

# The Gospel According to Mark: Scavenger Hunt

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Answer the following questions using Mark's Gospel, found in the front of the Student Text.

1. How many chapters are in Mark's Gospel? 16

2. How many total verses are found in the third chapter of Mark? 35

3. Write the fifth word of each of the following verses:

Mark 5:21 over

Mark 7:1 and

Mark 13:9 beware

Mark 14:26 they

4. Jesus calms a storm in Mark 4. Write the range of verses that contain this event in Jesus' public ministry.

Mark 4: 35 – 41

5. Whom does Jesus heal in Mark 2:1-12? A paralytic

6. Who promises to remain faithful to Jesus in Mark 14:29? Peter

7. In Mark 16, Jesus criticizes the Eleven for their "lack of faith and hardness of heart." In what verse does he do this? 14

8. List the names of all the people mentioned in Mark 1:16-20:

Simon, Andrew, Jesus, James, Zebedee, John

# An Introduction to *Lectio Divina*

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The Scriptures are one of God’s greatest gifts to us. They provide us with a reliable way of coming to know God more fully as we grow in our ability to listen to his Word.

There is an ancient practice in the Church of praying with the Scriptures known as *lectio divina*, which means “divine reading.” As it has been traditionally understood, *lectio divina* has four stages: reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating. *Lectio divina* helps us not only to hear what God has to say to us, but also to speak to him in return, allowing us to enter into dialogue with our loving Father in Heaven.

The following is a brief summary of suggestions on how to approach each of the four steps:

## Reading

- Recognize that it is God who speaks through the inspired words of the Scriptures.
- Read carefully and slowly.
- Pay attention to what is happening in the passage. Who is there? What are they doing or saying?

## Meditating

- Spend time focusing on particular details from the passage that stand out to you.
- Reread words or phrases from the passage and spend time wrestling with them.
- Ask yourself, *What is God saying to me through this passage?*

## Praying

- Having listened to God’s words, turn to him with words of your own in response.
- Thank God for what he has revealed to you.
- Ask him for the grace to allow his Word to transform you to be more like Jesus.

## Contemplating

- Recognize that contemplation is a gift that comes to us from God.
- Having meditated on and responded to God’s Word, rest in his presence.