



# Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

## FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022



### Take your Pulse

What do you enjoy most when extended family gathers together?

Who are the black sheep of your family? Why?

### Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 3

Tensions continue to rise in this chapter as Jesus continues to buck the system and the ways of the world. He has the audacity to continue to heal on the sabbath, which causes the Pharisees and Herodians to work together for ways to destroy him. He is identified by unclean spirits, whom he orders to not to reveal who he is. He officially puts together his discipleship team and then he returns home where the scribes from Jerusalem accuse him of having an unclean spirit. Jesus of course puts them in their place. Finally he redefines family stating that whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.



### Start the Thinking

In this chapter, Juda Iscariot is identified as the disciple that betrayed Jesus? Does knowing this detail so early in the Gospel story affect our attitudes and perceptions of this disciple throughout the rest of the story? Why do you think the Gospel writer decided to give us this information so soon? Does it matter?



### Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

You show us the way of love by caring for others, even when it's dangerous. You redefine family by identifying as kin those who do the will of God. Help us to follow your will and walk in your way so we may have the privilege to call you brother too. Amen



### Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen