

**Days 176-182 - Readings: Whole Bible**

Day	OT	Wisdom/NT	Family Focus
176	2Kings 13-14	Mat 28	Matthew 28
177	2Kings 15-16	Mark 1	2Kings 15
178	2Kings 17-18	Mark 2	2Kings 17
179	2Kings 19-20	Mark 3	2Kings 19
180	2Kings 21-22	Mark 4	2Kings 22
181	2Kings 23	Mark 5	Mark 5
182	day off		

**Tips:**

- The gospel of Mark presents Jesus as the Perfect Servant. The gospel does not start with Jesus’ genealogy or birth. Instead it jumps immediately into the ministry of John the Baptist and the service of Jesus. Mark dispenses with Jesus’ divine titles, includes less of Jesus’ messages, and focuses on what Jesus did. In Mark 10:45, Jesus said that He came to this world to serve instead of being served.
- The gospel of Mark is fast-paced with events cascading one after another. The key word “immediately” comes from the Greek word “eutheos” which appears 42 times in the book.
- The gospel of Mark was written by John Mark. He lived in Jerusalem with his mother Mary (Acts 12:12), joined Paul on his first missionary trip (Acts 12:25), then quit the mission and returned home (Acts 13:13). Paul did not want to take Mark on his second trip (Acts 15:38) so Mark joined Barnabas on his missionary journey (Acts 15:39). Eventually Mark became a trusted and valued friend of both Peter and Paul (1Pet 5:13, 2Tim 4:11).

**Look for this:**

- 176. What happened to the man buried in Elisha's tomb (2Kings 13);  
How Jesus charged us to make disciples worldwide (Mat 28)
- 177. What King Azariah failed to do despite doing good (2Kings 15);  
What Jesus' disciples left to follow Him (Mark 1)
- 178. Why the northern tribes of Israel were carried away (2Kings 17);  
What the four men did to get their friend to Jesus (Mark 2)
- 179. What King Hezekiah did with the Assyrian letter (2Kings 19); Who  
Jesus said were His mother, brother, and sister (Mark 3)
- 180. How King Josiah responded to hearing God's Word (2Kings 22);  
What Jesus did to calm the stormy sea (Mark 4)
- 181. How King Josiah turned to God more than any king (2Kings 23);  
How people reacted to Jesus healing the demoniac (Mark 5)