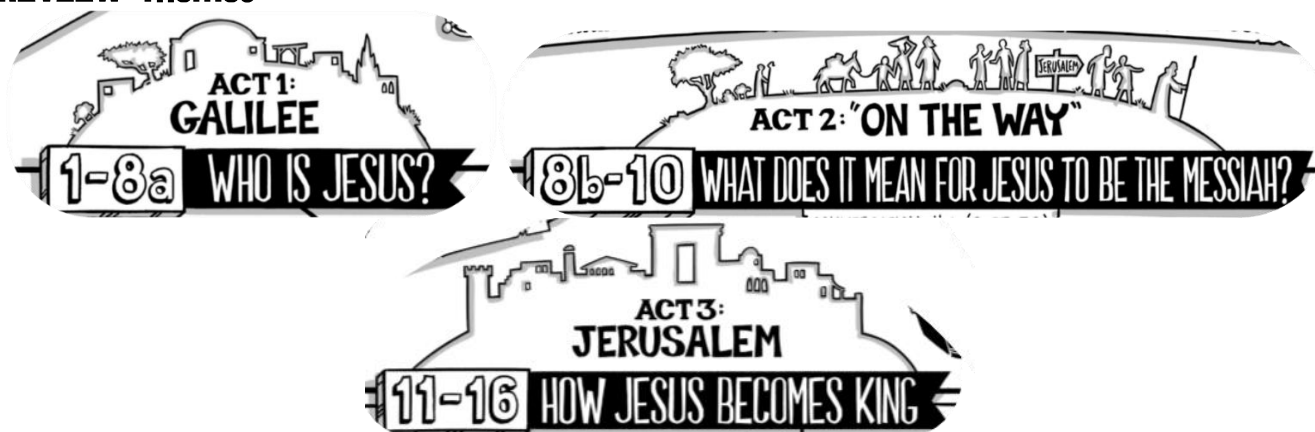




Week #2

1. Key Points – put your table’s events in the right place on the timeline

2. REVIEW: Themes



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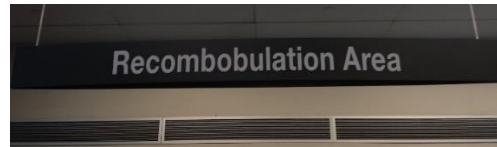
3. Identifying Jesus as Messiah

What are the differences between Peter’s Confession of Christ (8:27-33) and the Roman Soldier’s (15:33-39)?

—or at least the differences between how Mark constructs his narratives?

4. Themes and Comfort in Scenes from Mark

- Each table will take one of the following scenes and answer these 2 questions:
 - a. How does this scene reflect the theme of that Act (section) of Mark?
 - b. How could this scene give comfort to the reader?



3:1-6 – A Man with a Withered Hand

a.

b.

4:35-41 – Jesus Calms a Storm

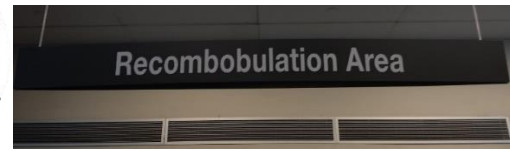
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6:1-6 – Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

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9:33-37 – Who is the Greatest?

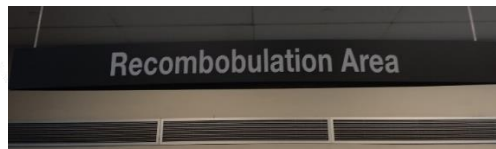
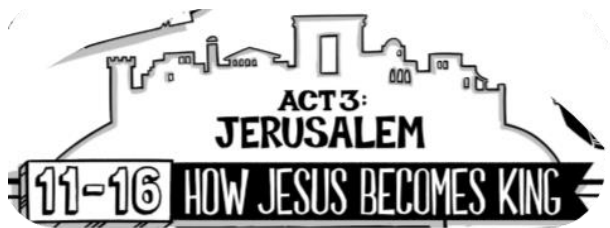
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10:32-34 – Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

a.

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11:27-33 – The Authority of Jesus Challenged

a.

b.

15:1-15 – Jesus Delivered to Pilate & Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

a.

b.

5. Abrupt Ending

- a. Review the reasons “The Bible Project” poster gives for the abrupt ending.
- b. What kinds of stories (books, movies, etc.) do you know that have abrupt endings—which you know are on purpose and made the ending compelling?
- c. What do you think of these explanations from Pastor’s 7th & 8th grade students from his vicarage year (1998-1999 in Dublin, CA)?

SEAN

That is the end of Mark. I know it wasn’t the best or happiest ending. But although Jesus did die, it was not His defeat. He was raised to life again. He was resurrected on Sunday.

EVAN

Mark has an abrupt ending, but I think he meant it that way. We have heard all of the important things in Mark. We learned Jesus’ teachings, His forgiveness, His giving of His life for us, and most of all, His love. I think Mark did not want to tell any more, because the rest might not give comfort.

I am thankful that Jesus has done all of this for us. He has given us hope and salvation. I am also thankful that Mark wrote it for us to see.

MICHAEL

This is the end of Mark. Mark tells a lot of stories about Jesus and what He does. Mark ends in 16:8. It ends in a discomfoting way, but Mark also comforts us. Such as the story about the woman who gave all her money to the temple, and how Jesus looked out for her.

STEFANIE

In the Gospel of Mark, it ends in a weird way. It actually just end. There is no good closing sentence. Some people would think, “Gosh, it just ends. You call that comfort? Yeah, right!” But actually, the book of Mark brings a lot of comfort. The book shows you that Jesus is the Son of God (15:39). The book of Mark shows us that we do not have to be afraid. Jesus will be there when we are afraid (6:50).

- d. What do YOU think of the abrupt ending?

1:12-13	Temptation of Jesus
1:16-20	Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James & John
3:13-19	Jesus appoints the 12 disciples
4:35-41	Jesus calms the storm
5:1-20	Jesus casts out demon from man from Genrasenes
6:1-6	Nazareth rejects Jesus
6:30-44	Jesus feeds 5000
6:7-13	Jesus sends out the 12 disciples
7:45-52	Jesus walks on water
8:27-33	Peter confesses that Jesus is Christ
9:2-13	Jesus transfigured before Peter, James & John
9:33-37	Apostles argue about who is the greatest
11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
11:15-19	Jesus casts out money changers from Temple
13:24-27	Jesus teaches about Son of God coming in glory
14:22-25	Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper
14:43-50	Jesus is arrested
14:66-72	Peter denies Christ
15:21-32	The Crucifixion of Jesus
16:1-8	The Resurrection of Jesus