

The disciples witnessed Jesus ascend back to heaven. They had experienced Jesus appear and disappear post resurrection but this was to be for the last time. The disciples returned to Jerusalem to wait and to reflect. No doubt to reminisce, to discuss and to challenge one another as to all that they had witnessed. Jesus would usher a new way of living into the world through the ministry of the disciples.

We are living through an unprecedented time. Let us use this time of staying home and keeping safe and put ourselves with the disciples as they were reflecting on who Jesus is.

Let us read the Gospel of Mark using the same time frame as the disciples, who were waiting for Pentecost.

Let us read again the Jesus story over seven days.

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| Friday 22nd May | Mark 1. 1 - 3. 6 | Helpful hints It may be helpful to identify a space in your home that you can set up to read without being disturbed as we together rediscover who Jesus is through the Gospel of Mark. To put ourselves in the same place as the disciples. You may find it useful to set aside a specific time each day to do this. Give yourself time to read, re-read if you wish and to reflect. Have with you a note paper and pen and make a note of a word, a phrase or a question that stands out for you. |
| Saturday 23rd May | Mark 3. 7 - 5. 20 | |
| Tuesday 26th May | Mark 5. 21 - 6. 56 | |
| Wednesday 27th May | Mark 7. 1 - 9. 32 | |
| Thursday 28th May | Mark 9. 33 - 11. 33 | |
| Friday 29th May | Mark 12. 1 - 14. 52 | |
| Saturday 30th May | Mark 14. 53 - 16 | |



If reading the Bible for first time a note about chapters and verses

Throughout the Bible large numbers are part of the text and signify a chapter. The smaller numbers relate to the number of verses that make up a chapter. The chapters and verses were not in the original writings and have been added at a later date to make it easier to find a passage. We use a shorthand so that Mark chapter 1 and verse 1 will be written as '**Mark 1. 1**' or sometimes '**Mark 1 v 1.**'

To find the relevant passages on line go to www.biblegateway.com/passages/

If it is helpful do use the map to help you follow the story as Jesus travels around the country.