

Adult Catechesis at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, Largo, FL  
The Gospel of Mark – Week 4

**Mark 1:35-2:12**

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**Week 4: September 1–5, 2025**

**Monday:** Read Mark 1:35–2:12 in one sitting. If possible, read all of chapters 1 and 2 to see how the story unfolds. Do not pause to dwell on details; instead, focus on the big picture of Jesus' ministry unfolding.

1. After reading, summarize what occurs in these verses. What are the main events and turning points?

2. How do prayer, healing, and forgiveness come together to reveal Jesus' mission?

*Prayer Prompt:* Ask God to give you fresh eyes to recognize Jesus' authority in prayer, in cleansing, and in forgiving, and to follow him with trust and obedience.

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**Tuesday:** Read Mark 1:35–39 slowly. Make a note of any words or phrases that resonate with you.

3. Why does Mark highlight that Jesus gets up early and goes to a lonely place to pray? How does this show where his mission comes from?

4. What is the tension between Simon's words, "Everyone is looking for you," and Jesus' response to keep moving? What does this teach us about popularity versus faithfulness?

5. What does Jesus mean when he says, "That is why I came out"? How does this statement clarify his mission and shape our own calling as disciples?

*Prayer Prompt:* Pray for a deeper dependence on God in prayer. Ask for discernment to resist distractions and stay focused on Christ's call.

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**Wednesday:** Read Mark 1:40–45 slowly. Make a note of any words or phrases that resonate with you.

6. What does Jesus' willingness to touch the leper reveal about the nature of his kingdom?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why does Jesus send the man to the priest instead of simply allowing him to spread the news? What does this teach about restoration into community and faithfulness to God's law?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Why do you think Jesus commands silence here, even after performing such a powerful miracle?

*Prayer Prompt:* Pray for those who feel excluded or cast out. Ask Jesus to bring his cleansing presence to them and to use you as a vessel of his compassion.

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**Thursday:** Read Mark 2:1–5 slowly. Make a note of any words or phrases that resonate with you.

9. What stands out to you about the friends' determination in bringing the paralytic to Jesus? What does this reveal about the nature of faith?

10. Why does Jesus address the man's sins before his paralysis? What does this reveal about humanity's greatest need?

11. How does this story encourage us to consider the relationship between faith, forgiveness, and healing?

*Prayer Prompt:* Pray for your friends, family, and community who need Jesus' forgiveness and healing. Ask for the faith to bring them before him in prayer.

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**Friday:** Read Mark 2:6–12 slowly. Consider also reading Daniel 7:13–14. Make a note of any words or phrases that resonate with you.

12. Why do the scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy? What does this reveal about how radical his claim to forgive sins was?

13. How does the healing of the paralytic confirm Jesus's authority as the Son of Man?

14. How does Jesus' authority to forgive sins challenge us to practice forgiveness in our own lives and communities?

*Prayer Prompt:* Thank God for the forgiveness available through Jesus Christ. Ask for strength to forgive others and to live as a witness of God's reconciling love in the world.