

One Year Bible – Week 9

Summary: Mark reading

Mark jumps from miraculous story to miraculous story. Jesus' ministry seems to be making an impact among the people. Then, Jesus talks to his disciples about his near future – suffering and death.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- *NT* – How many amazing or miraculous events do you come across in this week's readings? Make a list and at the end of the week look over that list. What observations do you make about this list of events? What do these events reveal to you about Jesus' earthly ministry? What impressions do these events leave with you about the heart of God?
- *NT* – How do you perceive the disciples to react as they observe Jesus' miraculous actions? Do the disciples react in similar or different ways than you imagine you would act if you were in their shoes? How easy or difficult is it for you to notice God acting in and through you in your life today? In what ways do you perceive yourself similar or dissimilar to the disciples?

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *NT* – "Isn'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?" (Mk 6:3) These words were spoken by people of Jesus' own town as he amazed them by his teaching in the synagogue. They overlooked the power of his words because he was familiar to them. Do we ever overlook God's activity because of the familiar? What could we do to guard against overlooking what God is doing in the familiar (A few examples might be: in our hearts, in the lives of loved ones, at Family in Christ church)? – Feb 22
- 2) *NT* – A man brought his son who had been demon possessed for a long time to Jesus to be healed. (Mk 9:14-29) Upon seeing the boy the demon inside him threw him into a convulsion. The father appealed to Jesus by saying, "if you can do anything..." (v 22) " *If you can?* said Jesus. 'Everything is possible for him who believes.' (v 23) The father then says these famous words, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" These words are baffling. "I do believe... help me with my *unbelief*..." Discuss this father's words to Jesus in your group. Do these words seem honest or dishonest? Do you resonate with these words in any way? How do belief and unbelief relate to one another in your life? – Feb 27

Summary: Leviticus reading

Leviticus is outlining the specifics of God's commands to his people. These are the ways in which the Israelites are to be set apart from those around them. Cleanness, morality, and ceremony are all ways in which the Israelites are set apart as God's holy people.

[Leviticus Extra Credit]

The Day of Atonement (Lev 16) was an extremely significant day for the Israelites. On this day the sins of all Israel would be covered over before God. (Lev 16:30) As Christians we know that our sins have been forgiven because of Jesus. As you read Lev 16, what differences/similarities do you notice between what was necessary for the Israelites to atone for their sin and for us today? (atone means "to cover" or to "satisfy") What about in the ways in which we approach God with our sin? How do these observations inform your relationship with God? – Feb 24-25

Journal the Psalms this week:

How long have you lived? What do you expect to accomplish or experience in your life? Stop reading for a moment, close your eyes, and take a deep long breath... How long was it? Read Psalm 39:4-5 and in your journal reflect upon what these verses show you. – Feb 22

A Lenten Sermon-Related Question:

As we begin a look at the Fruit of the Spirit this week, we are reminded that love is often shown in simple, even mundane acts of sacrifice. Is there a way you can give of yourself in a simple way this coming week?

Reading Schedule:

Leviticus = Lev / Mark = Mk / Psalms = Ps / Proverbs = Pr



Feb 22 – Lev 13:1-59 / Mk 6:1-29 / Ps 39:1-13 / Pr 10:10
Feb 23 – Lev 14:1-57 / Mk 6:30-56 / Ps 40:1-10 / Pr 10:11-12
Feb 24 – Lev 15:1-16:28 / Mk 7:1-23 / Ps 40:11-17 / Pr 10:13-14
Feb 25 – Lev 16:29-18:30 / Mk 7:24-8:10 / Ps 41:1-13 / Pr 10:15-16
Feb 26 – Lev 19:1-20:21 / Mk 8:11-38 / Ps 42:1-11 / Pr 10:17
Feb 27 – Lev 20:22-22:16 / Mk 9:1-29 / Ps 43:1-5 / Pr 10:18
Feb 28 – Lev 22:17-23:44 / Mk 9:30-10:12 / Ps 44:1-8 / Pr 10:19