

16 Days with Jesus In The Book of Mark (Days 1-7)

Day 1 (1.7.26)

Read Mark Chapter 1

Focus Verses: Mark 1:9-11 (NIV) At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for modeling baptism as an example for all who follow Him. Give Jesus praise for demonstrating a life the Holy Spirit rests upon and brings pleasure to the Father.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being the one heaven opens over and the Holy Spirit descended upon. Worship Jesus for being the Son of God. Worship Jesus for being the object of the Father's love.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to all who are far from Him. Ask Jesus to teach you how to live a life pleasing to God and how to host the presence of the Holy Spirit each and every day.

Response Verses: Mark 1:35-39 (NIV) Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Teach us to steward a life of prayer like You Jesus. Teach us to live on assignment preaching Your name to all who will hear.

Day 2 (1.8.26)

Read Mark Chapter 2

Focus Verses: Mark 2:18-20 (NIV) Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered, "How can

the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.”

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for withstanding the Pharisees and religious leaders throughout His life and ministry. Give Jesus praise for displaying wisdom and understanding about fasting.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being the Bridegroom of the Church. Worship Jesus for being greater than food, more satisfying than what can fill our stomachs. Worship Jesus for being the true desire and longing of our hearts.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus for grace to hunger for Him more personally. Ask Jesus to increase hunger throughout the body of Christ as churches across the nation and world are praying and fasting to start the year.

Response Verses: Mark 2:23-28 (NIV) One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Jesus, we submit to You as Lord in every area of our lives. Show us what it looks like to trust You with our rest as we begin this new year.

Day 3 (1.9.26)

Read Mark Chapter 3

Focus Verses: Mark 3:13-15 (NIV) Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for calling you to Himself to be His disciple. Give Jesus praise for trusting you to carry out His ministry.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus as our teacher. Worship Jesus for being the giver of assignments, purpose, and power to advance His kingdom.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus to increase your knowledge of who He is. Ask Jesus for grace to obey Him. Ask Jesus to increase your joy of being with Him. Ask Jesus to teach you your identity in Him. Ask Jesus to give you a burden to go in His name and preach the gospel. Ask Jesus to help you learn how to exercise the authority He has given you.

Response Verses: Mark 3:22-25 (NIV) And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." ²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

Jesus, we repent for the division we have tolerated in Your Church. Teach us how to live in unity with one another for Your glory.

Day 4 (1.10.26)

Read Mark Chapter 4

Focus Verses: Mark 4:39-41 (NIV) He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for bringing peace to the storms in your life. Give Jesus praise for having authority over the wind and waves in your life.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being the one the winds obey. Worship Jesus for being the creator of all things including the seas. Worship Jesus, the one who holds all things together by the power of His word.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus to help you trust Him more this year than ever before when trials and storms come. Pray on behalf of each person in your life you know who is struggling and overwhelmed. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to them and pray for their salvation.

Response Verses: Mark 4:20 (NIV) Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.

Make our hearts good soil for Your word this year, Jesus. May our lives produce fruit for Your glory.

Day 5 (1.11.26)

Read Mark Chapter 5

Focus Verses: Mark 5:6-8, 15 (NIV) When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!”⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” ¹⁵When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for bringing freedom to those who call on His name. Praise Jesus for your own freedom and deliverance. Give Jesus praise for a sound mind and freedom from demonic strongholds.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being the Son of the Most High God. Worship Jesus for being greater and more powerful than any demon. Worship Jesus for being the one demons submit to and are terrified of.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Pray to Jesus for personal freedom and deliverance where it may be needed in your life. Ask Jesus to bring transformation and freedom to those in your family. Pray for the Church to embrace Jesus’ power over demons and for more people to experience freedom through His name this year.

Response Verses: Mark 5:18-19 (NIV) Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Jesus, continue to move in power over the darkness through Your Church. Jesus, we make ourselves available to You and come into agreement with Your desire to see people set free.

Day 6 (1.12.26)
Read Mark Chapter 6

Focus Verses: Mark 6:1-3 (NIV) Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for teaching and ministering in His earthly life. Praise Jesus for performing miracles. Praise Jesus for making Himself available to those who come to Him and for sharing wisdom with those who will hear.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being the Son of Mary and Joseph. Worship Jesus for being humble and full of grace, yet He still offended many.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus to reveal His wisdom to you from His teachings. Pray for Jesus to soften the hearts of those who are offended at Him. Ask Jesus to open the eyes of those who have yet to see Him for who He really is. Pray for those in your life who need a miracle from Jesus.

Response Verses: Mark 6:39-42 (NIV) Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied.

Jesus, show us how to trust You with what You have given us. Prepare us to partner with You in everyday moments this year. Increase our expectation for miracles through ordinary means, for the sake of Your name.

Day 7 (1.13.26)
Read Mark Chapter 7

Focus Verses: Mark 7:32-35 (NIV) There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for showing up for those in impossible circumstances. Give Jesus praise for healing the deaf, opening blind eyes, and causing the mute to speak.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being compassionate towards all. Worship Jesus for being the one to whom we can cry out. Worship Jesus for being worthy of our trust even when we don't see the miracles we hope for.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus to increase your faith in areas you may need a healing touch from him. Pray for those in your life that you know who are begging for Jesus to show up in their situations. Ask Jesus for faith and belief in areas where you know you are struggling to believe him to move.

Response Verses: Mark 7:6-7 (NIV) He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'"

Lord, forgive us for being guilty of honoring You with our lips and settling for hearts that are far from You. We repent for putting our trust in the rules of man more than in You. Help us give You our hearts more this year than ever before.