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THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A reading companion

A free digital reading guide

Before you begin

Mark tells a fast moving story. Scenes often turn on a question, a surprising action, or a response that reveals what people think Jesus has come to do. This companion samples four passages. It is a doorway into the full Gospel, not a replacement for reading it.

A simple way to use this book

Read each passage in your preferred Bible translation. On a first reading, simply follow the action. On a second reading, notice who speaks, who is silent, and what changes. Use the prompts alone or with others. If a question does not have an easy answer, stay with it.

MARK 1:1-20

A BEGINNING

Mark opens with urgency, movement, and an invitation to follow.

Questions for reading

- What does Mark choose to tell us first?
- Who responds to a call, and what do they leave behind?
- What does the pace of this opening make you feel?
- What might following look like in an ordinary day?

Carry it into the week

Write a short note about what you are ready to leave behind or begin.

Your notes

MARK 2:1-17

A TABLE

Watch how a crowded room and a shared table each reveal something about Jesus.

Questions for reading

- Who makes it possible for the paralyzed man to reach Jesus?
- What surprises the onlookers?
- Who is welcomed at Levi's table?
- How do these scenes challenge ideas about who belongs?

Carry it into the week

Share a meal or conversation with someone you would like to know better.

Your notes

MARK 8:27-38

A QUESTION

The story turns toward identity, expectation, and the cost of discipleship.

Questions for reading

- What answers do people give to Jesus' question?
- What does Peter understand, and what does he resist?
- Which words in this passage are difficult for you?
- How can a reader hold conviction and humility together?

Carry it into the week

Revisit one difficult sentence tomorrow before trying to settle it.

Your notes

MARK 15:33-16:8

A NEW MORNING

Read the ending carefully, noticing grief, witness, and surprise.

Questions for reading

- Who remains near the story when events become painful?
- What do the women intend to do at the tomb?
- How does fear appear in the final scene?
- What invitation or question does this ending leave with you?

Carry it into the week

Tell a trusted person one question you are still carrying from Mark.

Mark rewards a full reading. Return to chapter one and read onward, noticing how each scene speaks to the next. Keep a small list of questions and repeated themes. Let the text remain more spacious than any single summary.