

6.1

4 February 2018

Mark 1.29-39

Extrovert / introvert

The word Mark uses for the raising of Simon's mother-in-law, *ēgeiren*, is the same word used for **resurrection**. But according to the text, she wasn't dead before, just fevered. What do you think was meant by this?

Jesus seems to want some **alone** time, but the disciples 'hunt' him so he can go on giving to people. How do you balance this tension?

John Reilly, *The healing of the lunatic boy*

6.2

11 February 2018

Mark 9.2-9

When I stand in glory

There was an ancient understanding that Adam and Even were **clothed** in light before the fall. And Eden was often thought to be a mountain. Do you think this is a symbolic restoration of the fall?

Read Mark 15.16-37. In what ways are these two passages polar **opposites**?

Philip le Bas, *The stripping of our Lord*

6.3

18 February 2018

Mark 1.12-13

Wild beasts

The wilderness was thought of as the home of evil spirits, represented here as wild beasts. Tradition has Adam being served by angels. Again, is there a connection to the **Garden of Eden**?

And what about the **Garden of Gethsemane**, depicted below? (Mark 14.32-41)

Mark Cazalet, *Fool of God*

6.4

25 February 2018

Mark 8.31-38

By the way

In this passage Peter reveals that he doesn't understand, yet, that Christ will defeat evil through his own gruesome death and resurrection. Earlier, in Mark 4, Satan attacks people who are beside the road (the **way**: the first name for Christianity), not on it. Are you on the way, or by the way?

How does this painting depict the way of Christ?

Ghislaine Howard, *The washing of the feet***Reason**

Write down some thoughts that you have had about God, these passages, and your life.

Tradition

What have other people said about these themes? Write down any lyrics from hymns that have been in your head, insights from books or social media, or encounters that you have had with people.

Experience

Make a note of the times when God has spoken to you this month through your 'spiritual senses', times when you've felt a sense of depth.



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