

## CEC Bible Study: According to Mark

Session 3: Mark 4 – 6  
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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 4 – 6

- Preface: Things to Look For
  - Sight vs. Blindness / Perception vs. Imperception
  - Secrecy vs. Public proclamation
  - Cleanliness vs. Uncleanliness
  - Authority: Who has it? How do they use it?
  - Mark's "Dunder-Headed Disciples"
  - The "Markan Sandwich"
- Mark 4
  - Mark's "Parable Dump"
    - The Parable of the Sower ([Mark 4:1–9](#))
    - The Parable of the Sower Explained ([Mark 4:10–25](#))
      - See also [Mark 4:33–34](#)
    - The Parable of the Sown Seed ([Mark 4:26–29](#))
    - The Parable of the Mustard Seed ([Mark 4:30–32](#))
  - Jesus Calms the Sea ([Mark 4:35–41](#))
    - Compare: [Ps. 89:8–9, 25](#); [Ps. 107:23–30](#)
    - Questioning Jesus's identity: "Who is this?"
- Mark 5
  - The Exorcism of the Gerasene Demoniac ([Mark 5:1–20](#))
    - Recognition ([5:6–7](#))
    - Response ([5:8–13](#))
    - Jesus identified with the God of Israel ([5:18–20](#))
  - A Tale of Two Daughters ([Mark 5:21–43](#))
    - Intercalation: The "Markan Sandwich"
    - The Healing of Jairus's Daughter ([5:21–24, 35–43](#))
    - The Healing of the Woman with a Hemorrhage ([5:25–34](#))
    - Why do you think Mark tells the story this way?

- Mark 6
  - Questioning the Origin of Jesus’s Authority ([Mark 6:1–6](#))
  - Jesus Sends Out the Twelve ([Mark 6:7–13](#))
  - More Questions about Jesus’s Identity ([Mark 6:14–16](#))
  - The Arrest and Execution of John ([Mark 6:17–29](#))
  - The Apostles Return — and Promptly Go on Retreat ([Mark 6:30–32](#))
  - The Feeding of the Five Thousand ([Mark 6:33–44](#))
  - Jesus Walks on Water ([Mark 6:45–52](#))
    - The Parable of the Loaves and Fishes?: Jesus’s “Sign-Acts” in Mark ([6:51–52](#))
  - More Healings ([Mark 6:53–56](#))