

# Lenten Challenge

## Read the Gospel of Mark

The Bible has four gospels (the books that tell about the life of Jesus). Mark is the shortest and easiest to read, not too many long sermons like in John. Lots of action. This will be great!

Make sure you have an easy to read Bible — No King James! Its not accurate and you will give up easily. But make sure your Bible has chapter and verses (some don't). NRSV and CEB are my favs as well as The Message (look for verse numbers!)

Mark has 16 chapters and you have just over 6 weeks to read it - here's the plan:

- Ash Wednesday Feb 14 (yes its Valentine's Day, go buy someone flowers and chocolate after you read). Mark 1: 1-13 Come to Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 PM I'll be short and you'll be glad you did
- Thursday Feb 15. Mark 1: 14-28
- Friday Feb 16 Mark 1: 29-end of the chapter.
- Saturday. You aren't going to read today so I won't bother assigning anything.
- Sunday. Come to church and you are exempt from reading, if you sleep in reread chapter 1 to assuage your guilt.
- Monday Feb 19. Mark 2: 1-22. A longer section, I know but you had a couple days off so just do it.
- Tuesday Feb 20 Mark 2: 23- 3: 6
- Wednesday Feb 21 Mark 3: 7-35
- Thursday Feb 22 Mark 4:1-25
- Friday Feb 23 Mark 4: 26-end of chapter
- Saturday - day off
- Sunday - Come to church or reread chapter 2, God will know if you do nothing
- Monday Feb 26 Mark 5 whole chapter — Its really just two stories so you can do it
- Tuesday Feb 27 Mark 6: 1-13
- Wednesday Feb 28 Mark 6: 14-44
- Thursday Feb 29 Mark 6: 45-end of chapter
- Friday Feb 30 Mark 7: 1-24
- Saturday - Day off
- Sunday - Come to church or reread Fridays verses

- Monday March 5 Mark 7: 24-end of chapter
- Tuesday March 6 Mark 8: 1-21
- Wed March 7 Mark 8: 22-end of chapter
- Thursday March 8. Mark 9: 1-29
- Friday March 9. Mark 9: 30-42
- Saturday - day off
- Sunday - you know what or chapter 9:33-end

- Monday March 12. Mark 9: 43-10:12
- Tuesday March 13. Mark 10: 13-34
- Wed March 14. Mark 10: 35-end of chap
- Thursday March 15 Mark 11: 1-19
- Friday March 16. Mark 11: 20- end of chap
- Saturday - Day off
- Sunday - Just go to church this weekend ok?

- Monday March 19 Mark chapter 12, yes the whole chapter, but the rest of the week is easy I promise
- Tuesday March 20. Mark 13: 1-31
- Wed March 21. Mark 13: 32 - 14:11
- Thursday March 22. Mark 14: 12-25
- Friday March 23. Mark 14: 26-42
- Saturday - Day Off
- Sunday - Go to church or watch on Facebook

- Monday March 26 Mark 14: 43- end of the chapter
- Tuesday March 27. Mark 15:1-32
- Wednesday March 28. Mark 15: 33-end of chapter
- Thursday March 29 its Maundy Thursday worship is at 6:30 PM. Come and no reading!
- Friday March 30 Good Friday worship 6:30 PM
- Saturday Its the day we think about Jesus being dead in the tomb, for us. Reread chapter 15
- Sunday - Happy Easter!! Come to church and read the end of the story! You did it!! Good Job!!