

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't Keep Quiet About Jesus!

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus often tells others to keep quiet about his identity. This motif of secrecy first surfaces in Mark 1:24–25, when he commands a demon to “be silent,” and it runs through Mark’s Gospel. But why does Jesus do this? Doesn’t he want people to spread the news about him?

In sum, Jesus’s commands to silence seem aimed at controlling the spread of information about Jesus as well as its timing: he is the Messiah and divine Son, but that is only fully revealed at his death and resurrection. Until then, the misunderstandings result in shrieking demons, spiraling crowds, and obtuse statements by the disciples.

But what about us as readers of Mark’s Gospel? We know from the outset that Jesus is “Christ” as well as “Son of God” (Mark 1:1). And we know how the story ends.

Yet we, too, struggle with incomprehension. We, like the crowds, may be attracted to the wonder-working Jesus and ignore his call to suffer. We, like the disciples, may want a “Christ” of our own design but not the dying one on the cross. We, too, may feel the inward pinch to “say nothing to anyone” about the Son of God.

Let the secrecy motif of Mark, then, remind us that **the secret is no more**. We stand downstream of the full revealing of Jesus. He is risen – now nothing is concealed.

So, let’s not be silent.

By Greg Lanier, from TheGospelCoalition.org

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WHAT’S ON?

MONDAY

7AM Community
Breakfast

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 20th Judie T
Jul 20th Janell R
Jul 24th Gale Mc
Jul 24th Corale L
Jul 24th Bill D



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newcomers Afternoon Tea

We are holding a newcomers afternoon tea 3:00–4:30pm on July 26 at the church. If you are new to our church in the last 6 months or so, this event is for you, to help you get to know the church, meet a few more people, and find out how to get involved. Chat to Kathy F for more information.

Alpha Course

Our next Alpha Course is starting Thursday July 30, 7:00–8:30pm at the church for coffee & dessert. Who can you invite? Flyers available in the church foyer.

Update: Associate Pastor Search Process

Please pray as the search committee meet this week to consider applications for our Associate Pastor Role. The committee is made up of Bill F, John C, Greg B, Kristy & Lisa.

Soccer Home Games

There are only a few home games left in the season – can you come along and help on July 25th or August 8th? Sign up and details are on the board in the hallway.

Emily Gallagher Seeking Accommodation

Emily Gallagher is seeking accommodation. For more details, please contact Emily on the following number 0449293428 or email her at 917emilygallagher@gmail.com

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including John Br, Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Jeff Byrne, Judy T, Jan A, Dawn J, Ilia Z, Noah Bradley, and others, including many who are managing long term health conditions.
- Pray for those who are grieving the death of family members, including Greg B, Garry B, Clodagh S, Don S, Brenda M, and Scott & Veronica Y.
- Pray for God’s provision in the search process for a new Associate Pastor.
- Pray for safety for all those from CBBC who are away travelling during the winter period.
- Pray for the Alpha course starting on Thursday July 30.

NOTES

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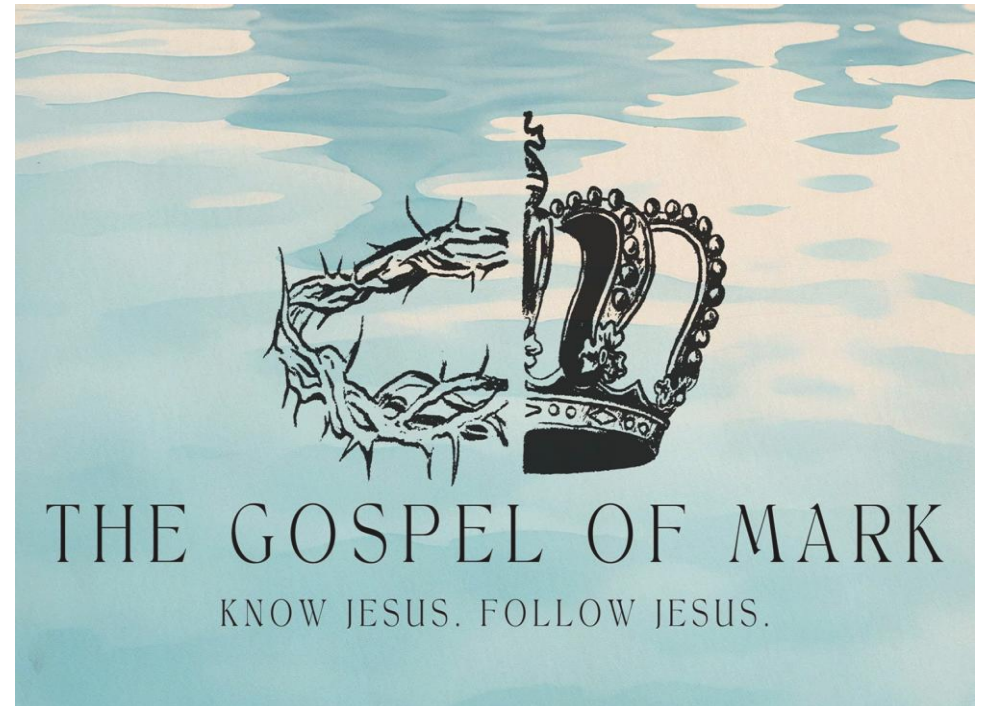
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"After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them." (Mk 9:2)

19th
July

9AM *Pastor Bill*

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Mark 9:2-13