

Gospel of **ST**Mark

A Crucified and Risen Messiah

Thursday 16 May 2013



Gospel of Mark eConference Facilitator Notes

Session 1: Fr Francis Moloney SDB

‘Mark: The Gospels Begin’

1. Why do you think it took so long for the first Christians to tell the story of Jesus as their ‘good news’?
2. What do you think “Son of Man” means? You don’t have to be right. Just share what you have always thought. Michele will talk more about this.

Session 2: Sr Michele Connolly RSJ

Theology of Mark’s Gospel: “Jesus, the Holy One of God”

1. The unclean spirits in the Gospel of Mark call Jesus “the holy one of God.” Why does it matter that Jesus confronts evil by “binding up the strong man, Satan?” Does it matter today?
2. Jesus calls us to “change our worldview” and to “trust in the good news.” What enables people in the Gospel stories to trust the vision of God Jesus offers?

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Session 3: Sr Michele Connolly RSJ

Mark 8:20-10:45:

“Jesus Crucified and Raised: Where Heaven and Earth Meet.”

All three Passion Predictions proclaim both the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Sr Michele is saying, she believes the Baptism of Jesus, the Transfiguration and the Death/Resurrection scenes are written so that we see Jesus as a point of meeting between heaven and earth.

1. At this baptism, his transfiguration and his death, Jesus is names “beloved son” and “Son of God.” How do these terms shift in meaning as they are used at the beginning, the middle and the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry?
2. At the death of Jesus, the curtain of the Temple is torn in two, exposing the Holy of Holies to anybody’s gaze. The Roman centurion, observing Jesus as he dies, declares him to be a ‘son of God.’ Where, according to the Gospel of Mark, do we now find the sacred? What is challenging and what is consoling about the way heaven and earth connect in the death of Jesus?

Session 4: Fr Francis Moloney SDB

“An Ending that is a Beginning”

1. Are you surprised that there is no appearance of the Risen Jesus in the Gospel of Mark? Had you noticed this before?
2. Discuss among yourselves how Mark 16:7-8 might make sense to the first people who heard and read this Gospel. Also look at Mark 14:28. Does it make sense today?



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