

Bible Readings Book by Book week 74 – w/c 2/4/23

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Monday: Mark 1:21-39. Evil spirits still influence and affect people today. Notice the distinction in verse 34 between the various diseases and the demonic spirits that Jesus dealt with. Thank God that by faith we can be set free from all spiritual strongholds.

Tuesday: Mark 1:40 - 2:12. In v5 we have the first of a number of references to Jesus “seeing faith” in people. In what ways will he (and others) see your faith today? How do you expect him (and others) to respond?

Wednesday: Mark 2:13-28. To share a meal with another was a significant event, implying acceptance of that person. In this way Jesus extends his forgiveness to those who were outside the orthodox religious life, even tax collectors who were hated by the Jews. What should we learn from the phrase that Jesus uses in v17?

Thursday: Mark 3:1-19. Jesus’ “busy-ness” (vv 9-12) is a factor in him releasing the apostles to serve alongside him in ministry. Their spiritual authority to preach and drive out demons flowed out of their first calling to “be with him” (v14). Spend time with Jesus – your relationship with Him is more important than what we do for Him.

Friday: Mark 3:20-35. Read verse 21 again. At this point not even his mother realised exactly who Jesus was, and they thought they knew what was best for him. In what ways do you sometimes think you know better than Jesus and try to “take charge of him”?

Weekend: Mark 4:1-20. According to Jesus what stops the word of God from growing and taking root in people’s lives? Jesus encourages us to pursue his kingdom, his word and allow him to reign in our lives that we might grow and produce a crop thirty, sixty or even one hundred times. What is stopping you from growing in God?