

Week 4: Kindom > Empire

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FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK



Who is This Jesus?!?

Mark often combines stories to highlight important truths about Jesus - like the crossing of the Sea of Galilee and healing of the demoniac to make it clear Jesus is way more than just a Rabbi or good teacher!

1 - "Check-in" with your Group - Take about 30-45 seconds each to share:

What are things you have heard others say about Jesus - who do people in 2026 say that He is?

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video: Kingdom > Empire #4, "Who is This Jesus?!"

Read Mark 4:35-40

- See the pictures in the sidebar for context of this story -
 - *Jesus is with us in the storms of life - but there's more going on! Discuss how the context from the video about geography, Jewish fishermen, pagan deities, etc. heighten the power of this story!*
 - *What would you imagine the disciples were thinking when Jesus said we're going to "the other side"? How does Jesus still call us as His disciples today in similar ways?*
 - *Like the Father at Creation, Jesus speaks **order** into **chaos**, setting the stage for the follow-up story...*

Read Mark 5:1-20

- The healing of the demoniac presents a truly captivating story of Jesus confronting a variety of real world problems!
 - *This story emphasizes ritual impurity, the presence of an evil spirit, and a human imprisoned by evil forces - and how God addresses all of those through the person of Jesus! If you came into that situation as a disciple, what are you thinking about this whole scene?*
 - *How do we take this story and apply it to following Jesus in 2026? What challenges and opportunities does it stir in you?*
 - **Now Read Mark 6:53-56** and note how the people respond the next time Jesus appears on "the other side"! The only difference is that Jesus told the healed man to share his story...

Spiritual Formation practice: Follow the Mark reading guide on the back of this page and invite the Spirit to help us know Jesus more.

Prayer: Share requests and pray for one another, asking God to guide us to understand how to live out the teachings of the Son of God!



Path in Galilee

Walking paths in Galilee often cut across fields, like the one above, so Jesus' audience would have immediately understood the four types of soil in the parable. Above is Pastor Scott leading a hike on path from the location of the Sermon on the Mount down to the beach in Galilee.



Sea of Galilee crossing

Pastor Scott and family standing on the cliffs of Arbel. Behind is the Sea of Galilee and the eastern shoreline on "The Other Side", a 7-mile journey by boat.





Mark Scripture Readings

Use this chart to guide your time meditating on God's Word...

Week	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1: 1/22-28	Mark 1:1-13	Mark 1:14-28	Mark 1:29-45	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17
2: 3/1-7	Mark 2:18-28	Mark 3:1-12	Mark 3:13-35	Mark 4:1-20	Mark 4:21-34
3: 3/8-14	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:1-20	Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-32
4: 3/15-21	Mark 6:33-56	Mark 7:1-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:1-10	Mark 8:11-38
5: 3/22-28	Mark 9:1-13	Mark 9:14-32	Mark 9:33-49	Mark 10:1-22	Mark 10:23-45
6: 3/29-4/4	Mark 10:46-52	Mark 11:1-14	Mark 11:15-33	Mark 12:1-27	Mark 12:28-44
7: 4/5-11	Mark 13:1-37	Mark 14:1-50	Mark 14:51-72	Mark 15	Mark 16