

CEC Bible Study: According to Mark

Session 2: Mark 1 – 3
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Group Introductions

- Any newcomers?
- Recap of last week
- What questions do you have? What captured your attention in this week's reading?

Reading Outline: Mark 1 – 3

- Preface: Things to Look For
 - What is Jesus primarily known for in Mark's Gospel?
 - For Mark, what is the capital-G "Gospel"?
 - Sight vs. Blindness / Perception vs. Imperception
 - Secrecy vs. Public proclamation
 - Cleanliness vs. Uncleanliness
 - Authority: Who has it? How do they use it?
- Mark 1
 - Incipit ([Mark 1:1](#)) — "The Beginning of the Good News..."
 - Jesus's Baptism ([Mark 1:9–13](#))
 - Compare: [Matt. 3:13–17](#) // [Luke 3:21–22](#) // [John 1:29–34](#)
 - "He saw the heavens torn apart..." (see also [Mark 15:33–39](#))
 - Adoption? See [Ps. 2:7](#), compare [John 1:1–18](#)
 - Temptation in the Wilderness ([Mark 1:12–13](#))
 - Compare: [Matt. 4:1–11](#) // [Luke 4:1–13](#)
 - Jesus's Gospel Proclamation ([Mark 1:14–15](#))
 - Jesus Calls His Disciples ([Mark 1:16–20](#))
 - Jesus in Mark: An Exorcist and Healer
 - Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit ([Mark 1:21–28](#))
 - Jesus Heals Simon's Mother-in-Law ([Mark 1:29–31](#))
 - Jesus Heals a Man of Leprosy ([Mark 1:40–45](#))
 - Jesus in Mark: A Man on a Mission ([Mark 1:35–39](#))
 - Key Theme: The "Messianic Secret"
 - When Jesus's true identity is recognized, his response is always the same (e.g. [Mark 1:24–25, 1:34](#)). And yet...
 - Compare [Mark 1:23–26](#) // [Mark 1:42–45](#)

- Mark 2
 - Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man ([Mark 2:1–12](#))
 - Controversy over the Forgiveness of Sins
 - Forgiveness/salvation...based on the actions of one's friends?
 - Jesus Calls Levi — and Other Sinners ([Mark 2:13–17](#))
 - Again, note the emphasis on healing ([2:17](#))
 - Feasting and Fasting ([Mark 2:18–20](#))
 - A curious saying about wineskins ([2:21–22](#))
 - Controversy over Sabbath Observance ([Mark 2:23–28](#))

- Mark 3
 - Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand ([Mark 3:1–6](#))
 - Pharisees and Herodians ([3:6](#))
 - Jesus Gains a Popular Following ([Mark 3:7–12](#))
 - More secrecy ([3:11–12](#))
 - Jesus Appoints the Twelve ([Mark 3:13–19](#))
 - Binding the Strong Man ([Mark 3:21–27](#))
 - Jesus: Not Exactly Pro-Nuclear-Family ([Mark 3:21, 31–35](#))
 - The doing of God's will as the criterion for belonging