

# MEET JESUS - MARK'S GOSPEL

## Engage

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What does it look like for the following people to exercise their power?

## Read Mark 9:2-8 & Hebrews 1:3

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What do these passages tell us about Jesus's power?

In the events recounted in Mark 9 do you think the disciples grasped who Jesus was?

What can hold us back from grasping who Jesus really is?

## Read Mark 8:31-38

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How does Jesus ultimately use his power & express his glory?

## Apply

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Why might these two pictures of Jesus's power encourage us to:

a.) repentance

b.) obedience

c.) gratitude

How should this surprising dual picture shape our attempts to share our faith

Growing the young in their devotion to God's word.



What ways can you participate in the parish's mission? Pray that the Lord might raise up sufficient workers and resources to reach the 1000s of young people in our area.

## Leaders' Notes

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This study is the beginning of our series concentrating on the second half of Mark's Gospel. We will use the series to prepare us for Easter and provide an easy entry for visitors and non-Christians who engage with our services.

In the passage we have two very contrasting pictures of Jesus. Matt described them as two mountains. The 1st mountain is where the transfiguration took place. A secret insight into the power of Christ given to his 3 closest disciples but made available now to us in their eyewitness accounts. We have a tendency to domesticate Jesus - to make him good but not the one great God. He is not like the prophets who simply reflected God's glory - he is the glory of God (Heb 1:3).

In the 2nd image (8:31-38) Jesus is the suffering servant, the one who is offered up on a Roman Cross. This may seem inglorious. In actual fact this is place of his highest glory. While the Transfiguration is mind-blowing, the Cross is where his power is most effective - there he shields us from God's power by destroying the impact of sin and death.

Use the study to challenge your group to consider where they minimise Jesus's character and how the true Christ might reshape our lives. Don't miss the application time rather give your groups enough time to consider those questions.

The sermon for this week can be found on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO3cuzTt5qqDJy7OYrvs-cw>

## Parish Mission Focus

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As we mentioned on Sunday we are slowly articulating our mission priorities again at the start of the year. In a hope to financial provide for ministry in the future the Wardens & Parish Council have adopted the 555 plan - increase in our giving by 5% each year for three years. Encourage your groups to explore the plan if they don't know enough about it.

In addition this week we considered the opportunities and needs in Kids & Youth Ministry. Please take time to reflect on those opportunities and needs and then pray as a group for this area of our church life.