**Daily Bible Readings**

**New Years Through Easter**

**January 3**

Sunday, Mark 1:21-45, *Jesus’ Ministry Begun*

Monday, Psalm 103:1-5

Tuesday, Isaiah 42:10-20, *A Hymn of Praise*

Wednesday, Psalm 2

Thursday, Psalm 113

Friday, Psalm 146:5-10

Saturday, Psalm 108:1-4

**What do you read in these Psalms and Isaiah that might suggest that Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies?**

**January 10, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 2:1-22, *Jesus Heals and Teaches*

Monday, Psalm 103:6-14

Tuesday, Mark 2:23-28, *Pronouncement about the Sabbath*

Wednesday, Mark 3:1-6, *The Man with a Withered Hand*

Thursday, Mark 3:7-12, *A Multitude at the Seaside*

Friday, Mark 3:13-19a, *Jesus Appoints the Twelve*

Saturday, Mark, 3:19b-30, *Jesus and Beelzebul*

**What kinds of work did Jesus do in the early days of his ministry?**

**January 17, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 4:1-34, *Parables in Mark*

Monday, Psalm 126

Tuesday, Mark 3:31-35, *The True Kindred of Jesus*

Wednesday, Mark 4:35-41, *Jesus Stills a Storm*

Thursday, Mark 5:1-20, *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*

Friday, Mark 6:30-44, *Feeding the Five Thousand*

Saturday, Mark 6:45-52, *Jesus Walks on Water*

**How do Jesus’ healings and miracles support his teachings?**

**January 24, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 5:21-43, *Jairus’ Daughter Healed*

Monday, Psalm 131

Tuesday, Mark 6:53-56, *Healing the Sick in Gennesaret*

Wednesday, Mark 7:1-23, *The Tradition of the Elders*

Thursday, Mark 7:24-30, *The Syrophoenician Woman’s Faith*

Friday, Mark 7:31-37, *Jesus Cures a Deaf Man*

Saturday, Mark 8:1-10, *Feeding the Four Thousand*

**How do the people healed in these stories respond to Jesus’ healing?**

**January 31, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 6:1-29, *Death of John the Baptist*

Monday, Psalm 122

Tuesday, Mark 8:11-13, *The Demand for a Sign*

Wednesday, Mark 8:14-21, *The Yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod*

Thursday, Mark 8:22-26, *Jesus Cures a Blind Man at Bethsaida*

Friday, Mark 9:9-13, *The Coming of Elijah*

Saturday, Mark 9:14-29, *The Healing of a Boy with a Spirit*

**How are Jesus’ and John the Baptist’s words and actions shaking things up? Who is most offended by their words? Why?**

**February 7, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 8:27–9:8, *Transfiguration*

Monday, Psalm 27:1-4

Tuesday, Mark 9:38-41, *Another Exorcist*

Wednesday, Mark 9:30-37, *Passion Prediction (Ash Wednesday)*

Thursday, Mark 9:42-50, *Temptations to Sin*

Friday, Mark 10:1-12, *Teaching about Divorce*

Saturday, Mark 10:13-16, *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

**Why do you think that, immediately following Jesus’ transfiguration of blinding white, Jesus’ words become so relatively dark?**

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**February 14, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 10:17-31, *First Last and Last First*

Monday, Psalm 19:7-10

Tuesday, Exodus 20:1-21, *The Ten Commandments*

Wednesday, Deuteronomy 5:1-21, *The Ten Commandments*

Thursday, Psalm 52

Friday, Psalm 62

Saturday, Jeremiah 32:1-25, *Jeremiah Buys a Field*

**What do these readings say about the relationship between God and God’s people?**

**February 21, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 10:32-52, *Bartimaeus Healed*

Monday, Psalm 34:11-14

Tuesday, Psalm 111

Wednesday, Mark 11:12-14, *Jesus Curses the Fig Tree*

Thursday, Mark 11:15-19, *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Friday, Mark 11:20-26, *The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree*

Saturday, Mark 11:27-33, *Jesus’ Authority Is Questioned*

**How do these stories move people from not seeing toward seeing?**

**February 28, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 12:1-12, *Parable of the Tenants*

Monday, Psalm 86:8-13

Tuesday, Mark 12:13-17, *Taxes to Caesar*

Wednesday, Mark 12:18-27, *The Question about the Resurrection*

Thursday, Isaiah 5:1-7, *The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard*

Friday, Psalm 121

Saturday, Hebrews 1:1-4, *God Has Spoken by His Son*

**What tone do these stories and parables take? How do Jesus’ words shape Jesus’ journey?**

**March 6, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 12:28-44, *The Great Commandment*

Monday, Psalm 89:1-4

Tuesday, Psalm 102:12-17

Wednesday, Psalm 121

Thursday, Psalm 116:12-19

Friday, Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21

Saturday, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, *The Great Commandment*

**How is the theme of love woven throughout these readings?**

**March 13, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 13:1-8, 24-37, *End of the Age*

Monday, Mark 13:9-13, *Persecution Foretold*

Tuesday, Mark 13:14-23, *The Desolating Sacrilege*

Wednesday, Mark 14:1-2, *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

Thursday, Mark 14:10-11, *Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*

Friday, Mark 15:1-5, *Jesus before Pilate*

Saturday, Mark 15:6-15, *Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified*

**How do these stories take a dark turn? Why do you think so many were against Jesus?**

**March 20, 2016 Holy Week**

Sunday, Mark 11:1-11, *Triumphal Entry*

Monday, Mark 14:3-9, *Woman Anoints Jesus*

Tuesday, Mark 14:43-65, *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

Wednesday, Mark 14:66-72, *Peter Denies Jesus*

Thursday, Mark 14:12-42, *The Lord’s Supper*

Friday, Mark 15:16-39, *Crucifixion*

Saturday, Mark 15:40-47, *The Death and Burial of Jesus*

**Notice and discuss the high points and low points of this emotional and eventful week.**

**March 27, 2016**

Sunday, Mark 16:1-8, *Resurrection*

Monday, Psalm 118:21-27

Tuesday, Mark 16:8, *The Shorter Ending of Mark*

Wednesday, Mark 16:9-11, *Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene*

Thursday, Mark 16:12-13, *Jesus Appears to Two Disciples*

Friday, Mark 16:14-18, *Jesus Commissions the Disciples*

Saturday, Mark 16:19-20, *The Ascension of Jesus*

**Mark has several endings. It is speculated the last two may have been added throughout the centuries. How does Jesus’ story read differently when ended at verse 8?**