John the Baptist's head," she said.

25 At once she hurried to the king and said, "I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a platter immediately." 26 Although the

king was deeply distressed, because of his oaths and the guests he did not want to refuse her. [27] The king immediately sent for an executioner and commanded him to bring John's head. So he went and beheaded him in prison, [28] brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. [29] When John's disciples heard about it, they came and removed his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

Feeding of the Five Thousand

[30] The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. [31] He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest for a while." For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

[32] So they went away in the boat by themselves to a remote place, [33] but many saw them leaving and recognized them, and they ran on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

[34] When he went ashore, he saw a large crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

[35] When it grew late, his disciples approached him and said, "This place is deserted, and it is already late. [36] Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages to buy themselves something to eat."

[37] "You give them something to eat," he responded.
They said to him, "Should we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

[38] He asked them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see."

When they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.” [39] Then he instructed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. [40] So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

[41] He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves. He kept giving them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. [42] Everyone ate and was satisfied. [43] They picked up twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and fish. [44] Now those who had eaten the loaves were five thousand men.

Walking on the Water

[45] Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. [46] After he said good-bye to them, he went away to the mountain to pray. [47] Well into the night, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. [48] He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Very early in the morning he came toward them walking on the sea and wanted to pass by them. [49] When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out, [50] because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, “Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” [51] Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. They were completely astounded, [52] because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

Miraculous Healings

[53] When they had crossed over, they came to shore at Gennesaret and anchored there.

54 As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized him.

55 They hurried throughout that region and began to carry the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 Wherever he went, into villages, towns, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch just the end of his robe. And everyone who touched it was healed.

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WEEK 2 - READING 3
MARK 7

The Traditions of the Elders

7 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from
Jerusalem gathered around him. [2] They observed that some of his
disciples were eating bread with unclean—that is, unwashed—
hands. [3] (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they
give their hands a ceremonial washing, keeping the tradition of the
elders. [4] When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat
unless they have washed. And there are many other customs they
have received and keep, like the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles,
and dining couches.) [5] So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him,
"Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the
elders, instead of eating bread with ceremonially unclean hands?"

[6] He answered them, "Isaiah prophesied correctly about you
hypocrites, as it is written:

> **This people honors me with their lips,**
> **but their heart is far from me.**
> [7] **They worship me in vain,**
> **teaching as doctrines human commands.**

[8] Abandoning the command of God, you hold on to human
tradition." [9] He also said to them, "You have a fine way of invalidating
God's command in order to set up your tradition! [10] For
Moses said: **Honor your father and your mother;** and **Whoever
speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.** [11] But you say,
'If anyone tells his father or mother: Whatever benefit you might
have received from me is *corban*'" (that is, an offering devoted to
God), [12] "you no longer let him do anything for his father or
mother. [13] You nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have

handed own. And you do many other similar things."

14 Summoning the crowd again, he told them, "Listen to me, all of you,
and understand: 15 Nothing that goes into a person from outside can
defile him but the things that come out of a person are what defile
him."

17 When he went into the house away from the crowd, his disciples
asked him about the parable. 18 He said to them, "Are you also as
lacking in understanding? Don't you realize that nothing going into a
person from the outside can defile him? 19 For it doesn't go into his
heart but into the stomach and is eliminated" (thus he declared all
foods clean). 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what
defiles him. 21 For from within, out of people's hearts, come evil
thoughts, sexual immoralities, thefts, murders, 22 adulteries, greed,
evil actions, deceit, self-indulgence, envy, slander, pride, and
foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a
person."

A Gentile Mother's Faith

24 He got up and departed from there to the region of Tyre. He
entered a house and did not want anyone to know it, but he could not
escape notice. 25 Instead, immediately after hearing about him, a
woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit came and fell at
his feet. 26 The woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth, and
she was asking him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said
to her, "Let the children be fed first, because it isn't right to take the
children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she replied to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the
children's crumbs."

29 Then he told her, “Because of this reply, you may go. The demon has
left your daughter.” 30 When she went back to her home, she found
her child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.

Jesus Does Everything Well

31 Again, leaving the region of Tyre, he went by way of Sidon to the
Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to
him a deaf man who had difficulty speaking and begged Jesus to lay
his hand on him. 33 So he took him away from the crowd in private.
After putting his fingers in the man’s ears and spitting, he touched his
tongue. 34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed deeply and said to
him, “Ephphatha!” (that is, “Be opened!”). 35 Immediately his ears
were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak
clearly. 36 He ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered
them, the more they proclaimed it.

37 They were extremely astonished and said, “He has done everything
well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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WEEK 2 - READING 4
MARK 8

Feeding Four Thousand

8 In those days there was again a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat. He called the disciples and said to them, [2] "I have compassion on the crowd, because they've already stayed with me three days and have nothing to eat.[3] If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, and some of them have come a long distance."

[4] His disciples answered him, "Where can anyone get enough bread here in this desolate place to feed these people?"

[5] "How many loaves do you have?" he asked them.

"Seven," they said. [6] He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Taking the seven loaves, he gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. So they served them to the crowd. [7] They also had a few small fish, and after he had blessed them, he said these were to be served as well. [8] They ate and were satisfied. Then they collected seven large baskets of leftover pieces. [9] About four thousand were there. He dismissed them. [10] And he immediately got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod

[11] The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, demanding of him a sign from heaven to test him. [12] Sighing deeply in his spirit, he said, "Why does this generation demand a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation." [13] Then he left them, got back into the boat, and went to the other side.

14 The disciples had forgotten to take bread and had only one loaf
with them in the boat. 15 Then he gave them strict orders: "Watch
out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of
Herod." 16 They were discussing among themselves that they did not
have any bread. 17 Aware of this, he said to them, "Why are you
discussing the fact you have no bread? Don't you understand or
comprehend? Do you have hardened hearts? 18 **Do you have eyes and
not see; do you have ears and not hear?** And do you not
remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how
many baskets full of leftovers did you collect?"

"Twelve," they told him.

20 "When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many
baskets full of pieces did you collect?"

"Seven," they said.

21 And he said to them, "Don't you understand yet?"

Healing a Blind Man

22 They came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him and
begged him to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and
brought him out of the village. Spitting on his eyes and laying his
hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

24 He looked up and said, "I see people—they look like trees walking."

25 Again Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes. The man looked
intently and his sight was restored and he saw everything
clearly. 26 Then he sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the
village."

Peter's Confession of the Messiah

27 Jesus went out with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the road he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

28 They answered him, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But you," he asked them, "who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he strictly warned them to tell no one about him.

His Death and Resurrection Predicted

31 Then he began to teach them that it was necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and rise after three days. 32 He spoke openly about this. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning around and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You are not thinking about God's concerns but human concerns."

Take Up Your Cross

34 Calling the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and the gospel will save it. 36 For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life? 37 What can anyone give in exchange for his life? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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3. *Where was it hard?*

4. *Who are you praying about inviting next?*

WEEK 3
PAY ATTENTION

Let it shape you.
Read Mark 9–12.
Notice what challenges you.
That might be the beginning of change.

WEEK 3 - READING 1
MARK 9

9 Then he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God come in power."

The Transfiguration

[2] After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves to be alone. He was transfigured in front of them, [3] and his clothes became dazzling—extremely white as no launderer on earth could whiten them. [4] Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. [5] Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good for us to be here. Let's set up three shelters: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—[6] because he did not know what to say, since they were terrified.

[7] A cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came from the cloud:" This is my beloved Son; listen to him!"

[8] Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

[9] As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. [10] They kept this word to themselves, questioning what "rising from the dead" meant.

[11] Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

[12] "Elijah does come first and restores all things," he replied. "Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be

treated with contempt? [13] But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did whatever they pleased to him, just as it is written about him."

The Power of Faith over a Demon

[14] When they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and scribes disputing with them. [15] When the whole crowd saw him, they were amazed and ran to greet him. [16] He asked them, "What are you arguing with them about?"

[17] Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that makes him unable to speak. [18] Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."

[19] He replied to them, "You unbelieving generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me." [20] So they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, it immediately threw the boy into convulsions. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. [21] "How long has this been happening to him?" Jesus asked his father.

"From childhood," he said. [22] "And many times it has thrown him into fire or water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

[23] Jesus said to him, "'If you can'? Everything is possible for the one who believes."

[24] Immediately the father of the boy cried out, "I do believe; help my unbelief!"

25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you: Come out of him and never enter him again."

26 Then it came out, shrieking and throwing him into terrible convulsions. The boy became like a corpse, so that many said, "He's dead." 27 But Jesus, taking him by the hand, raised him, and he stood up.

28 After he had gone into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

29 And he told them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer."

The Second Prediction of His Death

30 Then they left that place and made their way through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know it. 31 For he was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after he is killed, he will rise three days later." 32 But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34 But they were silent, because on the way they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, he called the Twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last and servant of all." 36 He took a child, had him stand among them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one little child such as this in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me does not welcome me, but him who sent me."

In His Name

38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in
your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."
39 "Don't stop him," said Jesus, "because there is no one who will
perform a miracle in my name who can soon afterward speak evil of
me. 40 For whoever is not against us is for us. 41 And whoever gives you
a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ —
truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.

Warnings from Jesus

42 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to
fall away—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung
around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

43 "And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for
you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, the
unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it
off.

It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be
thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it
out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than
to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,48 where **their worm does
not die, and the fire is not quenched.** 49 For everyone will be salted
with fire. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can
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WEEK 3 - READING 2
MARK 10

The Question of Divorce

10 He set out from there and went to the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Then crowds converged on him again, and as was his custom he taught them again.

2 Some Pharisees came to test him, asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

3 He replied to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 They said, "Moses permitted us to write divorce papers and send her away."

5 But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of the hardness of your hearts. 6 But from the beginning of creation God **made them male and female. 7 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother 8 and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.** 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

10 When they were in the house again, the disciples questioned him about this matter. 11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 Also, if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Blessing the Children

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me.

Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. [15] Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." [16] After taking them in his arms, he laid his hands on them and blessed them.

The Rich Young Ruler

[17] As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

[18] "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. [19] You know the commandments: **Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.**"

[20] He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth."

[21] Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." [22] But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

Possessions and the Kingdom

[23] Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

[24] The disciples were astonished at his words. Again Jesus said to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! [25] It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

[26] They were even more astonished, saying to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

[27] Looking at them, Jesus said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God."

[28] Peter began to tell him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

[29] "Truly I tell you," Jesus said, "there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, [30] who will not receive a hundred times more, now at this time —houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions —and eternal life in the age to come. [31] But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

The Third Prediction of His Death

[32] They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were astonished, but those who followed him were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things that would happen to him. [33] "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death. Then they will hand him over to the Gentiles, [34] and they will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him, and he will rise after three days."

Suffering and Service

[35] James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we want you to do whatever we ask you."

[36] "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked them.

37 They answered him, "Allow us to sit at your right and at your left in your glory."

38 Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you're asking. Are you able to drink the cup I drink or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

39 "We are able," they told him.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. 40 But to sit at my right or left is not mine to give; instead, it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten disciples heard this, they began to be indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them over and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant,44 and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

A Blind Man Healed

46 They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many warned him to keep quiet, but he was crying out all the more, "Have mercy on me, Son of David!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called the blind man and said to him, “Have courage! Get up;
he’s calling for you.” 50 He threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to
Jesus.

51 Then Jesus answered him, “What do you want me to do for you?”
“Rabboni,” the blind man said to him, “I want to see.”

52 Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has saved you.” Immediately he
could see and began to follow Jesus on the road.

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WEEK 3 - READING 3
MARK 11

The Triumphal Entry

11 When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and
Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples [2] and
told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it,
you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it
and bring it. [3] If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The
Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.'"

[4] So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door.
They untied it, [5] and some of those standing there said to them,
"What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6] They answered them just as
Jesus had said; so they let them go.

[7] They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he
sat on it. [8] Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others
spread leafy branches cut from the fields. [9] Those who went ahead
and those who followed shouted:

> ***Hosanna!***
> **Blessed is he who comes**
> **in the name of the Lord!**
> [10] Blessed is the coming kingdom
> of our father David!
> ***Hosanna*** in the highest heaven!

[11] He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around
at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with
the Twelve.

The Barren Fig Tree Is Cursed

12 The next day when they went out from Bethany, he was
hungry. 13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree with leaves, he went to find
out if there was anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing
but leaves; for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, "May no
one ever eat fruit from you again!" And his disciples heard it.

Cleansing the Temple

15 They came to Jerusalem, and he went into the temple and began to
throw out those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the
money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, 16 and would
not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple. 17 He was
teaching them: "Is it not written, **My house will be called a house of
prayer for all nations**? But you have made it **a den of thieves**!"

18 The chief priests and the scribes heard it and started looking for a
way to kill him. For they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd
was astonished by his teaching.

19 Whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.

The Barren Fig Tree Is Withered

20 Early in the morning, as they were passing by, they saw the fig tree
withered from the roots up. 21 Then Peter remembered and said to
him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

22 Jesus replied to them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly I tell you, if
anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,'
and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will
happen, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, everything you

pray and ask for—believe that you have received it and it will be yours. 25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing."

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

27 They came again to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came 28 and asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do these things?"

29 Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; then answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30 Was John's baptism from heaven or of human origin? Answer me."

31 They discussed it among themselves: "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' 32 But if we say, 'Of human origin'"—they were afraid of the crowd, because everyone thought that John was truly a prophet. 33 So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

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WEEK 3 - READING 4
MARK 12

The Parable of the Vineyard Owner

12 He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug out a pit for a winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went away. [2] At harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers to collect some of the fruit of the vineyard from them. [3] But they took him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. [4] Again he sent another servant to them, and they hit him on the head and treated him shamefully. [5] Then he sent another, and they killed that one. He also sent many others; some they beat, and others they killed. [6] He still had one to send, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [7] But those tenant farmers said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' [8] So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. [9] What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill the farmers and give the vineyard to others. [10] Haven't you read this Scripture:

> **The stone that the builders rejected**
> **has become the cornerstone.**
> [11] **This came about from the Lord**
> **and is wonderful in our eyes**?"

[12] They were looking for a way to arrest him but feared the crowd because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. So they left him and went away.

God and Caesar

[13] Then they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to Jesus

to trap him in his words. [14] When they came, they said to him, "Teacher, we know you are truthful and don't care what anyone thinks, nor do you show partiality but teach the way of God truthfully. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

[15] But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius to look at." [16] They brought a coin. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked them.

"Caesar's," they replied.

[17] Jesus told them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

The Sadducees and the Resurrection

[18] Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and questioned him: [19] "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that **if a man's brother dies**, leaving a wife behind but **no child, that man should take the wife and raise up offspring for his brother.** [20] There were seven brothers. The first married a woman, and dying, left no offspring. [21] The second also took her, and he died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. [22] None of the seven left offspring. Last of all, the woman died too. [23] In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be, since the seven had married her?"

[24] Jesus spoke to them, "Isn't this the reason why you're mistaken: you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God? [25] For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven. [26] And as for the dead being raised—haven't you read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning

bush, how God said to him: **I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob**? [27] He is not the God of the dead but of the living. You are badly mistaken."

The Primary Commands

[28] One of the scribes approached. When he heard them debating and saw that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which command is the most important of all?"

[29] Jesus answered, "The most important is **Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one.** [30] **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.** [31] The second is, **Love your neighbor as yourself.** There is no other command greater than these."

[32] Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, teacher. You have correctly said that he is one, and there is no one else except him. [33] And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is far more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

[34] When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to question him any longer.

The Question about the Messiah

[35] While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he asked, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? [36] David himself says by the Holy Spirit:

The Lord declared to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies under your feet.'

37 David himself calls him 'Lord.' How, then, can he be his son?" And
the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

Warning against the Scribes

38 He also said in his teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who want to go
around in long robes and who want greetings in the
marketplaces, 39 the best seats in the synagogues, and the places of
honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and say long
prayers just for show. These will receive harsher judgment."

The Widow's Gift

41 Sitting across from the temple treasury, he watched how the
crowd dropped money into the treasury. Many rich people were
putting in large sums. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two
tiny coins worth very little. 43 Summoning his disciples, he said to
them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the
treasury than all the others. 44 For they all gave out of their
surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had—all
she had to live on."

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WEEK 4
WALK IT OUT

Trust Him.
Read Mark 13–16.
Following Jesus isn't just belief.
It's courage.

WEEK 4 - READING 1
MARK 13

Destruction of the Temple Predicted

13 As he was going out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,
"Teacher, look! What massive stones! What impressive buildings!"

2 Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone
will be left upon another—all will be thrown down."

Signs of the End of the Age

3 While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the
temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell
us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign when all
these things are about to be accomplished?"

5 Jesus told them, "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will
come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and they will deceive many.
7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, don't be alarmed; these
things must take place, but it is not yet the end. 8 For nation will rise
up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be
earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the
beginning of birth pains.

Persecutions Predicted

9 "But you, be on your guard! They will hand you over to local
courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues. You will stand
before governors and kings because of me, as a witness to
them. 10 And it is necessary that the gospel be preached to all
nations. 11 So when they arrest you and hand you over, don't worry
beforehand what you will say, but say whatever is given to you at that
time, for it isn't you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 You will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved.

The Great Tribulation

14 "When you see **the abomination of desolation** standing where it should not be" (let the reader understand), "then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. 15 A man on the housetop must not come down or go in to get anything out of his house, 16 and a man in the field must not go back to get his coat. 17 Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days!

18 "Pray it won't happen in winter. 19 For those will be days of tribulation, the kind that hasn't been from the beginning of creation, which God created, until now and never will be again. 20 If the Lord had not cut those days short, no one would be saved. But he cut those days short for the sake of the elect, whom he chose.

21 "Then if anyone tells you, 'See, here is the Messiah! See, there!' do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the elect. 23 And you must watch! I have told you everything in advance.

The Coming of the Son of Man

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation: The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light; 25 the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 He will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

28 "Learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branch becomes
tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 In the
same way, when you see these things happening, recognize that he is
near—at the door.

30 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all
these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will never pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

32 "Now concerning that day or hour no one knows—neither the
angels in heaven nor the Son —but only the Father.

33 "Watch! Be alert! For you don't know when the time is coming.

34 "It is like a man on a journey, who left his house, gave authority to
his servants, gave each one his work, and commanded the
doorkeeper to be alert. 35 Therefore be alert, since you don't know
when the master of the house is coming—whether in the evening or
at midnight or at the crowing of the rooster or early in the
morning. 36 Otherwise, when he comes suddenly he might find you
sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Be alert!"

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WEEK 4 - READING 2
MARK 14

The Plot to Kill Jesus

14 It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a cunning way to arrest Jesus and kill him. [2] "Not during the festival," they said, "so that there won't be a riot among the people."

The Anointing at Bethany

[3] While he was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured it on his head. [4] But some were expressing indignation to one another: "Why has this perfume been wasted? [5] For this perfume might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they began to scold her.

[6] Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a noble thing for me. [7] You always have the poor with you, and you can do what is good for them whenever you want, but you do not always have me. [8] She has done what she could; she has anointed my body in advance for burial. [9] Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

[10] Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. [11] And when they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he started looking for a good opportunity to betray him.

Preparation for Passover

12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrifice the Passover lamb, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare the Passover so that you may eat it?"

13 So he sent two of his disciples and told them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. 14 Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' 15 He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." 16 So the disciples went out, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Betrayal at the Passover

17 When evening came, he arrived with the Twelve. 18 While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

19 They began to be distressed and to say to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

20 He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve—the one who is dipping bread in the bowl with me. 21 For the Son of Man will go just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for him if he had not been born."

The First Lord's Supper

22 As they were eating, he took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it

to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." [23] Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. [24] He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. [25] Truly I tell you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

[26] After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Peter's Denial Predicted

[27] Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will fall away, because it is written:

> **I will strike the shepherd,**
> **and the sheep will be scattered.**

[28] But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

[29] Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away, I will not."

[30] "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to him, "today, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

[31] But he kept insisting, "If I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And they all said the same thing.

The Prayer in the Garden

[32] Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he told his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." [33] He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. [34] He said to them, "I am deeply grieved to the point of death.

Remain here and stay awake." [35] He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. [36] And he said, "*Abba*, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will." [37] Then he came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Couldn't you stay awake one hour? [38] Stay awake and pray so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." [39] Once again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. [40] And again he came and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open. They did not know what to say to him. [41] Then he came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The time has come. See, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.[42] Get up; let's go. See, my betrayer is near."

Judas's Betrayal of Jesus

[43] While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. With him was a mob, with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. [44] His betrayer had given them a signal. "The one I kiss," he said, "he's the one; arrest him and take him away under guard." [45] So when he came, immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. [46] They took hold of him and arrested him. [47] One of those who stood by drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

[48] Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal, to capture me? [49] Every day I was among you, teaching in the temple, and you didn't arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

[50] Then they all deserted him and ran away. [51] Now a certain young man, wearing nothing but a linen cloth, was following him. They

caught hold of him, [52] but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

[53] They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes assembled. [54] Peter followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the servants, warming himself by the fire.

[55] The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they could not find any. [56] For many were giving false testimony against him, and the testimonies did not agree. [57] Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, stating, [58] "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another not made by hands.'" [59] Yet their testimony did not agree even on this.

[60] Then the high priest stood up before them all and questioned Jesus, "Don't you have an answer to what these men are testifying against you?" [61] But he kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest questioned him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

[62] "I am," said Jesus, "and you will see **the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven**."

[63] Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? [64] You have heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?" They all condemned him as deserving death.

[65] Then some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to beat him, saying, "Prophesy!" The temple servants also took him and slapped him.

Peter Denies His Lord

66 While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the high priest's
maidservants came. 67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she
looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from
Nazareth."

68 But he denied it: "I don't know or understand what you're talking
about." Then he went out to the entryway, and a rooster crowed.

69 When the maidservant saw him again, she began to tell those
standing nearby, "This man is one of them."

70 But again he denied it. After a little while those standing there said
to Peter again, "You certainly are one of them, since you're also a
Galilean."

71 Then he started to curse and swear, "I don't know this man you're
talking about!"

72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter
remembered when Jesus had spoken the word to him, "Before the
rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke
down and wept.

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WEEK 4 - READING 3
MARK 15

Jesus Faces Pilate

15 As soon as it was morning, having held a meeting with the elders, scribes, and the whole Sanhedrin, the chief priests tied Jesus up, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

[2] So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
He answered him, "You say so."

[3] And the chief priests accused him of many things. [4] Pilate questioned him again, "Aren't you going to answer? Look how many things they are accusing you of!" [5] But Jesus still did not answer, and so Pilate was amazed.

Jesus or Barabbas

[6] At the festival Pilate used to release for the people a prisoner whom they requested. [7] There was one named Barabbas, who was in prison with rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion. [8] The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them as was his custom. [9] Pilate answered them, "Do you want me to release the king of the Jews for you?" [10] For he knew it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. [11] But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead. [12] Pilate asked them again, "Then what do you want me to do with the one you call the king of the Jews?"

[13] Again they shouted, "Crucify him!"

[14] Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?"
But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them;
and after having Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Mocked by the Military

16 The soldiers led him away into the palace (that is, the governor's
residence) and called the whole company together. 17 They dressed
him in a purple robe, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it
on him. 18 And they began to salute him, "Hail, king of the
Jews!" 19 They were hitting him on the head with a stick and spitting
on him. Getting down on their knees, they were paying him
homage. 20 After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the
purple robe and put his clothes on him.

Crucified Between Two Criminals

They led him out to crucify him. 21 They forced a man coming in from
the country, who was passing by, to carry Jesus's cross. He was Simon
of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.
22 They brought Jesus to the place called *Golgotha* (which means
Place of the Skull). 23 They tried to give him wine mixed with
myrrh, but he did not take it.

24 Then they crucified him and divided his clothes, casting lots for
them to decide what each would get. 25 Now it was nine in the
morning when they crucified him. 26 The inscription of the charge
written against him was: The King of the Jews. 27 They crucified two
criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.

29 Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their
heads, and saying, "Ha! The one who would destroy the temple and
rebuild it in three days, 30 save yourself by coming down from the
cross!" 31 In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes were

mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others, but he cannot save himself! [32] Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

The Death of Jesus

[33] When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. [34] And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, *"Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?"* which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

[35] When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "See, he's calling for Elijah."

[36] Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, fixed it on a stick, offered him a drink, and said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

[37] Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed his last. [38] Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. [39] When the centurion, who was standing opposite him, saw the way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

[40] There were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. [41] In Galilee these women followed him and took care of him. Many other women had come up with him to Jerusalem.

The Burial of Jesus

[42] When it was already evening, because it was the day of preparation

(that is, the day before the Sabbath), [43] Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Sanhedrin who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God, came and boldly went to Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. [44] Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had already died. [45] When he found out from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph. [46] After he bought some linen cloth, Joseph took him down and wrapped him in the linen. Then he laid him in a tomb cut out of the rock and rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. [47] Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where he was laid.

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WEEK 4 - READING 4
MARK 16

Resurrection Morning

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they could go and anoint him. [2] Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise. [3] They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?" [4] Looking up, they noticed that the stone—which was very large—had been rolled away.

[5] When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; they were alarmed. [6] "Don't be alarmed," he told them. "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they put him. [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there just as he told you.'"

[8] They went out and ran from the tomb, because trembling and astonishment overwhelmed them. And they said nothing to anyone, since they were afraid.

The Longer Ending of Mark: Appearances of the Risen Lord

[9] Early on the first day of the week, after he had risen, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. [10] She went and reported to those who had been with him, as they were mourning and weeping. [11] Yet, when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe it.

[12] After this, he appeared in a different form to two of them walking on their way into the country. [13] And they went and reported it to the

rest, who did not believe them either.

The Great Commission

14 Later he appeared to the Eleven themselves as they were reclining
at the table. He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart,
becausethey did not believe those who saw him after he had
risen. 15 Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the
gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be
saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these
signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive
out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up
snakes; if they should drink anything deadly, it will not harm them;
they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."

The Ascension

19 So the Lord Jesus, after speaking to them, was taken up into
heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out
and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and
confirmed the word by the accompanying signs.

DAILY SURRENDER

Date:

LISTEN – *What stands out as you read this chapter?*

HEAR - *What is Jesus showing you about Himself — or about you?*

OBEY - *What is one clear step you will take today?*

(Be specific.)

SHARE - *Who could you talk with about what you're learning?*

PRAY - *Where do you need God's help right now?*

WEEKLY HUDDLE

Date: _____

1. *What stood out this week?*

2. *What step did you take?*

3. *Where was it hard?*

4. *Who are you praying about inviting next?*

WEEK 5
SENT

You've walked through the story.
You've seen who Jesus is.
You've taken steps.
You've met with others.
Now what?
Following Jesus was never meant to stop with you.
Movements don't start with crowds.
They start with a few people who decide to keep following — and invite others to join them.
If this changed you,
it's time to pass it on.

START YOUR OWN THREE

This week, take one simple step.

Text a friend:

"I've been reading through Mark for 30 days.
Want to join me?"

Encourage them to invite a friend.

Form a small group of at least three, no more than five.
That's it.

You don't need to be an expert.

MY NEW GROUP

Name 1: .....

Name 2: .....

Name3: .....

Date We're Starting: .....

Where We'll Meet: .....

Keep it simple.
Meet once a week.
Use the same five questions.
That's how this spreads.

YOUR NEXT 30 DAYS

- ☐ I will invite a friend this week.
- ☐ They will invite a friend.
- ☐ We will start a new group within 14 days.
- ☐ I will walk with them through Mark.

This is how faith becomes movement.

FINAL WORD

A simple prayer may have been the moment.

This is the multiplication.

Not organized.
Not controlled.
Not complicated.

Just people learning to follow Jesus -
and helping others do the same.

Start your group.

KEEP GOING

Watch These (5–10 min each)

You've walked with Jesus through Mark.

Most people never finish a Gospel.
You did.

If you want to go deeper,
these short videos will help you see the bigger story —
and what to do next.

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