

## CEC Bible Study: According to Mark

Session 6: Mark 13 – 16  
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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 13 – 16

- Things to Consider
  - How does Mark understand Christian discipleship?
  - Power and Authority
    - Human (political/religious) vs. Divine (political/religious)
  - Mark's "re-reading" of Israel's scriptures
  - How should contemporary Christians interface with worldly power?
- Mark 13
  - Jesus Predicts the Fall of the Jerusalem Temple ([Mark 13:1–2](#))
  - The Olivet Discourse: Mark's "Little Apocalypse" ([Mark 13:3–37](#))
    - False Prophets ([13:5–6](#))
    - Geopolitical Strife ([13:7–8](#))
    - Persecution and Betrayal of Believers ([13:9–13](#))
      - Holy Endurance as Key to Salvation ([13:13](#))
        - ὑπομονή (*hypomonē*) = "patient endurance"
        - See also: [Rev. 1:9](#), [2:2–3](#), [2:19](#), [3:10](#), etc.
          - (Also: "conquer" in [Rev. 2:7](#), [2:11](#), [2:17](#), etc.)
    - "The Desolating Sacrilege" ([13:14–23](#))
      - cf. [Dan. 11:29–35](#), [2 Macc. 6:1–6](#)
        - See also [Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews 12.5.4](#)
      - "Be alert: For I have already told you everything" ([13:23](#))
    - The Coming of the Son of Man ([13:24–27](#))
    - Interpreting the Signs of the Season ([13:28–31](#))
    - When Will These Things Happen? ([13:32–37](#))
      - Jesus Urges Alertness
- Mark 14
  - The Chief Priests and Scribes Plot against Jesus ([Mark 14:1–2](#))
  - At Bethany Once Again ([Mark 14:3ff](#))

- An Unnamed Woman Anoints Jesus for Burial ([Mark 14:3–9](#))
  - Judas Plots to Betray Jesus ([Mark 14:10–11](#))
  - The Last Supper ([Mark 14:12–31](#))
    - Jesus Predicts His Betrayal ([14:17–21](#))
    - The Supper ([14:22–25](#))
      - Compare:
        - [Matt. 26:26–30](#)
        - [Luke 22:14–23](#)
        - [John 13:1–20](#) ???
        - [1 Cor. 11:23–26](#)
  - Return to the Mount of Olives ([Mark 14:26ff](#))
  - Jesus Predicts His Abandonment ([Mark 14:27](#))
    - And yet... ([14:28](#))
    - Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial ([14:29–32](#))
  - Vigil at Gethsemane ([Mark 14:32–42](#))
    - “Remove this cup from me.”
  - Betrayal and Confrontation ([Mark 14:43–52](#))
  - Jesus before the High Priest ([Mark 14:53–65](#))
    - Jesus Confirms His Identity ([14:61–62](#))
  - Peter’s Denial ([Mark 14:66–72](#))
    - Peter’s swearing ([14:71](#)): An embarrassment?
      - Compare: [Matt. 26:69–75](#)
      - [Luke 22:54–62](#)
      - [John 18:15–18, 25–27](#)
- Mark 15
    - Jesus Before Pilate ([Mark 15:1–15](#))
      - Two “Sons of the Father” ([15:6–11](#))
      - Pilate Hands Jesus Over to Be Crucified ([15:12–15](#))
    - Jesus Mocked and Abused ([Mark 15:16–20](#))
    - Jesus’s Crucifixion and Burial ([Mark 15:21–47](#))
      - Simon of Cyrene ([15:21](#))
      - Roman Soldiers Cast Lots for Jesus’s Clothing ([15:24](#))
        - cf. [Psalm 22](#), esp. v.18
      - Jesus Mocked on the Cross ([15:25–32](#))
      - An Apocalyptic Darkness ([15:33](#))
      - Jesus’s Baptism in Reverse? ([15:34–38](#))
      - The Centurion’s “Confession” ([15:39](#))
        - See [Danny Yencich, “The Centurion, Son of God, and Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles”](#)
      - The Women Watch from a Distance ([15:40–41](#))

- An Act of Righteousness: Joseph of Arimathea Retrieves Jesus’s Body ([15:42–47](#))
  - cf. [Tobit 1:3, 16–20](#)
- Mark 16
  - “Who Will Roll Away the Stone?” ([Mark 16:1–4](#))
  - “He Is Not Here” ([Mark 16:5–8](#))
    - “Go and tell...” ([16:7](#))
      - cf. [Mark 14:28](#)
    - Amazement, Fear, and Secrecy ([16:8](#))
  - The End...?
    - The Shorter Ending ([Mark 16:9a](#))
    - The Longer Ending ([Mark 16:9b–20](#))
  - Further Reflections: What does Mark have to say to us today?