

First Baptist Church – Through the Bible with BibleProject 2026

The Gospel of Mark

- If Mark worked with Paul and Peter, what would that mean for his book?
- What does Mark's first line tell us about who he believes Jesus to be?

Mark 1-8a: Galilee (who is Jesus)

- What does the first scene with John the Baptist tell us about Jesus in connection with the Old Testament?
- What is Jesus' core message?
- How does Jesus demonstrate God's power? What story is most compelling to you?
- What range of responses do people show to these acts?
- How do Jesus' parables relate to these responses?

Mark 8b-10: On the Way (What does it mean for Jesus to be the Messiah?)

- How are Jesus and Peter's understanding of Messiah different?
- What difference does this make in their expectations of what it will be like to follow Jesus?
- How does Jesus summarize his understanding of being Messiah?
- Why is the Transfiguration important in understanding Jesus? Why is it difficult for the disciples to understand?

Mark 11-16: Jerusalem (How Jesus becomes King)

- What does Jesus' time in Jerusalem say about what kind of king he is?
- What is Jesus' message to the disciples about events to come? Why would it be important to the first generation of Christians?
- How does Jesus give new meaning to the Passover in the last supper?
- What is the shocking claim of the Gospel in the cross?
- What is the argument for the shorter ending of Mark? What question is it asking of us the reader?

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Leviticus

- What has happened before this book?
- What is the fundamental problem shown at the opening of the book?

God's Holiness:

- What does holiness mean?
- Why can't God just let Israel just be in God's presence?

Notice the nested structure of the topics of Leviticus

Leviticus 1-7: Ritual Sacrifices, 23-25: Ritual Feasts

- This section lists five kinds of sacrifices for what two purposes?
- What is being communicated through the sacrifices of atonement?
- What was the purpose of the seven annual feasts?
- [In what ways does the Christian calendar and holidays echo this?]

Leviticus 8-10, Priests Ordained, 21-22 Priestly Qualifications

- Why does it matter that Aaron's sons were punished for their actions?
- What was the role of the priests?

Leviticus 11-15: Ritual Purity, 18-20: Moral Purity

- What is the underlying symbolism of the ritual purity laws?
- How was Israel called to be different than other nations?

Leviticus 16-17: Day of Atonement

- How do both the sacrifice of purification and the scapegoat address the fundamental issues of sin? [How does Jesus take on both roles?]

Leviticus 26-27: Call to Covenant Faithfulness

- What are the choices and consequences Moses outlines?
- How does the beginning of the book of Numbers answer the question/problem at the beginning of the book of Leviticus?

These questions are designed to go along with the video series from www.bibleproject.com