

Adult Catechesis at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, Largo, FL
The Gospel of Mark – Week 3

Mark 1:14-34

Week 3: August 25–29, 2025

Monday: Read Mark 1:14–34 in one sitting. If you can, read the entire first chapter of Mark again to see the flow of the story. Do not pause to dwell on any specific part. Focus on the big picture and familiarize yourself with the text.

1. After reading, summarize what happens in these verses. What are the key movements of Jesus' early ministry?

2. How does the arrival of the kingdom of God connect Jesus' preaching, the call of the disciples, his teaching, and his healings?

Prayer Prompt: Ask God to open your eyes to see his kingdom at work through Jesus Christ and to give you faith to respond with trust and obedience.

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Tuesday: Read Mark 1:14–20 slowly. Consider also reading Genesis 12:1–3 and 1 Kings 19:19–21. Make a note of any words or phrases that resonate with you.

3. Jesus announces that “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.” What does this mean in the context of Israel’s history and hope?

4. What do Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave behind to follow Jesus? How is this similar to Abraham’s call to leave his father’s house?

5. Jesus calls them to “fish for people.” What does this new vocation suggest about the mission of discipleship?

Prayer Prompt: Pray for grace to hear Jesus’ call and courage to follow him, leaving behind whatever keeps you from wholehearted discipleship.

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Wednesday: Read Mark 1:21–28 slowly. Consider also reading Deuteronomy 18:15–22 and Psalm 107:28–30.

6. How does Jesus' teaching differ from that of the scribes? Why were the people astonished?

7. What does the confrontation with the unclean spirit reveal about Jesus' authority?

8. Why do you think Jesus silences the demon, even though it correctly identifies him?

Prayer Prompt: Thank God that in Christ the powers of evil are defeated. Pray for deliverance from anything that holds you captive and for the authority of Christ to reign in your life.

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Thursday: Read Mark 1:29–34 slowly. Consider also reading Isaiah 53:4 and Psalm 147:3.

9. What does Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law teach us about the purpose of healing and restoration?

10. Why does Mark emphasize the whole town gathering at the door? What does this suggest about the public impact of Jesus' ministry?

11. Why do you think Jesus again silences the demons?

Prayer Prompt: Pray for Christ's healing presence in your home, family, and community. Ask him to bring wholeness where there is brokenness.

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Friday: Read Mark 1:14–34 again. Reflect on the whole passage in light of Jesus' mission and authority.

12. How do these verses show both the cost and the joy of discipleship?

13. How do Jesus' words and actions together reveal what the kingdom of God is like?

14. In what ways is Jesus still calling his Church to proclaim the kingdom, cast out evil, and bring healing to the world?

Prayer Prompt: Pray that our church would faithfully embody the authority and compassion of Jesus, bearing witness to the kingdom of God in our community.