

ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Introduction

The one essential of the Christian faith is the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus calls us into a committed relationship with himself and promises to become our source of life, forgiveness, and restoration to God.

For millennia, people from every background, culture, way of life, and religion have encountered Jesus in a way that compelled their commitment to him. Today, that life-changing encounter is mediated to us through the Bible.

Find Jesus in the Gospels

The four Gospels found at the beginning of the Bible's New Testament were written to bring Jesus to the world. They are biographies of Jesus written from four perspectives that will help you discover Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is a good place to begin because it is brief and to the point.

To get the most out of your reading, adopt the following practices.

- Read at the same time and place every day so that it becomes a habit.
- Pray before reading. Ask Jesus to make himself known to you.
- Read one chapter every day (more if you have time).
- As you read, ask the question, "What is this telling me about Jesus and how should I respond?"
- Read slowly and mindfully (focused, without distractions).

Where to Read the Gospel of Mark

In Print. The Cornerstone Church has Bibles available for free. Just ask Pastor Peter Foxwell.

Online. The Gospel of Mark is available for free online at www.bible.com

Smart Phone App. Search your phone's app store for the free **YouVersion** Bible app.

Guided Reading App. Search your phone's app store for the free **Through The Word** app. There is an audio guide for every chapter of the Bible.