

Week Commencing	Gospel of Mark	Reflections
1st March	Chapter 8	
8th March	Chapter 10	
15th March	Chapter 11	
22nd March	Chapter 12	
29th March	Chapter 13	
3rd April Good Friday	Chapter 14 and Chapter 15	
5th April Resurrection Sunday	Chapter 16	



It's all about Jesus the Saviour of the world

Jesus of Nazareth poses a question and a challenge two thousand years after his lifetime. The question is fairly simple: who exactly was he? This includes the questions, what did he think he was up to? What did he do and say, why was he killed, and did he rise from the dead? The challenge is likewise fairly simple: since he called people to follow him, since people have been trying to do that ever since, what might ‘following him’ entail? *Tom Wright – Simple Jesus*

As ‘followers of Jesus’ here at City Life Church our ARISE acronym points us to Jesus

- A** Ambitious for the Kingdom
Seeing like Jesus
- R** Restored Identity
Being like Jesus
- I** Inside out living
Free like Jesus
- S** Servants for all
Loving like Jesus
- E** Empowered by the Spirit
Living like Jesus

Why? So we increasingly become the people and the church that God is calling us to be, to see His Kingdom come and all for His glory. Isaiah 60 v 1-2
To focus on the One who leads and strengthens our faith, to ‘fix our eyes on Jesus’.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, the pioneer and perfecter of faith’. Hebrews 12 v 1-2

So . . . as we enter a new year our teaching focus will be ‘Fix our eyes on Jesus’ and we will journey through Mark’s Gospel together to do this.

Mark’s gospel is one of the first accounts of the life of Jesus, with scholars dating his writings approximately 35 to 40 years after Jesus’s ascension. Mark, was a co-worker with Paul and a close partner with Peter, he collected eyewitness accounts to give an account of Jesus’s words and actions to declare ‘The good news about Jesus the Messiah, the son of God’ Mark 1 v1

Each Sunday we will read the relevant chapter from Mark’s Gospel so by the time we reach Resurrection Sunday we have heard the whole Gospel that declares throughout its pages the incredible Good News of Jesus.

Alongside this, each week there will be a suggested chapter which you can meditate upon for the whole week, you may want to use the following pattern as you come to the passage each day:

- **Read** the chapter several times
- **Reflect** on the chapter in light of ‘fixing your eyes on Jesus’
- **Pray** that the Holy Spirit aligns your heart with what is at the heart of the chapter
- **Pause and Consider** what questions or actions you are to carry through the day
- **Journal** your thoughts, questions and how God is speaking to you

We welcome your insights and would appreciate hearing about the inspirations and lessons gained from your reflections on this material. Please share these with one of the Pastors.

Let’s fix our eyes on Jesus and look full in His wonderful face so the things on earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His Glory and Grace

Week Commencing	Gospel of Mark	Reflections
4th January	Chapter 1	
11th January	Chapter 2	
18th January	Chapter 3	
25th January	Chapter 4	
1st February	Chapter 5	
8th February	Chapter 6	
15th February	Chapter 7	
22nd February	Chapter 9	