

20 MORE DAYS IN GOD'S WORD

MARK

WELCOME!

Welcome to our daily bible reading and prayer guide on Mark! This booklet aims to continue to help you build a daily habit of listening to God in his word and speaking to him in prayer.

The aims of these 20 days are:

- read God's word each day so that we get to know him better and his love for us
- read God's word each day so that we are shaped and transformed by his word
- bring our cares to him each day so that we are not anxious but depending to him
- pray each day to express our thankfulness to God and praise to him

WEEK 1 - DAY 1

Read **Mark 1:1-20**

What does John think of Jesus?

What does God think of Jesus?

What do Simon, Andrew, James and John think of Jesus?

What do you think of Jesus from these verses?

What hope does God give to you in these verses?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

NOTES

This is your page - here are some ideas

- Draw a picture or write a poem from the passage.
- Write down any questions you had from today's passage.
- Write a prayer to God.
- Make a list of family/friends to pray for each day.
- Write a list of things you are worried about then pray about them.
- Write your to-do list for the day.
- Whatever you want!

WEEK 1 - DAY 2

Read **Mark 1:21-45**

How do different people react to Jesus?

What words would you use to describe Jesus from what happens in these verses?

What's appealing about Jesus in these verses?

What are you told about Jesus for which you can praise him?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 1 - DAY 3

Read **Mark 2:1-17**

What feelings come to mind when you think about your sin?

What manner does Jesus have when it comes to interacting with sinners?

What happens in your heart and mind when you forget this truth?

What assurance from God is given to you in this truth?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 1 - DAY 4

Read **Mark 2:18-3:6**

What's happening between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in these verses?

Why do you think Jesus is so angry in 3:5?

What does this teach us about Jesus?

What sins might result from a failure to grasp and appreciate this truth?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 1 - DAY 5

Read **Mark 3:7-35**

What are the different attitudes to Jesus in these verses?

Are there any we should imitate? Avoid?

What do we learn about Jesus from his parable in verses 23 to 27?

What are you told about Jesus for which you can praise him?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

NOTES

Well done - that's the end of the first week!

If you'd like some readings for the weekend read these passages. They were written hundreds of years before Jesus came and look forward to Jesus. What do we learn about what God promised he would do?

Isaiah 40:1-8

Malachi 3

WEEK 2- DAY 1

Read **Mark 4:1-25**

What things or people are in your life that are helping you to become more like:

a) the path?

b) rocky soil?

c) thorny soil?

d) good soil?

Is there anything you need to repent of as a result of reading these words of Jesus?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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Just a reminder this is your page - look back over the ideas from Week 1 Day 1.

WEEK 2- DAY 2

Read **Mark 4:26-34**

What do you think is Jesus' point about the kingdom of God in his first parable?

In Jesus' time, how was the kingdom of God small?

In our time, how is the kingdom of God small?

When Jesus comes again, the kingdom of God will be all there is. What comfort does that bring to you?

What assurance from Christ is given to you in these verses?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 2- DAY 3

Read **Mark 4:35-5:20**

How do people respond to Jesus?

What do these scenes teach us about Jesus?

What are you told about Christ for which you can praise him?

What fears are put to rest by what we see of Jesus in these verses?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 2- DAY 4

Read **Mark 5:21-43**

In what ways is Jesus remarkable in these verses?

Why were people afraid?

How does Jesus want people to respond to him?

When do you find it hard to entrust yourself to Jesus?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 2- DAY 5

Read **Mark 6:1-29**

What opposition is there to Jesus and the kingdom of God in these verses?

What opposition is there to Jesus and the kingdom of God in our world?

What is it about Jesus that makes you want to give your allegiance to him no matter what others say or do?

What fruits of righteousness might flow in your life this week as you give your allegiance to Christ above all others?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

NOTES

Now's a great time to catch up if you were behind, otherwise here are some more passages you might like to look at, see if you can spot any links to Mark!

Isaiah 6:1-10

Psalms 23

WEEK 3- DAY 1

Read **Mark 6:30-56**

Why should the disciples have not been amazed (v51-52)?

What are we meant to understand about Jesus from these verses?

What are you told about Christ for which you can praise him?

What words would you use to describe the kind of attitude of heart you should have towards Jesus given what you've read in these verses?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 3- DAY 2

Read **Mark 7:1-23**

Why were the Pharisees so upset?

According to Jesus, how have they missed the point?

How do you see Jesus' point ring true in your own life?

What are you being told about yourself that you need to ask for forgiveness for? need to repent of?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 3- DAY 3

Read **Mark 7:24-37**

Look at a map of Judea and the surrounding areas in the time of Jesus. (See the back of your Bible or look one up online).

Where is Jesus when he heals these people?

What does this teach us about Jesus?

Why is this such good news for you? For our world?

What happens in your heart and mind when you forget this truth?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 3- DAY 4

Read **Mark 8:1-21**

Why is Jesus a little frustrated with his disciples?

What do you think Jesus wants us to understand about him?

What different ways might we be tempted to be like the Pharisees in questioning and testing Jesus?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 3- DAY 5

Read **Mark 8:22-33**

How is Peter like the blind man who Jesus heals?

According to Jesus, as the Christ (King), he must die. It was the only way for our sins to be forgiven. What does this teach us about Jesus?

What sins might result from a failure to grasp and appreciate this truth?

What are you being told about Jesus for which you can praise him?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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Here are some more Old Testament verses that may help us understand what's happening in Mark.

Exodus 16

Isaiah 53:1-6

WEEK 4- DAY 1

Read **Mark 8:34-38**

What is Jesus saying about himself?

What is Jesus saying about you?

Are you being told anything about yourself that you need to repent from?

What assurance from Christ is given to you in these verses?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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(You may want to check out Daniel 7:1-13 and compare with Mark 8:38)

WEEK 4- DAY 2

Read **Mark 9:1-13**

How did Peter, James and John see the kingdom of God come in power on this day?

What do we learn about Jesus from the voice from the cloud?
From Jesus himself?

What fruits of righteousness might flow into your life from these truths?

What are you being told about Jesus for which you can praise him?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 4- DAY 3

Read **Mark 9:14-32**

What words would you use to describe Jesus from these verses?

Have you ever felt like the boy's father in verse 24?

What helps you to trust in Jesus when life is hard?

Jesus teaches his disciple for a second time that he's going to die (v31). What assurance is Christ giving to you that he would let evil have its way with him in your place? **Pray** about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 4- DAY 4

Read **Mark 9:33-41**

What do we learn about Jesus in these verses?

What do we learn about his kingdom?

What do we learn about what Jesus wants from his people?

What assurance from Christ is given to you in these verses?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WEEK 4- DAY 5

Read **Mark 9:42-50**

How do these verses make you feel about Jesus?

Is there anything you need to ask for forgiveness for or need to repent of?

What happens in your heart and mind when you forget that sin is this serious?

Pray about the passage, about your day ahead.

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WHAT NEXT?

Well done - that's another 20 days in God's word!

What have you found helpful about having a daily habit of reading God's word?

What's been hard?

What's been something you've learned about God or yourself?

Keep it up! You can keep reading God's word, just pick a small section each day, a chapter, a few verses.

As you can see reading it in order helps - just like you'd read a normal book. That way if you don't understand something it may become clearer as you read on. This is better than just randomly opening to somewhere in the Bible and reading.

After you read, reflect on it, think about why this part of the Bible is there, what's God wanting to show you, and then pray!

Other parts of the bible you might like to try as a new Bible reader:

Genesis, Exodus, Luke, Acts, Ephesians, Colossians.

