



The Gospel of MARK

This course investigates the Gospel of Mark and how Mark shapes his interpretation of the Jesus story for his specific community, as well as the cultural and political realities first century Christians faced. Using evidence directly from the testimony of Peter, John Mark has written a fast-paced biography of Jesus, emphasizing both his miracle-making power and his suffering-servant spirit, all of which confirmed that Jesus was truly the Savior and Messiah of the world. Life application for this course will focus on the counter-cultural message and mission of Jesus and the challenge for all believers to deny themselves and take up their cross to follow Christ. (NOTE: This study will correspond to our reading assignments for reading the Bible in a year!)

MORNING INSTRUCTOR (10:00-11:30 a.m.): Dr. Dan Gottwerth received both his M.Div. and D.Min. from Biblical Theological Seminary. He has pastored for over 20 years and currently serves as an elder at Christ Community Church in West Chester, PA. In 2010, he authored the book "It's A Miracle I'm Still Sick: Growing in Faith When You Don't Get Healed," based on the life of his first wife who died from ALS in 2003. Dan currently serves as an adjunct professor for the ESL Plus program at Biblical and resides in West Chester with his wife Deb and their three children. You can visit Dan's webpage at www.dangottwerth.com.

EVENING INSTRUCTOR (7:30-9:00 p.m.): Greg Klimovitz is the Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA. Greg received his B.A. in Biblical Studies and Youth Ministries from Eastern University and his MDiv from Biblical Seminary. Greg is also on the track for ordination within the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has nearly 10 years of church ministry experience. His primary passion is to engage the people of God in spiritual formation and to foster intentional conversations about the intersection of theology, culture, and our missional vocation. You can meet Greg at www.gregklimovitz.blogspot.com

Recommended Reading: Wright, Tom (N.T.). *Mark for Everyone*. Louisville, KY. Westminster John Knox Press, 2004. The recommended reading is optional. Other recommendations will be mentioned in class and handouts of helpful resources will be provided at each class.

Instructors will provide a syllabus and schedule of readings at the first session. To prepare for February 16, however:

- **Suggested Reading Assignment: If you are audacious, try reading the entirety of Mark in one sitting as it may have been encountered by first readers/hearers.**



**Registration for Scholars Seminar – The Gospel of Mark
February 16-March 22, 2012
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