

Lenten Bible Challenge: A 40-Day Journey through Mark

Lent is an invitation to spend 40 days walking alongside Jesus, listening to His life-changing teachings, and falling more in love with God through self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

You're invited to rediscover Christ anew by reading through the Gospel of Mark in 40 days. You'll cover approximately 15 verses each day for six days a week and then take Sunday as a day of rest. This requires intentionality and may require fasting 10 minutes a day from Facebook, Twitter, cable news, or ESPN to reflect on God's "love letter" to you.

By committing to prayerfully read through the Gospel of Mark you will draw closer to Christ and better answer Jesus' question to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" and enliven your Lenten experience and heighten your Easter Day celebration.

Here are the daily readings beginning on ASH WEDNESDAY

DAY 1: Mark 1:1-13
DAY 2: Mark 1:14-28
DAY 3: Mark 1:29-45
DAY 4: Mark 2:1-13
DAY 5: Mark 2:14-22
DAY 6: Mark 2:23-3:12
DAY 7: Mark 3:13-35
DAY 8: Mark 4:1-25
DAY 9: Mark 4:26-41
DAY 10: Mark 5:1-20

DAY 21: Mark 9:14-29
DAY 22: Mark 9:30-50
DAY 23: Mark 10:1-12
DAY 24: Mark 10:13-31
DAY 25: Mark 10:32-52
DAY 26: Mark 11:1-12
DAY 27: Mark 11:13-33
DAY 28: Mark 12:1-12
DAY 29: Mark 12:13-34
DAY 30: Mark 12:35-44

DAY 11: Mark 5:21-43
DAY 12: Mark 6:1-13
DAY 13: Mark 6:14-32
DAY 14: Mark 6:33-44
DAY 15: Mark 6:45-56
DAY 16: Mark 7:1-23
DAY 17: Mark 7:24-37
DAY 18: Mark 8:1-21
DAY 19: Mark 8:22-38
DAY 20: Mark 9:1-13

DAY 31: Mark 13:1-23
DAY 32: Mark 13:24-37
DAY 33: Mark 14:1-11
DAY 34: Mark 14:12-31
DAY 35: Mark 14:32-52
DAY 36: Mark 14:53-72
DAY 37: Mark 15:1-15
DAY 38: Mark 15:16-41
DAY 39: Mark 15:42-47
DAY 40: Mark 16:1-20

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR JOURNEY

BEGIN WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PRAYER TURNING YOUR ATTENTION TO GOD

1. **READ:** THE PASSAGE SLOWLY (You may read it again if you desire)
2. **NOTICE:** WHAT RESONATES WITH YOU (It may be a word or sentence)
3. **ASK:** WHAT MAY GOD BE SAYING TO YOU OR HOW MAY GOD BE INVITING YOU CLOSER?
4. **REST:** TAKE A MOMENT FOR SILENCE AND PRAYER
5. **WRITE:** ON A NOTECARD AND CARRY THROUGHOUT THE DAY FOR MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION