

A reading plan for Mark's Gospel taken from LICC's 'Mark – Living the Way of Jesus in the World' by Tracey Cotterell

## Outline of Mark's Gospel

Many have found it helpful to read Mark as if it were a drama in three acts. You can use this outline to guide your reading alongside the study. The passages highlighted in red indicate the readings for the six study sessions. Use the questions to prompt reflection on each passage.

- What does it say about who God is?
- What does it say about how God works?
- What are the implications for us as God's people?
- What insights does it offer for our frontlines?
- What prayers does it prompt?

1:1-15 Prologue  
Announcing revolution

### Act 1 In and around Galilee – Who is Jesus?

1:16-34	Calling the disciples; exorcism
1:35-2:12	Healings
2:13-22	Controversy and conflict
2:23-3:12	Lord of the Sabbath
3:13-35	Calling the Twelve; insiders and outsiders
4:1-34	Parables about the kingdom of God
4:35-41	Demonstrating authority
5:1-43	Mighty deeds 1
6:1-29	Controversy and conflict
6:30-56	Mighty deeds 2
7:1-23	Teaching on purity
7:24-8:21	Mighty deeds 3; growing tension

### Act 2 On the way to Jerusalem – Discipleship

8:22-26	Healing a blind man 1
8:27-9:1	Revealing identity; passion prediction 1
9:2-13	Transfiguration
9:14-32	Healing from an evil spirit; passion prediction 2
9:33-37	Discipleship – status
9:38-50	Discipleship – stumbling blocks
10:1-12	Discipleship – divorce
10:13-16	Discipleship – children
10:17-31	Challenging allegiance
10:32-52	Passion prediction 3; healing a blind man 2

### Act 3 In Jerusalem – What did Jesus come to do?

11:1-11	Triumphal entry
11:12-26	Temple and the fig tree
11:27-12:44	Confrontation
13:1-37	About the end of the old order
14:1-31	Leading up to the passion
14:32-52	Transforming power
14:53-65	Before the Sanhedrin
14:66-72	Peter disowns Jesus
15:1-15	Before Pilate
15:16-32	Crucifixion
15:33-41	Death
15:42-47	Burial
16:1-8	Inviting trust
16:9-20	Jesus' appearances