

## ***Mark for Lent***

Dear friends,

Lent begins on 17<sup>th</sup> February, with an online service for Ash Wednesday. Christians often use the days of Lent for extra reading and praying in order to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ. There are different ways to do it, and there are many books and studies on prayer, on spirituality and on discipleship.

For those who would like something that is not too heavy, I've prepared this programme of Bible readings in the Gospel of Mark, calling it "*Mark for Lent*". The readings I have selected are deliberately short, and I hope this will encourage you to read them thoughtfully and then to turn your thoughts into prayer.

You can ask yourself, '***What strikes me in this reading?***'

Or, '***Do I have questions I wish to think about?***'

However we choose to spend the days of Lent, and whatever materials we decide to use, I pray that we all may grow more and more to know God and his presence in our lives.

With my prayers,  
*Martin Greenfield*

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	<b>Date</b>	<b>Mark's Gospel</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			
1	18 <sup>th</sup> February	1:9-12	Jesus comes for baptism
2	19 <sup>th</sup>	1:14-18	Jesus calls men to follow
3	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	1:40-45	Jesus cleanses a leper
4	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:1-12	Jesus heals and arouses hostility
5	24 <sup>th</sup>	2:13-17	Jesus calls Levi
6	25 <sup>th</sup>	3:1-6	Sabbath healing and plots to kill Jesus
7	26 <sup>th</sup>	3:13-19	Twelve appointed to be with him
8	1 <sup>st</sup> March	3:31-35	The new family
9	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:21-25	Strong sayings
10	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4:30-34	The mustard seed parable
11	4 <sup>th</sup>	4:35-41	Who is this whom wind and waves obey?
12	5 <sup>th</sup>	5:25-34	A sick woman finds healing
13	8 <sup>th</sup> March	6:1-6	Home town not impressed
14	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:7-13	Twelve on their mission
15	10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-34	Trying to get a break
16	11 <sup>th</sup>	6:35-44	Five thousand fed
17	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:14-23	From out of the heart
18	15 <sup>th</sup> March	7:24-30	A gentile woman's great faith
19	16 <sup>th</sup>	8:14-21	Lessons for the disciples
20	17 <sup>th</sup>	8:27-30	'You are the Christ'
21	18 <sup>th</sup>	8:31-33	He must suffer and die
22	19 <sup>th</sup>	8:34-38	Take up the cross and follow
23	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9:2-13	He was 'transfigured'
24	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:33-37	Who is the most important?
25	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:38-41	John gets it wrong
26	25 <sup>th</sup>	10:17-22	The rich man cannot follow
27	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:46-52	The blind man sees
<i>Holy Week</i>			
<i>Easter</i>			