

# HOW TO USE THIS DAILY REFLECTION GUIDE

This guide is designed to foster a rich, personal encounter with the Gospel of Mark. We encourage you to make it a regular part of your week.

## For Each Week:

1. **Read the Entire Weekly Passage:** On Sunday evening or Monday morning, before diving into the daily readings, we strongly recommend you read the entire weekly passage in one sitting. This will give you the full context and narrative flow for the coming days of reflection.
2. **Get a Notebook or Journal:** This is your space to process, question, and apply. Writing down your thoughts helps solidify your understanding and allows you to track your spiritual growth throughout the series.
3. **Pray:** Before you read each day, ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes, heart, and mind to what Jesus wants to teach you. Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.

## For Each Day:

- **Read Slowly:** Focus only on the designated verses for that day. Read them multiple times if helpful.
- **Reflect:** What stands out to you? What does this passage reveal about Jesus? What does it reveal about human nature or God's Kingdom?
- **Engage with the Provocative Question:** Just as Jesus often used provocative questions to open people to new understandings of the Kingdom of God, these questions are designed to help you personally apply the text to your discipleship journey. Don't rush your answer. Write down your honest thoughts, feelings, and any insights or challenges that emerge.
- **Pray (Again):** Respond to God in prayer based on what you've read and reflected upon.

## Bonus Idea for Saturdays/Weekends:

- **Catch Up/Re-Read:** Use Saturday to catch up on any missed readings or to re-read the entire weekly passage from Sunday in light of your daily reflections.
- **Share:** Consider discussing your insights with a friend, family member, or in your small group!



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# WALKING WITH JESUS: A DAILY REFLECTION JOURNEY

## A COMPANION GUIDE TO OUR SERMON SERIES IN MARK

OCTOBER 2025

### Week 1: Jesus' Authority Challenged

#### Full Weekly Reading: Mark 11:27–12:27

##### Mon, Oct 6 — Mark 11:27–33 (Jesus' Authority Questioned)

**Provocative Question:** Where in your life do you find yourself questioning Jesus' authority — and what might it look like to trust Him even when it unsettles your assumptions?

##### Tue, Oct 7 — Mark 12:1–12 (The Parable of the Wicked Tenants)

**Provocative Question:** If God is the vineyard owner, what part of your life are you tempted to treat as "yours alone," resisting His rightful claim?

##### Wed, Oct 8 — Mark 12:13–17 (Paying Taxes to Caesar)

**Provocative Question:** What does it mean for you, in practical terms, to "give to God the things that are God's" in a world full of competing claims on your loyalty?

##### Thu, Oct 9 — Mark 12:18–23 (The Sadducees Question Jesus)

**Provocative Question:** When faith feels difficult to reconcile with reason or culture, where do you feel tension — and how might Jesus be inviting you to trust His wisdom over your own?

##### Fri, Oct 10 — Mark 12:24–27 (God of the Living)

**Provocative Question:** Jesus declares that God "is God not of the dead, but of the living." What would change in your daily life if you truly lived as though this promise were always true?

##### Sat, Oct 11 — Review & Reflection

**Big Beautiful Question:** Where in your life is Jesus asking you to let go of control and trust His authority as the One who brings life?



## Week 2: The Greatest Commandment and the Coming Judgment

### Full Weekly Reading: Mark 12:28–13:2

#### Mon, Oct 13 — Mark 12:28–34 (The Greatest Commandment)

**Provocative Question:** How might loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength reshape the way you love the people around you this week?

#### Tue, Oct 14 — Mark 12:35–37 (David's Son and Lord)

**Provocative Question:** How does acknowledging Jesus as both David's son and David's Lord expand your understanding of His identity and authority?

#### Wed, Oct 15 — Mark 12:38–40 (Warning Against the Scribes)

**Provocative Question:** Where are you tempted to seek recognition, status, or power instead of humble service in Jesus' name?

#### Thu, Oct 16 — Mark 12:41–44 (The Widow's Offering)

**Provocative Question:** What does true generosity look like for you right now — giving out of abundance, or giving in a way that costs you something?

#### Fri, Oct 17 — Mark 13:1–2 (Jesus Foretells the Destruction of the Temple)

**Provocative Question:** What structures or institutions do you rely on for security that Jesus might be calling you to hold more loosely?

#### Sat, Oct 18 — Review & Reflection

**Big Beautiful Question:** What would it mean for you to live as though love of God and neighbor — not buildings, rules, or reputation — is the true foundation of your life?

## Week 3: Signs of the End and the Call to Watch

### Full Weekly Reading: Mark 13:3–37

#### Mon, Oct 20 — Mark 13:3–13 (The Beginning of Birth Pains)

**Provocative Question:** Jesus says, "The one who endures to the end will be saved." What practices are helping you build endurance in faith today?

#### Tue, Oct 21 — Mark 13:14–23 (The Desolating Sacrilege)

**Provocative Question:** In seasons of chaos or fear, where do you turn first for guidance — and how might you turn more fully to Christ's words?

#### Wed, Oct 22 — Mark 13:24–27 (The Coming of the Son of Man)

**Provocative Question:** What hope do you draw from Jesus' promise to gather His people from the ends of the earth?

#### Thu, Oct 23 — Mark 13:28–31 (The Lesson of the Fig Tree)

**Provocative Question:** How can you become more attentive to the "signs" of God's Kingdom breaking into your daily life?

#### Fri, Oct 24 — Mark 13:32–37 (Keep Awake)

**Provocative Question:** If Jesus returned today, would He find you awake and faithfully at work in His Kingdom?

#### Sat, Oct 25 — Review & Reflection

**Big Beautiful Question:** What does it look like for you to live each day wide awake to God's presence, instead of lulled by fear, distraction, or complacency?

## Week 4: The Plot to Kill Jesus and the Anointing at Bethany

### Full Weekly Reading: Mark 14:1–26

#### Mon, Oct 27 — Mark 14:1–2 (The Plot to Kill Jesus)

**Provocative Question:** Where in your life do you sense subtle opposition to Jesus' way, and how are you called to remain faithful in the midst of it?

#### Tue, Oct 28 — Mark 14:3–9 (The Anointing at Bethany)

**Provocative Question:** The woman gave extravagantly to honor Jesus. What would extravagant devotion look like in your life right now?

#### Wed, Oct 29 — Mark 14:10–11 (Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus)

**Provocative Question:** What hidden motives or compromises could tempt you to betray Jesus in small but significant ways?

#### Thu, Oct 30 — Mark 14:12–16 (Preparing the Passover)

**Provocative Question:** The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions and found things "just as He had told them." Where do you need to trust that obedience will reveal God's provision?

#### Fri, Oct 31 — Mark 14:17–26 (The Last Supper)

**Provocative Question:** Each disciple asked, "Is it I?" How can cultivating humility and self-examination help you receive more fully the grace of Christ's body and blood?

#### Sat, Nov 1 — Review & Reflection

**Big Beautiful Question:** How does sharing the table with Jesus — even with our failures and betrayals — invite you into deeper trust, gratitude, and love?