



The Gospel
Of
Mark



Daily Devotional Guide

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“The Other Six” Devotional The Gospel of Mark

Hey students!

I'm so glad you are picking up this booklet. Wherever you come from, whatever you've done, and whatever you believe, I hope that through this series, you would find amazing friendships and begin to ask these two questions:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Who are you because of Him?

I want ASM to be a place where you can come and unwind from the day, openly share your struggles and joys, and be encouraged in who God has made you to be.

The other thing I really want to tell you is that this group is a great place to bring someone who needs this kind of community. We don't want our group to be a clique or closed. Anyone of any faith background is welcome, and we pray that by the end of this semester, you won't be coming alone. Although the weeks will naturally tie together, it would be easy for someone to hop in at any time, and we'll roll out the red carpet for them when they do (figuratively speaking, of course!)

What's this booklet I'm holding? More schoolwork?

This is your daily study guide. I want you to bring it with you each week (along with a pen) to group. It's a place for you to take notes, write down questions, express your feelings in words and doodles, and get to know Jesus through the Bible on the “other six” days of the week. Consider it a gift from me to you! I hope it helps guide you in your journey to a deeper relationship with Jesus!

I am beyond thankful and excited for this semester with you,

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Week 1:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 1:1–4, 15–16

Good News

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 1:1–4, 15–16

- ➔ What sticks out to you from yesterday's discussion about Jesus?
- ➔ Why is the message that Jesus preached "good news"? What do repentance and forgiveness have to do with it?
- ➔ How do you need this good news in your life?

Notes:

Day 3:

Mark 1:9–13

Temptation

- ➔ What do you find intriguing about the events that happened before Jesus was tempted for 40 days?
- ➔ What are some big temptations in your life? What are your “triggers” to sin?

Notes:

Day 4:

Mark 1:16–19

The First Disciples

- ➔ What does Jesus mean by “I’ll show you how to fish for people” when He calls His first disciples?
- ➔ How might God be calling you to use your talents on behalf of others for God instead of for your own glory?

Notes:

Day 5:

Mark 1:21–28

Authority & Divinity

- ➡ Why was Jesus' "authority" different from the religious leaders?
- ➡ What makes Jesus stand out to you compared to other religions or beliefs? What power do you think He has to transform your life for the better?

Notes:

Day 6:

Mark 1:40–45 & 2:1–12

Healing

- ➡ What do the man with leprosy and the four friends of the paralyzed man have in common?
- ➡ How do you need healing today? Do you believe that Jesus can heal you? What is our natural response when we are healed? (See Mark 1:45.) What would that look like for you?

Notes:

Sermon Reflection

Write your notes from this week's church sermon here.

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Week 2:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Follow Me

Mark 2:13–17

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 2:13–17

- ➡ What sticks out to you from yesterday's discussion about Jesus?
- ➡ What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Who can be one?
- ➡ How have you ever felt too "sick" or sinful to follow Jesus? How have you looked down on someone (like the Pharisees did) because they were imperfect?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 2:23–3:6**

Sabbath

- ➔ God gives us laws in the Old Testament about the Sabbath (a day set aside for no work to honor God). God even modeled this when He rested on the seventh day after creating the world. (This is why we meet for church on Sundays.) The religious leaders in Jesus' day were legalistic about a lot of God's laws. Based on the passages you just read, what does that mean?
- ➔ Think about your schedule. How busy are you? How might God be nudging you to build some margin in your schedule to rest and be with Him more?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 3:7–12**

Not Yet

- ➔ Why do you think Jesus commanded the demons to not reveal who He was (3:12) even though what they said was true?
- ➔ This passage displays God's "sovereignty" (He has a powerful plan and is in control). Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? Even though it may not be in your timing right now, how do you see Him growing you even if He is saying, "Not yet"?

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 3:13–19**

Disciples

- ➔ Jesus picked 12 guys out of a bunch of followers to send out to preach and heal. And the amazing thing is, they were the “unlikelies”! How is He sending you out to do the same?

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 3:31–35**

Jesus' Family

- ➔ What is Jesus saying it means to be a part of God's family? Are there any areas in your life where you know you aren't “doing the will of God”? How is Jesus gracefully inviting you to live a more satisfied life by “doing His will” as expressed in the Bible?

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Sermon Reflection

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Week 3:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 4:1–20

Seeds & Soil

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 4:1–20

- ➡ What sticks out to you about Jesus from yesterday's discussion?
- ➡ What's a parable? Why does Jesus use parables when He teaches?
- ➡ What do the five types of soil represent? Which one do you feel like would be easy for you to fall into if you didn't keep your eyes on Jesus?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 4:21–25**

The Parable of the Lamp

- ➔ What secrets are you keeping in the dark? How might God bring healing and use your story if you brought these secrets into the light?
- ➔ What is Jesus saying about listening? Throughout your day, how much focus do you put on listening and looking for how God might be nudging you by His Spirit?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 4:26–34**

Seed Parables

- ➔ What does Jesus mean by “the kingdom of God” in these parables?
- ➔ In the second parable, Jesus is using the concept of “harvest” to describe people coming to know Him, and that it is by no one’s power other than God’s that people are saved. How has feeling like you needed to have the perfect words or more knowledge held you back from sharing Jesus with someone? The smallest amount of faith can grow huge! Talk to Jesus about your faith right now.

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 4:35–41**

The Storm

- ➡ Why do you think Jesus has so much peace that He can sleep on a boat in a storm?
- ➡ What storm do you need Jesus to calm in your life?

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 5:1–20**

Possessed

- ➡ As weird as it sounds, there is a spiritual world that we can't see and an Enemy who wants to pull us away from God and destroy us. How have you ever felt tempted or attacked, or believed lies about yourself and others?
- ➡ Thankfully, it's clear in this account that Jesus has the power over Satan and his demons. So much so that the demons bowed to Him and called Him the Son of God. How could you begin to claim Jesus' power over the lies you believe, the temptations you face, and the fear and anxiety you struggle with?
- ➡ What is this man's response to his encounter with Jesus?

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Week 4:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 5:21–43

Faith

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 5:21–43

- ➔ Reflect on yesterday's discussion. What is still resonating with you today?
- ➔ How do you identify most with this account?
- ➔ How are you growing in your faith in Jesus right now?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 5:21–43**

Distraction

- ➡ Yes, you have already read the passage above. We are digging into this passage for the rest of the week because there is so much to learn and apply to our lives here!
- ➡ Jesus was about to preach, then Jairus interrupted, then the bleeding woman interrupted, then Jairus' daughter died. Lots of distractions! To what level do you think Jesus was surprised by this?
- ➡ What are your biggest distractions that pull your attention away from God?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 5:21–43**

Healing

- ➡ There are so many people in the crowd in this account. What is different about this woman's touch?
- ➡ Even though she is being superstitious, why do you think Jesus heals her?
- ➡ Is there something you've struggled with for a long time that you need healing from? (Physical, emotional, mental, spiritual)

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 5:21–43**

Resurrection

- ➡ Jairus is a prominent Jewish leader. There's a split in the Jewish community at this time over the question of whether Jesus is the Messiah they've been waiting for. Why do you think Jairus took the risk over His reputation? Are you at a point where you need to risk your reputation for the sake of following Jesus?
- ➡ How do you think Jairus felt when his daughter died because Jesus stopped to heal the bleeding woman, who was a nobody? (Women were not treated as equal to men 2,000 years ago. Jesus treated women radically different.) How have you ever felt like God was late or that He didn't come through?

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 6:1–6**

Rejected

- ➡ Why was Jesus rejected?
- ➡ How have you been rejected in your life? Have you ever been rejected because of your faith in Jesus? Did you know that Jesus preached that you're doing something right if you are getting persecuted for your faith? (Matthew 5:10–12)
- ➡ How have you seen unbelief in your family, friends, and school?

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Week 5:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 6:6–13

Share

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 6:6–13

- ➔ Jesus' ministry only lasted three years. He started at age 30 and died when he was 33. But He wanted the good news to spread to all the Earth. Why do you think He trusted His disciples this early on? How did Jesus send out His disciples? How is this group sending you out?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 6:14–29**

Grudges

- ➔ Even though this is a gruesome story about John (Jesus' cousin, who had prepared the way for Jesus in Mark 1), it shows how when we hold grudges, they actually begin to hold us captive. What grudges are you holding on to today? How might God be calling you to radically forgive?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 6:30–44**

What Do You Have?

- ➔ First off, did you notice that this whole feeding 5,000 people (and that's just the men!) miracle starts off with Jesus and His disciples trying to GET AWAY from people to rest? It happens so often that God calls us to obey Him and take a step of faith in helping and showing his love to others when it is *inconvenient* for us. How has that been true for you?
- ➔ What question does Jesus ask the disciples when they express that they could never afford to feed the crowd dinner? (vs. 38) If you cross-reference this story with John 6:8–9, where did they actually get the five barely loaves and two fish?
- ➔ Even though it may seem small or insignificant, *what do you have* that God might use to do a miracle? What talents do you have? What money and possessions do you have? Where do you work or go to school? Who are your friends? Who sits at your lunch table? What's your family like? Make a list and pray over these things. Offer them up to Jesus and see how He might multiply them to make an eternal impact for His glory.

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 6:30–44**

Leftovers

- ➔ Verse 43 says that after everyone had their fill, the disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftovers. That’s a lot of seafood and bread! Why do you think Jesus made extra? Search your heart. Do you believe that God wants to bless you abundantly, or just help you get through your teenage years? How do you think God wants to mark this season of your life with *leftovers*? (Check out Ephesians 3:14–21 for more.)

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 6:45–56**

Eyes Up

- ➔ Look at verse 46. Why do you think even Jesus (who was God) needed to do this?
- ➔ Check out this account as told by Matthew in chapter 14:28–32. Jesus is walking on the water, and Peter asks to join Him. And guess what? HE ACTUALLY DOES. Normal, unschooled fisherman Peter walks on water. But as soon as he takes his eyes off of Jesus, he begins to sink. How has that been true in your life? You seem to be doing well, your faith is growing, and you are seeing God do amazing things, but then you get distracted by popularity at school, or busyness with sports or work, or discontentment of some sort, and you begin to sink. What do you think will help you keep your eyes up on Jesus so you can “walk on water” with Him?

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Week 6:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 7:1–23

Matter of the Heart

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 7:1–23

- ➔ In this account, Jesus is having a discussion with the religious leaders about laws from the Old Testament and laws they have created on top of those laws. There were laws about not eating certain animals (for example, shellfish and pig) and laws about how they should wash themselves so they wouldn't be "spiritually defiled or dirty." In those times, if you were considered unclean because of an illness (leprosy, etc.), because of what you ate, or because it was that time of the month for ladies, you couldn't enter the temple to worship God and offer sacrifices for your sins. Jesus' whole discussion with the religious leaders is actually about the difference between being *religious* and having a *relationship* with God. The Pharisees followed the rules so far as to make rules so they wouldn't break the rules. Jesus came and declared that your heart is what matters the most in your relationship with God. So the question for us is, are we following the rules, and going to church, and saying the right things to check the box and be religious and be a good person? Or are we seeking God with our hearts, reading His Word to know who He is and what He wants for our lives, and following His example because we love Him? Because our actions will flow out of a heart that wants to know and follow God.

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 7:31–37**

What is God like?

- ➡ “Everything He does is wonderful.” What do you think God is like? How can you know that you can trust Him? What is His character? Is it reliable? How is your encounter with Jesus proof that “everything He does is wonderful”?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 8:11–13**

Hard Heart

- ➡ This account happens directly after Jesus fed 4,000 more people miraculously. Why do you think the Pharisees kept asking for signs that Jesus was who He said He was: God? Spend some time praying for the people in your life who have hard hearts toward God.

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 8:27–9:1**

It's All Going According to Plan, But It's Upside Down

- ➡ Why do you think Jesus reprimanded Peter when Peter told him to stop predicting His death? What does that have to do with Jesus being the Messiah the Jews were waiting for?
- ➡ Mark 8:34–9:1 is an intense moment of “real talk.” What do you think Jesus was getting at with the “save your life and lose it/lose it for my sake and find it?” How is Jesus calling you to lose your life for His sake?

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 9:2–13**

Coming True

- ➡ This is a strange account/miracle, no doubt about it! But let's focus in on two things:
 1. God is declaring Jesus' divinity (His being equal with God) for the second time here.
 2. The whole Elijah/Moses situation on the mountain. The Jews were waiting for a Messiah (Savior) as the Old Testament foretold. They thought He would be a king that would overthrow Rome. They thought He would be one of the Old Testament prophets coming again (Elijah and Moses were prophets from the Old Testament). Instead, God Himself came to the Earth as the Messiah: Jesus! Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. Jesus was showing Peter and John that He was indeed the Messiah on the mountain that day. What's amazing about this is that in any other religion, God Himself would never come down (Think Allah in Islam. Allah would not come to Earth.) What questions do you have about Jesus' divinity?

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Week 7:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 9:14–24

Doubt

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 9:14–24

- ➔ What was most impactful to you from yesterday's discussion?
- ➔ What are your biggest doubts about Jesus? How do you know what's true?
- ➔ Do you think faith and doubt can coexist?
- ➔ How has God helped you overcome your unbelief?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 9:33–37 & 10:35–45**
Servant Leadership

- ➡ In your life, what's your struggle like to "be the greatest"? How do you see yourself and your worth? What do you put your identity in? How does that affect your desire or striving to be #1, or to be accepted or be approved of?
- ➡ How is God calling you to be a servant in your family, with your siblings, at school, in sports or activities, and at this church?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 9:38–50**
Feelings vs. Truth

- ➡ In Mark 9:38–41, what is Jesus saying about the importance of unity in the church (all Christians)? How well do you think the Christian churches in our area work together? (Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, etc.)
- ➡ In verses 42–49, Jesus is again having some "real talk" about leading people astray from the truth of God. In your life, how much do you rely on your feelings to determine what is right/wrong, good/bad, etc.? Feelings are God-given, but they aren't always trustworthy. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?" Think about an area right now that you justify your actions in, when you know it's not God's best for you.

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 10:17–31**

Bling

- ➡ Jesus cuts right to the heart of the man in this account. He's looking for a list of do's and don'ts to get to heaven. Jesus looks into his heart and sees that money is more important than God to him. In what ways do money and possessions come before God in your life? What else do you tend to put before God? What do you need to give up to follow Jesus?
- ➡ In verses 24–27, Jesus is saying that it is impossible to get to Heaven because you have to be perfect. But Jesus declares that through Him, it is possible because He lived a perfect life for us. That's why Jesus had to come. Take some time to thank God for forgiving you of specific sins in your life and for giving you freedom!

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 11:11, 15–19, 22–25**

Turning Tables

- ➡ What was the crowd's response to Jesus entering Jerusalem?
- ➡ There was a sacrificial system in Judaism that God instituted (Jesus was a Jew, by the way) that made a way for God's people to be forgiven of their sins. So, animals being sold for the temple was a normal occurrence. The problem Jesus finds is that the religious leaders are allowing people to sell the animals for an outrageous profit. Why do you think this made Jesus so mad?
- ➡ How does Jesus' comment on prayer and faith in verses 22–25 encourage you?

Notes:

Sermon Reflection

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Week 8:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 12:28–34

Love God, Love People

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect!

Mark 12:28–34

- ➡What did God speak to you in yesterday's small group time?
- ➡The religious leaders didn't like Jesus because He threatened their way of life and their power. They often tried to trap Him. But this religious leader was on to something (verse 34). What would it look like for you to love God with your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
- ➡In what ways could you begin to love others the way you love yourself?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 13:1–36**
Be Ready

- ➡What does Jesus say it will be like when He returns a second time?
When does He say the world as we know it will end?
- ➡Instead of letting this passage scare you, how can we live more intentionally now? What would it look like for you to “be ready”?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 14:1–9**
Perfume

- ➡Context Clue: Passover is a Jewish festival practiced every year to remember the first “Passover” from Exodus (chapter 12), when God used Moses to lead the Israelites (Jews) out of slavery in Egypt hundreds of years before. During the first “Passover,” a perfect lamb had to be sacrificed. Then, its blood had to be placed over the doors so that their first-born son would be spared. It’s amazing because Jesus is compared throughout the New Testament to this spotless lamb (He never sinned) and He sacrificed Himself on Passover weekend to save all people once and for all. God *gave His only Son* so now no one has to pay for their sin.
- ➡Why do you think this woman used her most prized possession on Jesus?
- ➡What would it look like for you to do that for Jesus?

Note:

Day 5: **Mark 14:10–52**
Betrayed

- ➡What does it feel like to be betrayed? What do you think led Judas to betray Jesus?
- ➡Verses 22–26 are our model for Communion/Lord’s Supper. It is a way we can remember what Jesus did on the cross for us. What’s your experience with Communion? Why do you think Jesus did this?
- ➡Examine closely verses 32–42. Reflect on how Jesus is 100% man and 100% God at the same time.
- ➡The religious leaders were the ones who wanted Jesus killed, but it was the Romans who carried it out because they didn’t want riots breaking out from the Jews. Why do you think many Jews did not accept Jesus’ claim as Messiah?

Notes:

Day 6:
Mark 14:53–72
Denied

- ➡The Jewish religious leaders put Jesus on trial for “blasphemy” (claiming to be God). When Jesus said, “I Am,” He was quoting God when He came to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3), which the Jewish leaders would have known. Meanwhile, Peter denies Jesus 3 times even though he said he wouldn’t. Put yourself in Peter’s shoes. What would you have done? Why do you think he cried after?

Notes:

Sermon Reflection

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Week 9:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 14:32–50

Sin & the Savior

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 14:32–50

- ➡ Reflecting on yesterday's small group, what is still sticking with you today?
- ➡ Nine weeks in, how has your view of Jesus changed? How has your identity changed as a result of this small group study?

Notes:

Day 3: **Mark 15:2–15**

On Trial

- ➡What was Jesus' response to the court allegations?
- ➡Where is God in all of this? Do you think this was His plan A or plan B—why?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 15:16–20**

Mocked

- ➡What's the worst you've ever been made fun of?
- ➡The soldiers sarcastically called Jesus "the king of the Jews." The funny thing was, He was! And He is the Creator of the world, too. How does it make you feel when you see injustice?

Notes:

Day 5: Confession Day

1 John 1:9 says, that if we bring our sin into the light, we are forgiven. We often don't take the time to do this because either we are so afraid of being rejected or we are so self-absorbed that we don't think we have sin in our life. Spend some time today confessing to God and to a Christian friend from small group areas of selfishness and sin. BUT THEN, do the opposite type of confessing and confess truth about who God has made you to be and who you are in Him! (loved, chosen, forgiven, clean, beautiful, free, full-of-purpose, filled with the Holy Spirit)

Notes:

Day 6: Old Testament Fulfilled

Spend some time today looking at all of the Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus—showing He was who He said He was: the Messiah! Reflect on what you find.

Check them out here: <http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecies-jesus-fulfilled.html>

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Week 10:

Day 1: ***Thankfulness Week***

Take time this week to be intentionally thankful to God for specific things in your life. Focus today on Jesus' love for you as displayed in His sacrifice on the cross.

Notes:

Day 2: ***Thankfulness Week***

Focus today on being thankful for the family God has placed you in and how He might use you as an ambassador of His love and good news within your family.

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Day 3: ***Thankfulness Week***

Focus today on being thankful for the friendships that God has given you and how He might use you to help bring them into the family of God through Jesus.

Notes:

Day 4: ***Thankfulness Week***

Intentionally celebrate God's character today. Write a list of all of His attributes.

Notes:

Day 5: ***Thankfulness Week***

Focus today on being thankful for this small group and our church. Pray for our pastors and thank God for all the things you love about our church and the church worldwide.

Notes:

Day 6: ***Hebrews 10:1–25***

Spotless Lamb

- ➡ Thinking about what you've learned so far about the sacrificial system in the Old Testament, why is it such a big deal that Jesus is claiming to be the "perfect lamb" (the ultimate sacrifice for sin)?
- ➡ What else is interesting to you about this passage in Hebrews? How does it line up with all that we have studied about Jesus in the book of Mark?

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Week 11:

Day 1: ASM Day

Mark 15:21–41

Veil

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 15:21–41

- ➡What did you walk away with from yesterday's small group?
- ➡Notice in verses 29–30 how they reference Jesus' statement He made several times earlier in His ministry about the temple. What they were about to experience is that Jesus was talking about the temple as if *He was the temple*. The sacrifice once and for all that would do away with the need for the physical temple all together! That's why the huge thick curtain was torn when Jesus died. He made a way for all to enter into The Most Holy Place (God's presence) through Jesus! How will that change the way you worship today, knowing so much was given for you to do it?
- ➡What's the most alone you have ever felt? How do you think that compares to how Jesus felt on the cross?
- ➡When Jesus said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" it's because Jesus had to be cut off from God in that moment. Jesus absorbed all of humanity's sin on Himself and took the punishment of being separated from God for us, so that we could always be close to God. What does this say about God's love for you?

Notes:

Day 3: **Luke 23:32–43**

Two Criminals

- ➡ In verse 34, Jesus forgives the people who are slowly murdering Him. Have you ever experienced radical forgiveness? What do you need forgiveness from? Who do you need to forgive that doesn't deserve it?
- ➡ What were the two criminals' reactions to Jesus? Why did Jesus promise one eternal life? Who is the person in your life you think is too far away from Jesus? How did this account of the criminal encourage you?

Notes:

Day 4: **Mark 15:42–47**

Buried

- ➡ Jesus was dead. The disciples' best friend, mentor, and Savior! What do you think the disciples were all thinking now that their hope was lost? How have you ever lost hope in God?

Notes:

Day 5: **John 19:28–37**

Finished

- ➡What was the mission Jesus was talking about? How was it “finished”?
- ➡What struggle in your life does Jesus want to give you freedom from and “finish” because of what He has done on the cross?

Notes:

Day 6: **Romans 3:10–26, 5:1–11, 8:1–4, 31–39**

Victory

- ➡Who is a good person according to Romans 3:10–20?
- ➡Who does the author, Paul, say can have eternal life? (3:21–26)
- ➡Make Romans 5:1–11 your lock screen this week. How is this passage encouraging personally for you?
- ➡How does Romans 8 put a bow on and help you understand what Jesus’ death means?

Notes:

Sermon Reflection

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Week 12:

Day 1: ASM Day!

Mark 16:1–20

It's a Comeback

Notes:

Day 2: Group Reflect

Mark 16:1–20

- ➡ Reflect on yesterday's small group discussion. What is God stirring in your heart?
- ➡ Did you know the first people to share the good news about Jesus were women? Imagine what they must have felt like running back to tell the other disciples the news that Jesus had risen!
- ➡ How do you need a resurrection (a comeback) in your life?
- ➡ Paul says if the resurrection did not actually happen, our message is for nothing (1 Corinthians 15:14). How easy or difficult is it for you to believe that Jesus actually came back from the dead?

Notes:

Day 3: **Luke 24:13–49**

Emmaus

- ➡ How would you have felt if you were these two men and the disciples?
- ➡ How have these scriptural accounts “come alive” to you this semester?
- ➡ What does Jesus tell them to wait for? (verse 49) Why is that significant?

Notes:

Day 4: **John 20:24–29**

Doubting Thomas

- ➡ Even one of Jesus’ disciples doubted after seeing Jesus in the flesh. How does this comfort you in your journey of knowing Jesus? What strengthens your faith even when you don’t see?

Notes:

Day 5: **Mark 16:15–18, Matthew 28:16–20**

The Great Commission

- ➡What were Jesus' last words to His followers?
- ➡How is God calling you to do the same?
- ➡Who is one person you can pray for, share with, and invite to come and see who Jesus is in your life?

Notes:

Day 6: **Mark 16:19–20, Acts 1**

Ascension

- ➡Luke wrote the books of Luke and Acts. Acts is a historical account of the early church after Jesus resurrected and ascended. Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit? What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?
- ➡For a dramatized version of both Jesus' life and the accounts of Acts, check out "The Bible," "The Gospel of Mark," and "AD" on Netflix.

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Sermon Reflection

Write your notes from this week's church sermon here.

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Congrats!

Twelve weeks together—done! Whether you only did a few of these extra Bible readings, or all of them, we are so proud of you for taking a step in your relationship with Jesus. We pray that this semester, as you asked the question, “Who is Jesus?” that you met Him. And because you met Him, you now know “who you are because of Him.”

That leads you to the last but most important question of this whole study: *Have you entered into a relationship with Jesus and received His gift of salvation?*

Maybe you’ve been checking things out. Maybe your faith has been borrowed from someone else until now. Maybe you’ve said yes, but you haven’t gone public with it yet in baptism. Well, we would love to help you enter into that relationship with Jesus now. That takes us all the way back to Mark 1:15: “Jesus said, ‘Repent of your sins and believe in the Good News.’”

Take a moment to talk to Jesus. Admit to Him that you are a sinner, but thank Him that He is a great Savior. Tell Him that you turn your life over to Him completely. Not only as your Savior but also as your Lord: the leader of your life. Accept God’s unconditional, unmerited, extravagant LOVE for you because of the work of Jesus on the cross.

Now, you are a child of God. You are forgiven forever. You are free. You are clean. You can now walk in the confidence and joy because you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, too—just like the disciples did in Acts.

Now, it’s time to go public in baptism. Contact your small group leader or youth pastor about the next time you can get baptized and tell everyone about your new life! We can’t wait to party with you!

Who is Jesus? Who are we because of Him?

Take some time to reflect on how you have grown these past 12 weeks in your relationship with Jesus and through the friendships you built in ASM.