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# Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of St. Mark

Introduction: A key to understanding how to read the Bible from St. Augustine:  
"The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New."

## St. Mark's Minimal Organization:

Part 1: Who is this man? 1:1 - 8:26

Ministry(healing-teaching-miracles) in Galilee / Proclamation of the Kingdom

Hinge: Peter's confession of faith: "You are the Messiah!" (8:27–30)

Part 2: Journey to Jerusalem / The Way of Discipleship, chapters 9-10

Entry into Jerusalem(Holy Temple) / Passion,Death, Resurrection, chapters 11-16

## The Baptism of Jesus

Mark 1:10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove;

Isaiah 64:1 O that you would tear the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence

Mark 1:11 and a voice came from heaven, **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations.

## The First Words of Jesus

Mark 1:15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is **fulfilled**, and the **kingdom** of God is at hand; **repent**, and believe in the **gospel**.”

Fulfillment: Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Kingdom: 1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but *they have rejected me from being king over them*.

Repent: a one word summary of all the Old Testament prophets.

Gospel: The “good news” is eternal life. In the Old Testament “eternal life” is rare, subtle, and it develops over time. It is most commonly found in the Psalms.

## The Messianic Secret in Mark

Mark 1:40 And a leper came to him begging him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.”

Mark 1:44 “**See that you say nothing to anyone;** but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people.”

## The Bridegroom

Mark 2:19 And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name;

Jeremiah 3:20 Surely, as a faithless wife leaves her husband, so have you been faithless to me, O house of Israel, says the LORD.

Hosea 2:18-22 And I will make for you a covenant on that day... And I will espouse you forever; I will espouse you in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will espouse you in faithfulness; and you shall know the LORD.

## Jesus Appoints the Twelve

Mark 3:13-14            And he went up on the mountain, and called to him those whom he desired; and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (other ancient authorities add **whom also he named apostles**) , to be with him, and to be sent out to preach <sup>15</sup> and have authority to cast out demons:

Genesis 49:1-28            Then Jacob called his sons, and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in days to come.

## Chapter 4 - Parables of the Kingdom

Mark 4:11-12            To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables; so that they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand; lest they should turn again, and be forgiven.”

Isaiah 6:9-10            And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Hear and hear, but do not understand; see and see, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

## Jesus Healing

Mark 5:25-30      And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I shall be made well.” ... And immediately the hemorrhage ceased; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, immediately turned about in the crowd, and said, “**Who touched my garments?**”

Leviticus 15:25      “If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness; as in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean.

## Raising of the daughter of Jairus

Mark 5:39-43      “Your daughter is dead... “Do not fear, only believe.” “Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child is not dead but **sleeping**.” And he strictly charged them that no one should know this...

Daniel 12:2      And many of those who **sleep** in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Isaiah 25:8      He will swallow up death for ever,  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

Ezekiel 37:12–14      Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord.”

## Jesus calls Himself a Prophet

Mark 6:4 And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.”

2 Chron 24:19 Yet he sent prophets among them...but they would not give heed.

2 Chron 36:16 they kept mocking the messengers of God ...  
scoffing at his prophets

Nehemiah 9:26, 30; they were disobedient ... and killed your prophets

Jeremiah 35:15 I have sent to you all my servants the prophets ...  
but you did not listen

Ezekiel 2:5 whether they hear or refuse to hear...  
there has been a prophet among them.

Daniel 9:6, 10 we have not listened to your servants the prophets...

# The Prophets

## Major

Isaiah (Isaias)  
Jeremiah (Jeremias)  
Ezekiel (Ezechiel)  
Daniel

## Other Prophets

Elijah (1 & 2 Kings)  
Elisha (1 & 2 Kings)  
Nathan (1 & 2 Chronicles)  
Others...

## Minor

Baruch  
Hosea (Osee)  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah (Abdias)  
Jonah (Jonas)  
Micah (Michaeas)  
Nahum  
Habakkuk (Habacuc)  
Zephaniah (Sophonias)  
Haggai (Aggeus)  
Zechariah (Zacharias)  
Malachi (Malachias)

## Mark 6:7-13 The Mission of the Twelve

(7) And he called to him the Twelve, and began to send them out two by two, ... (13) And they cast out many demons, and **anointed with oil** many that were sick and healed them.

### James 5:14-15

Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and **let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord**; 15 and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

## Jesus Teaching on the Heart

Mark 7:14-23      “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him.” ... <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the **heart of man**, come evil thoughts,...

Ezekiel 11:19-20    And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will take the **stony heart** out of their flesh and give them a **heart of flesh**, <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 18:31      Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves **a new heart** and a new spirit!

Ezekiel 36:26      A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a **heart of flesh**.

## Peter's Declaration That Jesus Is The Christ

Mark 8:27-30      And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he charged them to tell no one about him.

## The Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-7 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, **“This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”**

Exodus 19:18,20 And Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; ... And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

## The Way of Discipleship

Mark 10:35-45 (James and John ask Jesus) “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”... “You do not know what you are asking. ... 43 But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**”

Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

## Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Mark 11:15-19 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; ... And he taught, and said to them, “Is it not written, ‘**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations**’?”

Isaiah 56:6-7 ...everyone who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and *holds fast my covenant* - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; **for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.**

## Teaching in the Temple - The First Commandment

Mark 12:28-34 And one of the scribes came up ... asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **mind**, and with all your **strength**.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ... *“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”*

Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD;

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself

## Resurrection, Heaven and Marriage

Mark 12:18-27 And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question,(the woman had seven husbands, the seven brothers)... In the resurrection whose wife will she be?

Jesus said to them, “Is not this why you are wrong, that you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? **For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.** And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? (Exodus 3:6) He is not God of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

## Mark 13

The **Olivet Discourse** or **Olivet prophecy** is a biblical passage found in the Synoptic Gospels in Mark 13, Matthew 24, Luke 21 (Parallel Passages).

Jesus prophecy in Mark 13 is the end of “a” world, the end of the Old Covenant, and the destruction of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem (70 AD) .

## The pinnacle of St. Mark's Gospel

Mark 14:61–62. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am; and you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

The Catholic Bible Dictionary (Scott Hahn, Editor)

**COVENANT** A kinship bond between two parties, with conditions or obligations, established by an oath or its equivalent.

A “covenant” is, in its essence, a legal means to establish kinship between two previously unrelated parties.

In brief, a covenant was a familial bond established by a legally binding oath sworn during a liturgical ritual.

*The covenant-maker called on God or the gods to inflict death or some other grave penalty upon himself should he fail to keep the obligations of the covenant he was entering.*

Covenant is also the master-theme of the Bible, which records the various ways throughout history that God has drawn humanity into a familial relationship with himself through divine oaths. (380+ times)

## The New Covenant

Mark 14:22-25      And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a chalice, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is **my blood of the new covenant**, which is poured out for many. (Mt 26:26; Luke 22:17; 1 Cor 11:23)

Exodus 24:6–8      And Moses ... took **the book of the covenant**, and read it in the hearing of the people; And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, “**Behold the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you** in accordance with all these words.”

Jeremiah 31:31–33      “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like **my covenant which they broke...** But **this is the covenant which I will make** with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

## The Death of Jesus

Mark 15:33–34      And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Elo-i, Elo-i, lama sabach-thani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Psalms 22      My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

7-8 All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me, they wag their heads; “He committed his cause to the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, for he delights in him.”

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax, it is melted within my breast;

17–18. I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

22 I will tell of your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

## Mark 16:6–7 The Resurrection

“Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But **go, tell his disciples** and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.”

The Gospel has only hinted (8:35; 12:26–27; 13:26–27) at what St. Paul develops in full: Jesus’ resurrection is the source and principle of our own future resurrection to eternal life.

Mark’s account of the resurrection is remarkably brief. But through his narrative he invites his readers to step into the story and allow the Holy Spirit to bring about the unshakable conviction of faith in the risen Lord that has transformed his own life.

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