



## Growth Group Booklet

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## Series Introduction

Fear. 2022 seems to be another big year for fear: fear of COVID, of vaccines, of government overreach, of chronic undersupply, fear of not having enough toilet paper... again. Fear even of each other. This pandemic has revealed that we all have a complicated relationship with fear.

Yet fear is nothing new to the human condition. We all fear. Always have. Part of being human, this side of the Fall, is to fear. Since Adam and Eve's first fear of missing out, fear has long wrapped its tail around anxious hearts like ours.

But in a sense, becoming a Christian and working out our faith is partly about the taming of our deepest fears. When we begin to follow Jesus our worst fears become a bit like the much-loved family dog – a beast, which untamed and in the wild could rip our little children to shreds yet now sits quietly in the corner, or at the end of our bed, or eating gently from our children's hands. How does this wild beast become a family pet? By being put properly in its place by a much more powerful force – by knowing who its master is.

## About Mark

The Gospel of Mark is all about fear. My fear and yours. In fact, fear even seems to have the last word in Mark's gospel as we hear that the women were 'terrified' (Mark 16:8). Mark is about what we think are our greatest fears. But better, it's about the taming of them, by a much more powerful master, a God-come-man that even death itself has learned to fear. As Lucy says of Aslan in the Narnia chronicles, "He's not *safe*, but he's *good*." As Christians, we now know this man is 'Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God' (Mark 1:1). As Jesus draws near to us, he says, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid" (Mark 6:50).

Part of what's so unique about Mark's gospel is its setting: the atmosphere, the scenery and 'vibe'. When we think of John's gospel, we remember the Jewish festivals. With Matthew's gospel we think of mountains, with Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount. With Luke it's a journey setting, with Jesus teaching 'on the way' to Jerusalem. But with Mark, it's dark. As readers of Mark, we find ourselves following Jesus in the desert, among the tombs, across the sea. He faces demons, death, disease, and denials. Mark gives us a privileged viewing of Jesus' baptism, and Jesus' prayers, and Jesus' solitary reflections - tired and alone. Perhaps the scenery that will most stay with us from this series is of the Sea of Galilee with wild and stormy waters. For in Jewish thinking, the sea was an evil place, a dangerous place, a place first and foremost to be *feared*.

Another part of what's unique about Mark's story is its great ending (Mark 16:8). Have you noticed how each of the gospels ends with something 'Great'? Most famously, Matthew ends with 'The Great Commission'. John's gospel? 'The Great Reinstatement' of Peter. Arguably, Luke ends with 'The Great Fulfilment', where Jesus explains (Luke 24) that the whole Old Testament was 'all about me!' But what's great about Mark's ending? The answer is, 'The Great Question'! To understand what this question is, you'll need to come on the journey in this series. (A hint though – it's related to the main graphic for this series: Who is looking, and from where?) To be clear at the outset, what we'll definitely see in the climax of Mark's gospel is the taming of all our fears, as we see our God 'Up Close'.



## About this Series

As your pastors, we're stoked to be taking you through this series in Mark, over the first two terms of 2022. We've called it 'Seeing God Up Close'. It's a series about what happens to us as readers as we journey through Mark to its climax and the question the author poses for us all, at the end.

Here's our Big Idea (main teaching point) for this series from Mark:

'We look upon Jesus from a distance but when he comes close, we can see him for who he really is: the God we fear, calling us to follow Him.'

We'll be taking all 16 chapters in turn, teaching them the way Mark wrote them – as a **story**. A **true** story. In fact, Mark deliberately writes his biography of Jesus as a true, **fulfilment** story.

We'll see that Mark himself makes this clear from the beginning, showing us how Jesus fulfills so many prophecies about him from the Old Testament. And by the end we'll see how Mark shows Jesus fulfilling his *own prophecies* about himself – something very much neglected in much modern-day teaching of Mark's gospel.

The series will be covered in two terms, with a short break in the Easter school holidays. We'll cover Mark's 16 chapters in 19 episodes: 10 in term 1, and 9 in term 2.

To help guide us through Mark we're including some short videos in our services. These are narrated by Dr Peter Bolt, a world-class theologian and leading commentator on Mark's gospel. Peter directly lectured some



of your pastors, and indirectly lectured the others by lecturing their lecturers! But we're confident that you'll enjoy his down-to-earth style and very Australian facial hair.

These videos have been made available to us free of charge, thanks to the generous heart of another sister church from the Presbyterian Church of Queensland (Living Church, formerly Creek Road Presbyterian) and Moore Theological College, who produced them in 2014.

Our teaching will be integrated across our services. This means that the songs we've chosen, the videos, the Bible readings and even these growth group studies, are all integrated with the main teaching point ('big idea') from the part of Mark's gospel that we're up to, in any given week. Following that, these studies are designed to be used in growth groups that meet during the week *following* the weekly sermon. We hope you find them helpful.

## About Us

Together we'll be enjoying Mark's biography of Jesus across the church families of our four sister churches: Biloela, Mackay, Rose City (Warwick) and Stanthorpe Presbyterian. The four pastors who have prepared this series together are, from right to left in the photo taken at our planning week last year: Rev Andrew Purcell, Mr Troy Wilkins, Rev Dave Bailey, and Rev Peter Evans. Thanks go especially to Mr Nick Prins for his admin support to our little 'band of brothers' and Mrs Sarah Bailey for her assistance with recommending appropriate hymn and song options for each church to customise according to their own needs.



## How to Use this Booklet

This booklet follows on from the 10-study booklet from Term 1 and includes the second 9 studies that follow the second 9 teaching episodes in this series, taught in Term 2 of 2022. The best way to understand how these studies work is to assume we've written them for grown-ups! That is, we're making certain assumptions about adult education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: that you're self-motivated, that you're highly impacted by experience, that you learn well through discussion with other adults in a healthy and non-anxious setting, and that the primary role of the group leader is to facilitate the group's learning rather than having to teach it. This means that each week the studies follow a similar pattern with 6 movements: **reflect, remember, reacting, recalling, responding and renewing**.

First, we begin with our experience of church together on Sunday, as adults, in **REFLECT**: *'Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?' If God's Word was opened on Sunday, God was at work in the gathering! This could be in any number of ways: in the sermon, singing, readings, video, conversations, prayers, welcoming, morning tea, on the drive home, etc.*

The second movement is **REMEMBER**: *'Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional extra: watch this week's video again). What struck you afresh?' This question grounds us in God's Word and helps us remember what we learnt last Sunday when it was taught.*

The third movement is **REACTING IN FEAR**: *'Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?' This is about putting ourselves in the shoes of those in the story, experiencing Jesus for the*

first time – like those first, terrified disciples in the boat (Mark 4): “Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

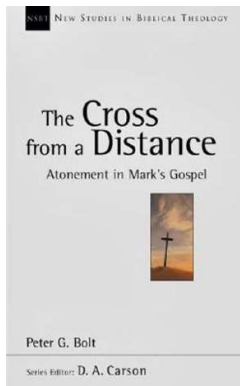
Fourth, we **RECALL THE EPISODE**. This demands some hard work remembering what you’ve learned together last Sunday. Where do we see some Old Testament being fulfilled in this passage? Do we see Jesus fulfilling some of his own prophecies from within Mark’s story yet? And how does this episode build tension and get us anticipating where this story is going to climax, at the cross? The key with this section is not to get bogged down in the Old Testament discussions. Leaders will need to keep it moving at this point, to get to the real application gold, coming up.

The fifth and sixth are the most important application movements: **RESPONDING AS FOLLOWERS** and **RENEWING IN PRAYER**. Try to spend most time here, discussing how we’re being called to follow Jesus from this episode. How do we think God wants us to respond as followers now, this side of the cross? Then we finish in prayer by **praising** God together, **thanking** him, and **asking** Him for help to apply what we’ve learnt to our lives.

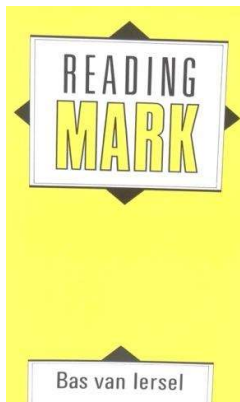
## Further Resources

Here is a link to all the Peter Bolt **videos**:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14UTt00BojUsXXuEYMOkurahE77KRWqdJ?usp=sharing>



Here are the details of Peter Bolt’s major **book** on Mark’s gospel.



Here is a really helpful **commentary** for those keen to explore Mark more.

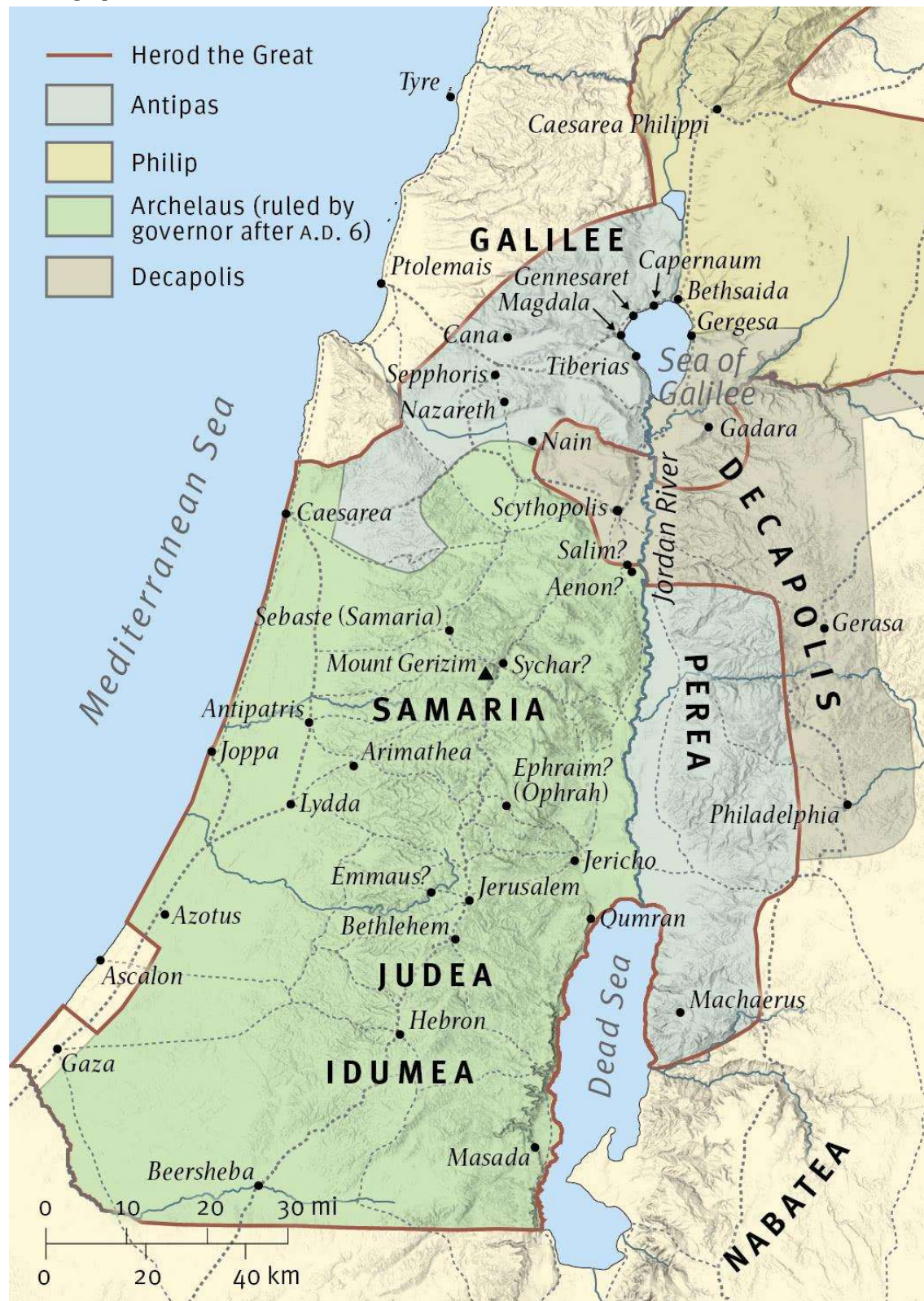
## Mark Series Video Plan – Term 2

EPISODE #	EPISODE TITLE	PETER BOLT VIDEO # & TITLE
11	The Way of the Kingdom	6. The Road to Jerusalem
12	Greatness in the Kingdom	6. The Road to Jerusalem
13	The King is Coming	7. The Arrival of the King
14	The King's Challenge	7. The Arrival of the King
15	The Son of Man Coming in Power	8. The Destruction of the Temple
16	The King's Preparation	9. The Last Supper
17	The Son of Man Abandoned	10. The Death of Jesus
18	Seeing God Up Close	10. The Death of Jesus
19	Following God from a Distance	11. The Resurrection



## Map of Sea of Galilee

Here is a **map** of the Sea of Galilee and surrounding region to help you navigate many of the places in Mark's gospel:



## Theme Song: *See Him Coming*

### Chorus

See Him coming on the clouds of heaven  
Every eye behold Him now  
He's the Living One  
The first and last who once was dead  
But now He lives forever and ever

### Verse 1

Glory and power to the One who loves us  
Honour and praise Him forever  
Come Lord Jesus  
Come Lord Jesus

### Verse 2

Glory and power to the One who freed us  
From all our sins by His blood  
Come Lord Jesus  
Come Lord Jesus

### Verse 3

Glory and power to the One who made us  
A kingdom of priests for God's service  
Come Lord Jesus  
Come Lord Jesus

### Bridge

Jesus is the Living One  
Who died and came alive  
Jesus is almighty Lord  
Who was and is to come

CCLI Song # 4289410

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## Understanding Mark 13

Here is a table of the prophecy-fulfilment of Jesus' famous words in **Mark 13**, *within* Mark's story. Jesus finishes his long answer to the question 'when will the temple be thrown down?' (13:4) by telling the disciples to watch! (13:32-37). The moment they're watching for is most clearly seen when the curtain temple is torn in 15:38. Jesus replaces the temple by dying on a cross (the abomination of 13:14); rising three days later and ascending to heaven (13:26). He will then send the disciples out with the gospel (13:27). They are to tell people that sins are now forgiven through Jesus!

It is often assumed that in Mark 13 Jesus is speaking about far off events yet to happen, rather than what is just about to happen in Jerusalem. Discuss the table below as support for the latter approach.

MARK 13		MARK 14-16	
2	the <b>temple</b> thrown down	15:38	the <b>temple</b> curtain torn in two
5	watch out that no-one <b>deceives</b> you	14:38	watch that you don't <b>fall</b> into temptation
9	<b>Beaten</b> in synagogues	14:65	Jesus <b>beaten</b> in the synagogue
12	brother will <b>betray</b> brother to death	14:43	Judas <b>betrays</b> Jesus to death
14	<b>flee</b> to the mountains	14:50	everyone deserted him and <b>fled</b>
16	don't go back to get your <b>cloak</b>	14:51	man flees naked – leaving his <b>cloak</b> behind
19	a time of unequalled <b>distress</b>	14:34	my soul is overwhelmed with <b>sorrow</b>
23	I have <b>told</b> you ahead of time	16:7	There you'll see him, just as he <b>told</b> you
24	the sun will be <b>darkened</b>	15:33	<b>darkness</b> came over the whole land
26	The Son of Man coming in <b>clouds</b>	14:62	coming on the <b>clouds</b> of heaven
30	This <b>generation</b> won't pass until all these things have happened	16:7	'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There <b>you</b> will see him, just as he told <b>you</b> .'
32	no-one knows the day or <b>hour</b>	14:41	the <b>hour</b> has come
35	keep <b>watch</b> !	14:34	keep <b>watch</b> !
34,35,36	and don't fall <b>asleep</b>	14:37,38,40	are you <b>asleep</b> ?
35	<b>evening</b>	14:17	<b>evening</b>
35	<b>midnight</b>	14:32f	<b>midnight</b>
35	<b>owner</b> of the house	14:14	<b>owner</b> of the house
35	when the <b>rooster</b> crows	14:72	<b>rooster</b> crows
35	or at <b>dawn</b> ...	16:2	<b>dawn</b>

*Sunday following  
01/5/2022*

## Episode 11

*As Jesus enters Judea, on the way to the capital, the Messiah challenges everyone's assumptions about the way of receiving and living in the impending kingdom of God.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 10:1-31.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

#### 4. Recall the Episode

Genesis 1:27 and 2:24

Exodus 20:1-17

Deuteronomy 5:16-20 and 24:1-4

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

b) If and where do we see Jesus fulfilling things from previous episodes within Mark's Gospel?

c) How does this episode build tension, raise expectations, and point forward to the climax of Mark's gospel at the cross?

#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God for Jesus' life and example on earth!
- Thank Him for the way that Jesus lived out his teaching for us to see what genuine relationships in His kingdom look like.
- Ask God to help us follow Jesus in his impending Kingdom of God, even as we walk in this world, loving each other and those who don't yet know him.

*Sunday following  
08/5/2022*

## Episode 12

*Jesus tries to show his disciples that the way of 'greatness' in the Kingdom of God is servanthood, unlike all other kingdoms, but what will it take for the disciples (and us) to finally see?*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 10:32-52.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

#### 4. Recall the Episode

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 2:1-12

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

b) If and where do we see Jesus fulfilling things from previous episodes within Mark's Gospel?

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#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God that His Kingdom is greater than the kingdoms of our world, where those who rise to power dominate and lord it over those around them.
- Give thanks that Christ came to be a ransom for many, and that we have been shown great mercy just as Bartimaeus was shown mercy.
- Ask God to bless us with servant hearts, following the way of our Servant-King.

*Sunday following  
15/5/2022*

## Episode 13

*As the king comes to  
his temple, his people  
expect victory over  
the Romans, but he  
pronounces  
judgement over  
Israel.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 11:1-26.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?



#### 4. Recall the Episode

Psalm 118:25-26

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Isaiah 56:7

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

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#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God for His Kingdom coming, as the King entered His temple in His capital.
- Thank God for His salvation that only comes through judgement, and that in following Christ we too have been surprisingly included in his plan.
- Ask God to help us forgive others their sins against us, even as our Father in heaven forgives us, in Christ.

Sunday following  
22/5/2022

## Episode 14

*Israel's leaders challenge the authority of Jesus by trying to trap him in his words, yet he challenges them in return, by revealing not only their intentions and hypocrisy but the shocking secret of his true identity.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 11: 27-12:44.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

#### 4. Recall the Episode

Ezekiel 34:1-31

Psalm 118:22-23

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

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#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God that He finally sent His own Son, returning to His vineyard to reclaim His own.
- Give thanks that Jesus gives the perfect example of loving God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength and loving our neighbours as ourselves.
- Ask God to keep challenging us through His word, growing us to be more like the poor widow, giving back to King Jesus what has been made in His image.

*Sunday following  
05/6/2022*

## Episode 15

*As Jesus looks over the  
conflicted city of  
Jerusalem, unveiling  
more of the secret about  
the identity of God's  
coming king, he  
prepares his disciples to  
'Watch!' - for the Son of  
Man, coming in power to  
judge the world and  
open God's new  
kingdom.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 13.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

#### 4. Recall the Episode

Daniel 7:1-14 (especially 9-10 and 13-14) Daniel 9:25-27

Isaiah 13:10 and 34:4

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

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#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God for the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with great power and glory, and now gathering up his elect from across all of time and space.
- Thank God for the great power of Jesus' death and resurrection, securing our hope in Him as our Lord and conquering King.
- Ask God for the strength and wisdom to keep watch, fixing our eyes on the finished victory of Jesus, as we share His good news until he returns.

*Sunday following  
12/6/2022*

## Episode 16

*Jesus makes preparation  
for the ultimate sacrifice  
of the Passover, also  
preparing his disciples  
for when they will not  
only see him again, in his  
kingdom, but truly  
understand who he is.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 14:1-31.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?



#### 4. Recall the Episode

Zechariah 13:7

Deuteronomy 15:11

- a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?
- b) If and where do we see Jesus fulfilling things from previous episodes within Mark's Gospel?
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## 5. Responding as Followers

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## 6. Renewing in Prayer

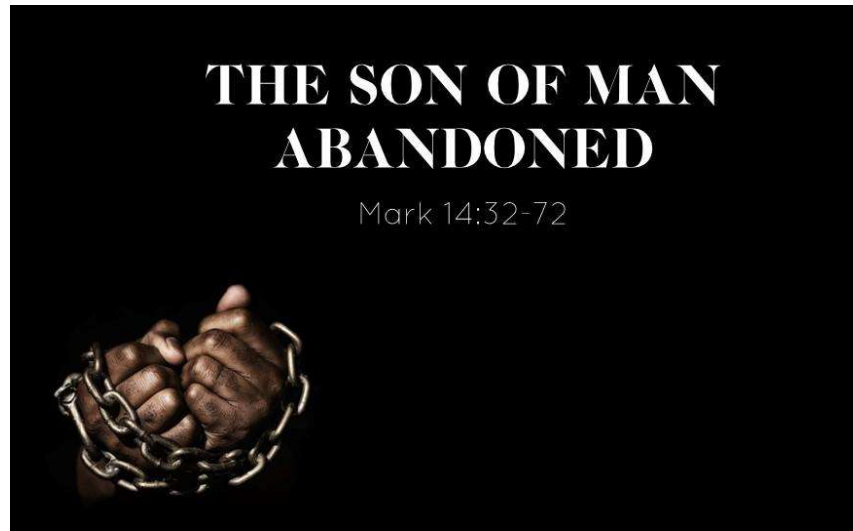
## Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God for the meal Christ has given us to remember how we are saved from our sins: that His body was broken, and blood poured out, for us to be reconciled to Him.
- Thank God that Jesus never wavered from his mission, that he persisted in his journey to drink up the cup of God's wrath for us, and that he continued to care for those around him, even in his last hours with them.
- Ask God to help us receive him like Simon the Leper and honour Him like the woman with the alabaster jar, as we remember Jesus' death for our sins.

*Sunday following  
19/6/2022*

## Episode 17

*As we get closer to the climax of Mark's story, we watch Jesus in deep distress: his closest friends fail him, disown him, and even betray him with a kiss - the Son of Man is abandoned to stand trial before the leaders of Israel.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 14:32-72.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

#### 4. Recall the Episode

Genesis 3:15

Isaiah 43:7-12

Isaiah 53:1-6

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

b) If and where do we see Jesus fulfilling things from previous episodes within Mark's Gospel?

c) How does this episode build tension, raise expectations, and point forward to the climax of Mark's gospel at the cross?

#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God that He is always with us, and that He never abandons us even when, in our weakness, we often deny him.
- Give thanks to Jesus for submitting to His Father's will, and so coming to our rescue.
- Ask God to help us see the great 'I am', the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.

*Sunday following  
26/6/2022*

## Episode 18

*In His death, the women look upon Jesus from a distance - but in God coming close even a Roman Centurion begins to see Jesus for who he really is: the Son of God who is to be buried, but who will somehow call many to follow Him.*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 15:1-47.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

#### 4. Recall the Episode

Psalm 22

Psalm 69

Amos 8:9-12

a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

b) If and where do we see Jesus fulfilling things from previous episodes within Mark's Gospel?

c) How does this episode build tension, raise expectations, and point forward to the climax of Mark's gospel at the cross?

#### 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

#### 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God for the death of Jesus, the Messiah, the king of Israel, the Son of God.
- Thank Jesus that at his death even a Roman Centurion began to see Jesus for who he really is: the Son of God who is to be buried, but who will somehow call many to follow Him.
- Ask God to help us also 'see' Jesus up close, so that we will now fear only Him, being freed from all our other fears.

Sunday following  
03/7/2022

## Episode 19

*Now that we have  
seen God 'up  
close' in the death  
of the Son of God,  
will we 'go and  
tell' about him,  
having also seen  
his resurrection?*



### 1. Reflect

Where did you see God at work in our gathering together on Sunday?

### 2. Remember

**Mark 15:40-16:8.** Together, read this episode in Mark (Optional Extra: Watch the video again). What struck you afresh?

### 3. Reacting in Fear

Instinctively, how would you react seeing God 'up close' in Jesus, in this episode?

### 4. Recall the Episode

Genesis 22:1-14

Exodus 19:20-20:21

Jonah 2:1 and 10



a) Where in this episode do we see fulfilment, or hear resonance, from these Old Testament passages?

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## 5. Responding as Followers

Discuss how we are called to follow Jesus, from this episode. How do you think God wants us to respond as followers, this side of the cross?

## 6. Renewing in Prayer

Praise, Thanks, Ask

- Praise God for Mark's gospel as a testimony of what Christ has done, so we can be transformed by His kindness, encouraged by His grace, and empowered by His Holy Spirit - to follow Him.
- Thank Him for the glorious resurrection of Jesus our King, and that He goes on ahead of us as we go about telling others about him.
- Ask God for the courage to tell out his gospel, despite our temptations to fear.