

## **This week we finish Mark and start the Gospel of John!**

Hey reading community,

You are now getting into the book of Mark. While this is the shortest of the Gospel accounts, it is by no means the least. Mark has gone to great effort to show the reader who Jesus is: Israel's Messiah and the Son of God (Mark 1:1). The first half of Mark shows Jesus' power through miracles, the casting out of demons, and his influential teaching. Even so, people were confused about who Jesus was, including his disciples.

The second half of Mark shows how Jesus becomes the Messiah, and it forces you to make a decision about who Jesus is. This week, Mark L. Strauss, seminary professor and author of *Four Portraits, One Jesus: A Survey of Jesus and the Gospels*, will help us wrap up the Gospel of Mark with his second guest essay.

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P.S. If you want to explore deeper, start with this blog post by Mark L. Strauss, **Mark: The Gospel of the Servant-Messiah**.

**Day 1:** Read **Mark 7-8**, **Psalm 98**.

**Day 2:** Read **Mark 9-10**, **Psalm 99**.

**Day 3:** Read **Mark 11-12**, **Psalm 100**.

**Day 4:** Read **Mark 13-14**, **Psalm 101**.

**Day 5:** Read **Mark 15-16**, **Psalm 102**. Watch **Mark**.

**Day 6:** Read **John 1-2**, **Psalm 103**. Watch **John 1-12**.

**Day 7:** Read **John 3-4**, **Psalm 104**. Watch **Water of Life**.