

## One Year Bible – Week 11

### **Summary: Mark reading**

The Gospel of Mark finishes with the final few days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Jesus is crucified, dead, buried, and risen from the dead.

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

- *NT* – The high priest asked Jesus if he was the Messiah, the Son of God, to which Jesus unequivocally said, "I am." (Mk 14:61-62) Yet the high priest did not ask this question as if he were interested in following Jesus if he answered yes, rather, he was only interested in condemning Jesus. Often non-Christians will inquire not to follow but to accuse. Have you seen this in conversations that you have had with non-believers? Do you find encouragement from Jesus' example in this passage? How can we respond in a positive way to others who would seek to accuse? – *Mar 10*
- *NT* – The events of Mark 14:12-15:47 all happened within a day. Can you imagine how the day was lived out by Jesus? Can you put yourself in the shoes of one of the disciples? Knowing that this all took place in a very short time, what observations do you make from the text that help you to understand more of what happened during this time? What perspective do these moments give to you about your own life? – *Mar 8-11*

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – There are moments in Scripture that reveal God's purpose to us more clearly than others. In Mark 14:1-9, we see one such time. What does this event recorded in the Gospel indicate to us about the person of Jesus? About his message? What can we determine is *not* Jesus' message from what we observe here? – *Mar 10*
- 2) *NT* – "Surely this man was the Son of God!" (Mk 15:39) This is what a Roman centurion said of Jesus as he witnessed his death. Different people react to Jesus in different ways. How is it do you think, that some people hear of Jesus and embrace him while others shun him? What are some characteristics of a person who might embrace Jesus and what are some ways you could encourage these in those around you? – *Mar 11*
- 3) *NT* – "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mk 16:15-16) What particular words stand out to you in these statements? Why? What do these sentences tell us about the message of Jesus? What do they tell us about his mission for us? How can we make ourselves more available to this mission? – *Mar 11*

### **Summary: Numbers reading**

Numbers continues the account of the Israelites time wandering in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. Here they leave Sinai and we see that neither Moses nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.

### **[Numbers Extra Credit]**

Moses was denied by God to enter into the Promised Land because of an episode of bringing water from a rock. (Num 20:1-13) Now God had used Moses in this way before (Ex 17:1-7) but this time was different. What do you notice in the passage that might provide explanation for God excluding Moses from the Promised Land? More information is given in Deuteronomy 32:51-52 near Moses' death. Though we do not have all the facts, what can we know about Moses' actions in this passage? What does God's reaction to Moses indicate to you about his character? How might what we observe in this passage apply in our own lives? – *Mar 13*

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

What can I give to God? What is it that might show my devotion to God? Is it my regular attendance at church? My disciplined times of Bible reading and prayer? Is it my money and time? All of these are pleasing to God, yet there is something much greater that God wants. Read Psalm 51:17 and journal your response to God's words here spoken through David. Ask God to show you how consistent your life is with these words and then ask him how you may exhibit them more. – *Mar 8*

**A Lenten Sermon-related Question:** As we consider the fruit of the Spirit called "patience," who, in your life, are you are you shortchanging with this gift?

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### **Reading Schedule:**

Num = Numbers / Mk = Mark / Lk = Luke / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Mar 8 – Num 10:1-11:23 / Mk 14:1-21 / Ps 51:1-19 / Pr 10:31-32  
Mar 9 – Num 11:24-13:33 / Mk 14:22-52 / Ps 52:1-9 / Pr 11:1-3  
Mar 10 – Num 14:1-15:16 / Mk 14:53-72 / Ps 53:1-6 / Pr 11:4  
Mar 11 – Num 15:17-16:40 / Mk 15:1-47 / Ps 54:1-7 / Pr 11:5-6  
Mar 12 – Num 16:41-18:32 / Mk 16:1-20 / Ps 55:1-23 / Pr 11:7  
Mar 13 – Num 19:1-20:29 / Lk 1:1-25 / Ps 56:1-13 / Pr 11:8  
Mar 14 – Num 21:1-22:20 / Lk 1:26-56 / Ps 57:1-11 / Pr 11:9-11