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Week 1 — Saint Mark the Evangelist

In this week's session, Dr. Gray will introduce the Gospel of Mark. In Saint Mark's writing, we will find a Gospel focused to inspire Christian living. And in Saint Mark himself, we will find a well-prepared servant of the Word with a special connection to Saint Peter, the first pope.

This week, go to FORMED and watch *Lectio Mark, Session 1*.

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Week 2 — Prepare the Way of the Lord

In this week's session, our journey through the Gospel of Mark begins. We will see how the opening of the story shows us first and foremost who Christ is and why he has come down from Heaven.

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Week 3 — Come, Follow Behind Me

After his baptism at the Jordan River and forty days in the wilderness, Jesus returns to Galilee and gathers twelve men around him, chosen to be his closest disciples. Saint Mark's account of the call of Peter (Simon), Andrew, James, and John is dramatic and brings out the power of divine authority, not only in these four men's lives, but in our lives as well.

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Week 4 — Feasting and Fasting

What would your reaction be if you met someone claiming to be God? In this week's session, we'll see how Saint Mark continues to lay the foundation of Jesus's true identity, and that not everyone accepts his claim.

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Week 5 — Binding the Strong Man

The tension continues to build between Jesus and the Jewish authorities as they launch accusation after accusation at him and his followers. But Christ acts as a defender and friend—rescuing his disciples from the snares of falsehoods and inviting them into an intimate relationship of discipleship.

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Week 6 — The Parable of the Sower

In this session, we will take a closer look at one of Jesus's best-known parables: the parable of the sower. This teaching in Mark 4 is one of only two lengthy teachings that Saint Mark relates for us. It lays the groundwork for understanding Jesus's whole method of using parables, as well as for understanding our role in receiving his teaching and being transformed by it.

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Week 7 — Faith Not Fear

When we run into the trials of life, do we choose to have faith or fear? Are we so focused on our struggles that we lose sight of Our Lord and give in to fear? In this week's session, we'll find solid evidence that we can confidently trust in his power to save us.

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Week 8 — The Mystery of the Bread

In this session, we look at Our Lord's multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The two instances of this miracle in Mark's Gospel show how Jesus had the Eucharist in mind as a central part of his plan before his Suffering and Death.

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Week 9 — The Way of Discipleship

This week, we'll examine how Jesus predicts his own death three times with increasing specificity. Despite this, the Apostles expect Jesus to act like an earthly king who certainly wouldn't begin his reign by dying. Like them, sometimes Jesus's real self is obscured in our minds by the person we expect him to be.

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Week 10 — Jesus and the Temple

In the next chapters of Mark's Gospel, we find Jesus in the final days before his Passion, entering into Jerusalem, cleansing the Temple, and answering the various groups who challenge his authority and attempt to trap him.

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Week 11 — Signs of the End

This week, we'll continue to walk with Christ through Holy Week as Jesus prophesies the destruction of the Temple, and two women make generous and sacrificial offerings that signify the replacement of the Jerusalem Temple with Jesus himself, the King who comes to give himself to his people.

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Week 12 — The Servant of the Lord

This week, Jesus keeps watch the night of his betrayal and the hour finally comes when God gathers his people to himself in an unexpected and yet long-foretold way.

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Week 13 — Jesus's Suffering, Death, and Resurrection

In this session, we will look at the details surrounding Jesus's Death—his final words and the mysterious and miraculous events that occur all around Jerusalem. Those who witness his Resurrection and Ascension will go on to bear testimony to him not only by their words, but by their lives, and even by their deaths. In this session, you'll be moved to do the same.

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Week 14 — Question and Answer

In this last session, we will reflect on questions that have arisen during our journey through the deceptively simple Gospel of Mark. We'll consider the deeper meaning of his prose in relation to the whole narrative of salvation history, looking through the lens of the Paschal Mystery to understand Jesus Christ and what it means to be his disciple.

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