



# Question MARK

A LENTEN STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## WEEK 2: MARK CHAPTERS 3&4

Hello all,

Plymouth is reading the Gospel of Mark together for Lent. Why? To have a common project, binding us one to another and giving us things to talk about together at fellowship hour and on our Online Facebook Connection group. In a world that can be sometimes painful and lonely, we offer this opportunity to deepen and strengthen our individual and collective lives.

This week for **Plymouth Reads: The Gospel of Mark** we focus on chapters 3 & 4.

So, I invite you to a cozy place.  
Perhaps you light a candle,  
grab a cup of tea  
and a warm throw,  
and find yourself exploring our sacred text.

**Supplies:** coziness, writing utensils, perhaps some paper/a journal to take notes.

**Chapter 3** describes a conflict over healing on the Sabbath, the commissioning of the twelve apostles, a conflict with the Jerusalem scribes, and a meeting of Jesus with his family.

**Chapter 4** includes the parable of the Sower and the parable of the Mustard Seed. Both of these parables are paralleled in Matthew and Luke, but this chapter also has a parable unique to Mark, the Seed Growing Secretly. The chapter ends with Jesus calming the storm.

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# Reflect & Act

## *Suggested process:*

- Before you read chapters 3 & 4, take a moment of silence to ground and center yourself. It can be a moment, a minute, five minutes.
- Read the chapters.
- As you read, circle words that land on your heart. Make a note in the margins or a journal on why those words struck you this week of Lent.
- Underline your favorite verse. What makes that verse helpful on that day or week? How might the verse guide you every day in this season of life?
- Is there anything about the people in these chapters that you can relate to your life even though they lived in the ancient world? Where do you find the intersections of your life with theirs and how is that helpful or not helpful?
- Spend a few minutes with the **image below**. Perhaps it will help guide your reading of these chapters and be a tool to pull more wisdom from its bank of love.
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- Facebook post: Join our Online Connection Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/plymouthconnection](https://facebook.com/groups/plymouthconnection)) and post some of your findings this week! We want to be in conversation around these two chapters.

