

## **16 Days with Jesus In The Book of Mark**

**(Days 8-16)**

**Day 8 (1.14.26)**

**Read Mark Chapter 8**

**Focus Verses: Mark 8:1-3, 6 (NIV)** During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, <sup>2</sup>“I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.” <sup>6</sup>He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Thank Jesus for caring for His people. Give Jesus praise for seeing when we are hungry and in need. Praise Jesus for showing us as His disciples what He cares about.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being compassionate. Worship Jesus for being our provider. Worship Jesus for giving supernatural aid in impossible situations.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to increase His compassion for the hungry and needy in your own heart. Ask Jesus to increase His compassion for the hungry and needy in the Church. Pray for supernatural provision where people need it most throughout the world.

**Response Verses: Mark 8:34-38 (NIV)** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

*Jesus, we will take up our cross and follow You. For You and the sake of the gospel we will lay our lives down with joy. We will not be ashamed of You.*

**Day 9 (1.15.26)**  
**Read Mark Chapter 9**

**Focus Verses: Mark 9:2-4, 7 (NIV)** After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Thank Jesus for becoming a man and walking the earth before us. Praise Jesus for allowing those who follow Him to see His glory.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for His radiance and purity. Worship Jesus for being the fulfillment of the prophets (Elijah) and the law (Moses). Worship Jesus for being the one the Father loves.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask the Lord for grace to live a life of listening to Him and obeying Him. Ask Jesus to open the eyes of the lost to see His glory. Pray that Jews and Muslims around the world who believe in the Old Testament Scriptures would see that Jesus is the fulfillment of what the prophets and law point to.

**Response Verses: Mark 9:33-35 (NIV)** They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

*Jesus, teach us to pursue becoming servants. Expose where we are lusting after position and status and humble us as we seek to be more like You.*

**Day 10 (1.16.26)**  
**Read Mark Chapter 10**

**Focus Verses: Mark 10:33-34 (NIV)** "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They

will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,<sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Praise Jesus for knowing and declaring to His disciples why He came to the earth and allowing Himself to be delivered into the hands of men. Thank Jesus for accomplishing His mission on the cross. Praise Jesus for enduring the beating, humiliation and torture that we deserved.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being the Son of Man. Worship Jesus for being the Suffering Servant that the prophets foretold would come. Worship Jesus for being the firstborn from the dead, the resurrected King.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to increase your gratitude for what He endured on the cross. Pray that Jesus would show you how much He loves you through the revelation of His cross. Ask Jesus for greater confidence in His resurrection power. Pray for the gospel to touch the nations of the earth!

**Response Verses: Mark 10:46-49 (NIV)** Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.<sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

*Jesus, we will call out to You and You alone for mercy. Make us unashamed, remove the fear of man and increase our desperation for You.*

### **Day 11 (1.17.26)**

#### **Read Mark Chapter 11**

**Focus Verses: Mark 11:15-16 (NIV)** On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,<sup>16</sup> and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.<sup>17</sup> And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Praise Jesus for carrying God's heart for His people. Thank Jesus for showing zeal for justice and confronting injustice.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being the cleanser of the temple. Worship Jesus for being our example of what loving God's word looks like. Worship Jesus for being passionate about prayer and the nations!

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to show you what it looks like for your temple to be cleansed and purified throughout this fast. Pray that Jesus would give you His passion for God's word. Pray that Jesus would make His Church a house of prayer! Pray that the nations would come to Jesus.

**Response Verses: Mark 11:25 (NIV)** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

*Jesus, show us where unforgiveness is holding us back. Jesus, help us to forgive.*

### **Day 12 (1.18.26)**

#### **Read Mark Chapter 12**

**Focus Verses: Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)** Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. <sup>31</sup> And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Thank Jesus for answering this question about the greatest commandment. Praise Jesus for knowing the heart of God and what is most important for us to follow and obey as His disciples.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being our example of what it means to love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. Worship Jesus for being the model of what it looks like to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Pray and ask Jesus to reveal what questions you have in your heart for Him. Ask Jesus to teach you how to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and how to love your neighbor as yourself. Pray for the body of Christ to give itself fully to the first and second commandments.

**Response Verses: Mark 12:32-34 (NKJV)** So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. <sup>33</sup> And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

*Jesus, we commit to walking out the first and second commandments that You would be glorified through our lives.*

### **Day 13 (1.19.26)**

#### **Read Mark Chapter 13**

**Focus Verses: Mark 13:24-27 (NIV)** But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'<sup>26</sup> At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Thank Jesus for teaching us about the end times. Praise Jesus for coming back for His Church in great power and glory.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being the Son of Man. Worship Jesus for trusting us to be His witnesses during the end times. Worship Jesus for sending His angels to gather up His Church from ends of the earth when He returns.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to give you urgency and peace related to the end times. Pray that Jesus would strengthen His Church to live on mission in light of His return. Pray that Jesus would give you understanding, revelation and hope related to the end times.

**Response Verses: Mark 13:32-34 (NIV)** But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.<sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

*Jesus, show us what it looks like to live ready for Your second coming!*

**Day 14 (1.20.26)**  
**Read Mark Chapter 14**

**Focus Verses: Mark 14:3, 6-9 (NIV)** While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. <sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Thank Jesus for receiving our worship. Praise Jesus for going to the cross, dying and being buried in the earth for mankind.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus as the only one worthy of our extravagant love, adoration and devotion. Worship Jesus for being more precious than anything or anyone in this life.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to make you an extravagant worshipper. Pray that the body of Christ would see the beauty and worth of Jesus in a fresh way. Ask Jesus to send out worshippers who will preach the gospel and demonstrate the worthiness of Jesus everywhere they go!

**Response Verses: Mark 14:22-24 (NIV)** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. <sup>25</sup> “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

*Jesus, we ask You to consistently bring us to Your table. We commit to receive You, Your body and blood, as the only way to enter into fellowship with God and experience the blessing of the New Covenant.*

**Day 15 (1.21.26)**  
**Read Mark Chapter 15**

**Focus Verses: Mark 15:37-39 (NIV)** With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Praise Jesus for breathing His last breath so that we could breathe our first breath of salvation. Thank Jesus for tearing the veil and restoring nearness to God for all who put their trust in Him, His cross, and His resurrection.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being the Son of God. Worship Jesus for being our Great High Priest and restoring a path into fellowship with God through His suffering.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to open your eyes in a new way to what He has made available to you through His cross. Pray that Jesus would convince you in an even greater way that He is the Son of God. Ask Jesus to touch those who are far from Him and that their eyes would be opened like the Roman Centurion to see Jesus for who He really is.

**Response Verses: Mark 15:40-41 (NIV)** Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.<sup>41</sup> In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

*Jesus, show us how to love and serve You well as we follow You. Help us to learn from the courage and devotion of the women who gave themselves to You during Your earthly ministry.*

**Day 16 (1.22.26)**  
**Read Mark Chapter 16**

**Focus Verses: Mark 16:14-16 (NIV)** Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those

who had seen him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Praise Jesus for resurrecting from the dead. Thank Jesus for revealing Himself to His disciples. Praise Jesus for being willing to confront our unbelief and helping us believe in Him fully.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus for being the one who sends us into the world to preach His gospel. Worship Jesus for being the hope of the world and the desire of the nations. Worship Jesus for being our Savior and the forgiver of our sins.

**Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do.** Ask Jesus to show you where you are struggling with unbelief and where He is strengthening your faith in His resurrection power. Pray for Jesus to send out laborers into the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). Ask Jesus how you can partner with Him to see souls saved, baptized and set free starting with the people around you!

**Response Verses: Mark 16:19-20 (NIV)** After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

*Jesus, we commit to carrying Your gospel wherever You lead us. We thank You for working in us, with us and through us to preach Your name with power.*