

# Sermon Outline

I DO BELIEVE; HELP ME OVERCOME MY UNBELIEF! | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 9:14-29 (p.1439)

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

## 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

- a young boy afflicted with almost inconceivable suffering

Mk 5:2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.

Q. Who is this "unbelieving generation"?

- "If you can do anything, take pity on us (lit. "have compassion") and help us" (Mk 9:22)

Mk 6:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he **had compassion** on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd ...

Mk 8:2 "I **have compassion** for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat."

- "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mk 9:24)

- "the boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead"" (Mk 9:26b)

- cf Mk 5: the man in the tombs was "as good as dead/the living dead"; the woman who'd been bleeding for 12 years was "spiritually dead"; Jarius the synagogue ruler's 12 year old daughter was actually dead ...

- "lifted him to his feet" (lit. "raised him") (Mk 9:27)

Mk 16:6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has **risen!** He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

Mk 6:13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Q. What does "this kind can come out only by prayer" mean?

## 2. React:

How do people react to Jesus?

- i. The teachers of the law

Mk 11:18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

- ii. The disciples

- iii. The father

- iv. The son

## 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?

- i. 2 Cor 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

Mt 17:20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

- ii. Jesus has compassion ...

My 2 questions to ask when reading Mark 1-2-1 evangelistically:

Q1. What does Jesus say about Himself?

Q2. Do you like Him?!

## Where to, from here?

Pray daily for 2 minutes for 2 friends

5 Rs bookmarks

Deep Dive (730-9pm, Thu 30 Oct, "You lot can't agree: a deep dive on denominations")

Explore (starting Nov 16)

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