

Sermon Outline

REJECTING AND RECEIVING JESUS: THIS ENTIRE GENERATION (ALMOST) | Geoffrey Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 8:1-26 (p.1436)

"Every church member wanting to read Mark 1-2-1 evangelistically in 2025"

"Meet Jesus"		
27/7	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: no honour at home	Mk 6:1-56
3/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: from Israel's elite to foreigners and outcasts	Mk 7:1-37
10/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: this entire generation (almost)	Mk 8:1-26
17/8	Rejecting and receiving Jesus: a Messiah who must die	Mk 8:22-9:1

5 "Rs" for reading Mark 1-2-1 ...

1. **Retell:** Retell the episode in your own words
2. **React:** How do people react to Jesus?
3. **Reveal:** What is revealed about Jesus?
4. **Reason:** What reason might Mark have for including this episode?
5. **Respond:** What does Mark teach us about how to respond to Jesus?

1. **Retell:** Retell the episode in your own words

Scene 1: Jesus performs an extraordinary act of power (vv1-10)

- 4000 people (7 loaves of bread/a few small fish) ... 5000 men (5 loaves/2 fish)

Mk 1:1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

Scene 2: The Pharisees come to test Jesus (vv11-13)

Mk 3:6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mk 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Scene 3: The disciples STILL don't get Jesus! (vv14-21)

- "remember" vs "hardened"

Mk 6:51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

2. **React:** How do people react to Jesus?

- i. the Pharisees
- ii. His disciples

3. **Reveal:** What is revealed about Jesus?

- i. Jesus is very patient
- ii. Jesus' patience is not unlimited

4. **Reason:** What reason might Mark have for including this episode?

5. **Respond:** What does Mark teach us about how to respond to Jesus?

- i. remember that it takes time to fully get Jesus
- ii. remember that Jesus never gave up

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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