



SAINT MARK'S GOSPEL



DAY-BY-DAY



Thank you for responding to the invitation and challenge to read the whole of the Gospel according to Saint Mark at least once through the course of 2021. On a number of occasions early in his pontificate Pope Francis has asked the crowds in St. Peter's Square, 'Have you read part of the gospel today?' or 'Do you carry a gospel with you to be able to read some verses each day?' The Holy Father commends reading part of the Gospel every day so that we can listen to Jesus at all times.

Throughout 2020, the Bishops of England and Wales invited you to join them in reading St. Matthew's Gospel, just a few verses each day. In 2021, we turn to the Gospel of St. Mark. If you are able to share that reading aloud with your family all the better, perhaps taking turns with the verses for the day.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) the Holy Father says the Lord does not disappoint those who take the risk of letting Him encounter them each day; 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'. (EG.3)

'Mary, Virgin and Mother, ... obtain for us a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death.' (EG.288)

May the words of the gospel bring you and your families renewed faith, hope and joy.

† Peter

Living God,
you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds
so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.
Amen

V/. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.
R/. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation *Pray for us*
St Mark *Pray for us*
St Jerome *Pray for us*

Dduw byw,
rwyd yn cerdded gyda ni
ac yn siarad gyda ni trwy'r Ysgrythurau.
Mae dy Fab, Iesu Grist, yn gwrando ar ein gobeithion a'n hofnau
ac yn dangos i ni sut i fyw, gyda ac i'n gilydd.
Anfon yr Ysbryd Glân atom i agor ein calonnau a'n meddyliau
er mwyn i ni fod yn dystion i ti trwy'r byd.
Amen

Gwersigl. Dy air yw ein llwybr a'th wirionedd yw ein goleuni.
Ateb. Y dydd hwn a phob dydd arall.

Mair y Cyhydedd *Gweddïa drosom*
Sant Marc *Gweddïa drosom*
Sant Jerôm *Gweddïa drosom*

PROLOGUE (1:1-13)

Day 1

The Proclamation of John the Baptist 1:1-8
The Baptism of Jesus 1:9-11
The Temptation of Jesus 1:12-13

GALILEAN MINISTRY (1:14-6:6A)

Day 2

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry 1:14-15
Jesus Calls the First Disciples 1:16-20
The Man with an Unclean Spirit 1:21-28
Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House 1:29-34

Day 3

A Preaching Tour in Galilee 1:35-39
Jesus Cleanses a Man with Leprosy 1:40-45
Jesus Heals a Man Paralysed 2:1-12

Day 4

Jesus Calls Levi 2:13-17
The Question about Fasting 2:18-22
Pronouncement about the Sabbath 2:23-28

Day 5

The Man with a Withered Hand 3:1-6
A multitude at the Lakeside 3:7-12
Jesus Appoints the Twelve 3:13-19a

Day 6

Jesus and Beelzebul 3:19b-30
The True Kindred of Jesus 3:31-35

Day 7

The Parable of the Sower 4:1-9
The Purpose of the Parables 4:10-20

Day 8

A Lamp under a Bushel Basket 4:21-25
The Parable of the Growing Seed 4:26-29
The Parable of the Mustard Seed 4:30-32
The Use of Parables 4:33-34

Day 9

Jesus Stills a Storm 4:35-41
Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac 5:1-20

Day 10

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed 5:21-43
The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth 6:1-6

JOURNEYS OF JESUS (6:6-10:52)

Day 11

The Mission of the Twelve 6:7-13
The Death of John the Baptist 6:14-29

Day 12

Feeding the Five Thousand 6:30-44
Jesus Walks on the Water 6:45-56
Healing the Sick in Gennesaret 6:53-57

Day 13

The Tradition of the Elders 7:1-23
The Syro-Phoenician Woman's Faith 7:24-30

Day 14

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man 7:31-37
Feeding the Four Thousand 8:1-10

Day 15

The Demand for a Sign 8:11-13
The Yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod 8:14-21
Jesus Cures a Blind Man at Bethsaida 8:22-26

Day 16

Peter's Declaration about Jesus 8:27-30
Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection 8:31-9:1
The Transfiguration 9:2-8

Day 17

The Coming of Elijah 9:9-13
The Healing of a Boy with a Spirit 9:14-29

Day 18

Second Prediction of His Death and Resurrection 9:30-32
Who is the Greatest 9:33-9:37
Another Exorcist 9:38-41
Temptation to Sin 9:42-50

Day 19

Teaching about Divorce 10:1-12
Jesus Blesses Little Children 10:13-16
The Rich Man 10:17-31

Day 20

The Third Time Jesus Foretells His death and Resurrection 10:32-34
The Request of James and John 10:35-45
The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus 10:46-52

**MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM, PASSION, DEATH &
RESURRECTION (11:1-16:20)**

Day 21

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem 11:1-11
Jesus Curses the Fig Tree 11:12-14
Jesus Cleanses the Temple 11:15-19
The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree 11:20-26

Day 22

Jesus' Authority is Questioned 11:27-33
The Parable of the Wicked Tenants 12:1-12
The Question about Paying Taxes 12:13-17

Day 23

The Question about the Resurrection 12:18-27
The First Commandment 12:28-34
The Question about David's Son 12:35-37
Jesus Denounces the Scribes 12:38-40

Day 24

The Widow's Offering 12:41-44
The Destruction of the Temple Foretold 13:1-8
Persecution Foretold 13:9-13
The Desolating Sacrilege 13:14-23
The Coming of the Son of Man 13:24-27

Day 25

The Lesson of the Fig Tree 13:28-31
The Necessity for Watchfulness 13:32-37
The Plot to Kill Jesus 14:1-2
The Anointing at Bethany 14:3-9

Day 26

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus 14:10-11
The Passover with the Disciples 14:12-21
The Institution of the Lord's Supper 14:22-25
Peter's Denial Foretold 14:26-31

Day 27

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane 14:32-42
The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus 14:43-52

Day 28

Jesus before the Council 14:53-65
Peter Denies Jesus 14:66-72
Jesus before Pilate 15:1-5
Pilate Hands Jesus over to be Crucified 15:6-15

Day 29

The Soldiers Mock Jesus 15:16-20
The Crucifixion of Jesus 15:21-32
The Death of Jesus 15:33-41
The Burial of Jesus 15:42-47

Day 30

(Shorter Ending of Mark)
The Resurrection of Jesus 16:1-8
(Longer ending of Mark)
Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene 16:9-11
Jesus Appears to Two Disciples 16:12-13
Jesus Commissions the Disciples 16:14-18
The Ascension of Jesus 16:19-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WHY THE LION FOR MARK?

Building on the work of St. Irenaeus (*Adversus Haereses - Against Heresies XI*), and his comparison of the four evangelists to the mythical creatures who appear in the Book of Revelation and Ezekiel's prophecy, St. Jerome in the 5th century (in his *Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*) associated each Evangelist with one of the living creatures: Matthew is the Man; Mark is the Lion; Luke is the Calf and John is the Eagle.

Why is Saint Mark represented by a winged lion?

In early times, it was believed that a young lion was born dead, but came to life by the breath, the tongue and the roaring of its sire. Mark opens his gospel with the mission of John the Baptist, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness." The gospel closes with the resurrection, the ultimate revelation of Christ's power; the imagery of the lion and new life comes full circle.

The lion is also a symbol of royalty, royal dignity or power – an appropriate symbol for the Son of God.