Working Preacher Lectionary Study

Lectionary 18 through Lectionary 26
Sundays: August 2 through September 27, 2015
Mark (and John) in Pentecost

Resources: Preaching the Year of Mark

“Mark” in enterthebible.org (see “Passages”)

Working Preacher: workingpreacher.org

Text Week: textweek.com

Study Bibles: Oxford, Harpers, Lutheran Study Bible

Handouts:

This Powerpoint
People of the Word: First Things
Outline of Mark
Themes in Mark for Pentecost, Part 2
Pentecost, Part 2: List
Pentecost, Part 2: Texts
Year of Mark Readings: 2014-2015
Mark: Key Narrative Selections, Parts 1 & 2
**THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

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The Gospel of Mark – Themes for Pentecost, Part 2

Mark’s Story:
This story constantly unfolds in mystery, hiddenness, surprise, in secrecy and irony (greatest is one who serves)
(cf. Donald Juel, Master of Surprise; Roy Harrisville, Miracle of Mark)

Beginnings:
Beginning of the good news...Salvation comes in the wilderness (1:1)

In the Middle:
The Kingdom of God is at Hand; Repent and Believe the Good news (1:14-15)
Call to Discipleship
Teaching in Parables
Healing
Rejection (Do you not understand?) 8:21

Passion: Messiah is one who suffers/serves
Follow - Take up the Cross

Endings:
Passion (Philippians 2:5-13 in narrative form)
Resurrection

Urgency

Secrecy (commands to silence; hiddenness of kingdom)

Apocalyptic Community Waits in the meantime of radical call to obedience

Christology: Jesus as the suffering servant

Focus and Themes For Pentecost 2

Center and Climax: At the Heart of the Story
Marked by Irony

Identity and Way of God’ Messiah
Peter’s Confession
Foretelling of Jesus Suffering, Death and Resurrection
The Way of Discipleship: Call to Take Up Cross and Follow

Salvation and Reversal Belong Together
Outsiders & Insiders
Greatest is the One Who Serves
**Tenth Sunday Pentecost – August 2 (Lectionary 18)**

Looking Ahead: Second Sunday in a 5-week break from Mark

Five Sundays (July 26 through August 23) Jesus as the “Bread of Life”

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Looking Ahead
Ephesians: Fourth of Seven Sundays (July 12 through August 23)

Ephesians in Pentecost 2015 – A Seven Session Series

1) Lectionary 15: July 12 – Ephesians 1:1-14
A Glorious Hymn of Praise: God’s Plan of Salvation in Christ

2) Lectionary 16: July 19 – Ephesians 2:11-22
God’s Building Plan: Walls of Hostility Broken Down; New Walls of Reconciliation
New Community with Christ the Cornerstone

3) Lectionary 17: July 26 – Ephesians 3:14-21
The Riches of the Power of Christ Indwelling in Us
Hearts Founded in Love, Empowered by the Spirit

4) Lectionary 18: August 2 – Ephesians 4:1-16
Called to a new Unity in the Spirit: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God & Father
By Grace, a New Body Being Built with Christ as the Head

5) Lectionary 19: August 9 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2
The Model of a New Life: Living in Love as Christ First Loved Us

6) Lectionary 20: August 16 – Ephesians 5:15-20
Making the Most of the Time:
Living in Thanksgiving for Everything in the Name of Christ

7) Lectionary 21: August 23 – Ephesians 6:10-20
Equipped for the Struggle: The Life of Faith
Overall Themes:

Lord’s gracious presence & response in time of need
Hears complaints: Not anger but mercy
Bread in wilderness: A sign of God’s love & mercy
What are our signs: Do we miss the signs, looking for wrong things?
Mystery, hiddenness, irony of God’s mercy
1) Whole congregation complains in wilderness
2) Irony: “if only we had died!” People prefer bondage & 3 squares to freedom
3) God responds with mercy & not anger
4) God is present (glory) in the cloud
5) “You shall know” The bread is a sign
6) What is it?: Even so the bread needs an interpreter
7) Lord’s gracious action still needs an interpreter
Called to a New Unity in the Spirit

1) Two key words: “Called” and “Walk” (peripatew, live)
2) Marks of love: patience and humility
3) Keep on striving to express unity in Spirit
4) The “Bond of Unity” (7 times)
5) Called in hope
6) One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism
7) Spirit, Lord, Father (Trinity)
8) Unity of Calling, but Diversity of Gifts of Grace
9) A Double purpose: to equip saints; to build up the body
10) Building up the Body: (1) maturity, 2) speaking truth in love; 3) whole body functions harmoniously
John 6:24-35 – (second of five Sundays) I AM the Bread of Life: Food that endures to eternal life

1) Setting: feeding of 5000. So now what?
2) Looking for Jesus; seeking for the wrong reasons
3) Strange question: Not who? Or why? But When
4) Missing the key “sign”: This is about food that endures to eternal life (cf. John 3:16)
5) What is the “Work” of God? It’s not about the “what” but the “Who”: Believe in the One whom God sent!
6) Do we look for the signs, and risk missing the Person?
7) Do we see the bread, and miss the giver?
8) Do we seek signs, and miss Jesus?
9) True bread: the One who Comes down from heaven
10) Double entendre, irony, mystery
11) Prayer: Give us this Bread – meets Promise: I AM the Bread of Life
Overall Themes:

Cf. Psalm 23: “God sets a table in the presence of my enemies”

1) God’s surprising visitation
2) We expect the worst (death), but God instead grants life
3) God’s gifts are for a purpose (not an end in themselves, nor for our hoarding)
4) FOR: the building up of the neighbor
1 Kings 19:4-8 Elijah in the Wilderness; Expects death, but finds food, strength and life in God’s Caring Presence

1) Again in the wilderness
2) Elijah depressed, asks for death
3) Instead, the Surprising gift of food and life
4) An angel: two times:
5) Get up and eat
God wants your life
God has a purpose (a journey and service)
6) Confirmation: he got up and went in strength
Ephesians 4:25-5:2: (Continues sequential reading, #5 of 7)

Model of New Life: Living in Love as Christ first Loved Us

1) Speak the truth as members of one another
2) Guidelines for life
3) Why Work?: Purposeful we work so as to have things to share with the needy
4) Speech? Purposeful: for building up others
5) We are marked persons: sealed in the Spirit at Baptism
6) We forgive as ones who have been forgiven (cf. Lord’s prayer as mark of our life)
7) Playing a part, living into a role: we live into love as Christ loved and gave himself for us
John 6:35, 41-51 – (third of five Sundays) I AM the Bread of Life (reprise) How can this Be? No one comes to Father unless I draw him. All who believe have eternal life

1) A repeated claim: I AM the Bread of Life
2) Call to believe meets grumbling response
3) Bread and faith are the Work of God
4) Issue is not just bread but call to faith
5) I AM bread of life
6) It’s not just the bread: they ate and they still died; it takes more than some manna in the wilderness
7) It’s about THIS bread: I AM living bread
8) A striking conclusion/ equation: this bread is my flesh for the life of the world
Overall Themes:

1) God’s extravagant gift prepared for God’s people
2) A banquet prepared
3) An invitation to life
4) An extravagant free gift
5) A Promise of life
Proverbs 9:1-6: God’s Wisdom sets up her table and invites all to her banquet

1) Wisdom’s house is prepared and the banquet is prepared
2) Wisdom issues her call to the whole community
3) All are invited: come to the banquet
4) A rich promise:
Come eat & live, and walk into a new future as wise children of God
Ephesians 5:15-20: (Continues sequential reading, #6 of 7) Making the Most of the Time by Living in Thanksgiving for Everything in the Name of Christ

1) Living (walking) as wise people of God
2) Recognizing each “TIME” as a time of decision (kairos)
3) Wisdom knows the Will of Lord
4) Because wisdom is filled with God’s Spirit
5) Our language: not drinking songs, but psalms and hymns
6) Our words: thanksgiving to God: at all times, for all things
7) Doing all in the NAME of Christ; empowered by the presence of our Lord Jesus
1) The claim once more: I AM the Living Bread
2) The call: Believe in this One
3) An astounding invitation: Bread is my flesh
4) A troubling question: How can these things be? (cf. Nicodemus who comes in the dark of night, John chap 3)
5) The crisis of faith: the only way is eating the flesh and drinking the blood
6) The Promise of abiding life in him
7) Once more the claim: This is the bread from heaven;
8) And with it the Promise: the one who eats this bread will live forever
Overall Themes:

1) It’s about important choices and decisions
2) The choice: a response to God’s rescue
3) The promise to serve faithfully: a response to the Lord’s actions of salvation and deliverance
4) A singular question and a confession:
   To whom else can we go?
   You are the Holy One of God
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 – Joshua gathers all Israel and invites their choice and promise to serve the Lord

1) Setting: Joshua’s end of life final charge to gathered tribes
2) Thus says the Lord: speaks word of God to assembly
3) Recites all that God has done (telling the story- major omission in the lectionary)
4) So now! Call for response: to worship and serve in faithfulness
5) A choice: whom will you serve?
6) A witness and call: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
7) A Response of the people: we too will serve the Lord; Because He is our God! (Confession)
Equipped for the struggle; the Life of Faith

1) Finally; wrapping up the message
2) This sums it up: Be strong in the Lord
3) The necessary full armor of God
4) Not for namby, pambies: The battle is against cosmic powers
5) The whole armor: truth, righteousness, good news of peace, faith, salvation, Word & Spirit of God
6) Above all: Prayer

For all the saints, For boldness, For a sincere Gospel message
John 6:56-59 (Fifth of five Sundays) – To Whom Shall we Go? You have the Words of Eternal Life!

I: Once again: a summary of the invitation and promise
1) A mutual Abiding: they in me, and I in them
2) Eating my flesh and drinking my blood
3) This is about the bread which comes down from heaven

II: The response – and the risk of offense
1) The issue is faith: some will not believe
2) Faith is a gift of God the Father
3) The call for Decision: some will believe, some will turn away
4) The question: What about you?
5) The response of confession: To whom shall we go? You are the Holy One of God – You have the Words of Life
6) It’s about Personal transformation: we have come to believe (Testimony)
Overall Themes:

It is a matter of life: the interrelation of the gifts of God and our obedience to the Word
God’s statutes are a mark of wisdom and blessing of God’s people
God dwells near to God’s people
The importance of remembering and passing on the story of God’s acts (tradition)
The marks of our identity in the Word of God
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 – Moses calls people to remember the Statutes and Ordinances and Pass Them On

1) Moses teaches: instruction is a matter of life
2) Remember what you have experienced
3) True wisdom: to know God’s statutes as sign of blessing and testimony for others
4) A God who dwells near and who cares (cf. Mark 1:14-15: the kingdom has drawn near)
5) Remember! Pass it on to your children and your children’s children
Looking Ahead

James: Five Sundays (August 30 through September 26)

James in Pentecost 2015 – A Five Session Series

(Resources: see my entry for the book of James in Luther Seminary's Bible Study web resource “Enter the Bible” at enterthebible.org; and my article on James 1:17-27 in the summer 2015 issue of the journal Word & World)

1) Lectionary 22: August 30 – James 1:17-27
Wisdom and the Implanted Word as the sum total of God’s creative gifts

True Faith expressed in the faithful combination of Hearing and Doing

3) Lectionary 24: September 13 – James 3:1-12
Wisdom Teaches: Reflections on the Tongue as source of blessing or curse

4) Lectionary 25: September 20 – James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a
True and False Wisdom: The Dangers of Inordinate Wants

5) Lectionary 26: September 26 – James 5:13-20
The Power of Prayer in the Caring Community of the Faithful
James 1:17-27 – (Sequential reading, #1 of 5) Wisdom speaks: every good gift is from God (cf. meaning of 1st Article of Creed)

1. Every “act of giving” and every “gift” is from God
2. God’s generosity in creation is consistent and purposive
3. We are birthed by Word as first fruits of a new creation
4. God is making good on God’s investment in us
5. The implanted Word in you has power
6. Word calls us to be both hearers and doers
7. Know your identity in the Word: as in a mirror, know who you are
8. Hearing and doing conform in not being conformed to the world, but in care and service for others
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 – Reading Returns to Mark. Reprise: cf. 2:23-3:6: Jesus actions end in plot to kill him. Issues of inside/outside and clean/unclean are serious enough for life and death. For this, this Jesus has to die!

1) Setting: powers from Jerusalem are watching Jesus
2) His behavior is the issue: eating! (cf. chap 3: plucking grain)
3) External traditions are at stake; 5 times reference to not walking/ living according to tradition
4) Issue is the Word: living by the Word of God (cf. 1:45; 2:2; 4 (8 times); 5:36; 7:13, 29; 8:32)
5) It is a matter of lips or hearts
6) It is an occasion that demands Parables: call to Listen & Understand
7) It’s about Inside and Outside; it is a matter of the heart (cf. chap. 4; parables have to do with the kingdom
8) The charge: you make void the Word, paying attention instead to the teaching of humans (7:8, 13)
Overall Themes:

God comes near to save
What will salvation look like: favoritism or love?
Even “outsiders” receive benefits of God’s mercy: it is for all
Faith is truly seen in acts of mercy
It is a matter of the heart
And receptiveness appears in surprising places
God’s mercy breaks out beyond the borders and limits of our imagination or traditions
Isaiah 35:4-7a – An imaginary vision of what happens when God comes to save

1) Do not fear: HERE is your God!
2) God’s coming is invitation not to fear, but to promise of salvation
3) So, what will salvation look like?
4) Answer: it takes poetry and imagination to take it all in: It will be like leaping, and dancing and singing and waters bursting forth in the wilderness
5) Just imagine!
1) Wisdom asks: what is a true or living faith?
2) It will be seen in how you treat others
3) Partiality or favoritism reveals our true colors
4) Obedience to the true law, the whole law is summed up in loving neighbor as yourself
5) This is the true law of liberty or freedom
6) True faith, faith that is alive, is shown in consistent acts of mercy
Mark 7:24-37 – About Insiders and Outsiders continued: it’s about the heart, not about external traditions: two stories as a case in point: a woman whose daughter is sick; a deaf man

1) **Setting One**: The region is foreign Tyre; Jesus wants to hide, no escape. A woman intercedes for her daughter: she is wrong on every count: a woman, a foreigner, wrong birth
2) But she knows how to pray: she kept asking (ask and you shall receive!)
3) Startling response from this Jesus: no way! Not for the dogs!
4) She won’t let go: Even the dogs get the crumbs of mercy!
5) The Word is power: for this Word, it has already been done!
6) And so it was: Promise and fulfillment: Jesus Word is confirmed
7) **Setting Two**: Decapolis, and another outsider: a deaf man
8) Jesus speaks a word, his ears opened (hearing) and his tongue released (speaking); bondage is released
9) Strange commands: Jesus calls for silence, but the more he orders they more they tell it
10) The Word will not be constrained or silenced
11) The final verdict: he has done everything well!
Overall Themes:

The key first step is listening to the Word
Lord is present to help in midst of my enemies
At the heart of confession is the question: Who will we say this Jesus is?
The answer has to do with life: saving or losing life
Are we with this Jesus who goes the way of suffering and death? The way of the cross?
Even in the midst of troubles and anguish, the prophet knows and confesses confidence in the power of God’s word.

1) The teacher’s gift: to know how to sustain with the Word
2) First step: the Lord opens our ears to hear the Word
3) Second step: the Lord helps me in times of trouble, so who is there who can stand against me
   (cf. Rom. 8:31f. “Can anything separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus?”)
Wisdom’s Teaching: Reflections on the double-sided power of God’s gift of the Tongue: for blessing or curse.

1) Teachers (those who know wisdom) have a greater accountability

2) Speaking (the Tongue) is serious business for the power it wields

3) Tongue: a risky fire

From the same mouth can come blessing or curse

Important to note context. Two key sections are omitted in the lectionary:

1) After the feeding of 4000, the disciples wonder about bread; they still do not understand! (8:11-21)

2) Healing of the blind man (unique, the first time won’t work) “Do you see anything?” (8:22-26) Question mirrors Jesus’ question to disciples in today’s gospel

1) Setting: still in Gentile territory; the place of “unbelief”
2) The question: who do people say that I AM? Wrong answers
3) YOU! Who do you say that I AM?
4) Peter’s Confession: You are the Messiah (first time since verse one of the gospel!! “the good news about Jesus the Messiah”)
5) Jesus speaks God’s necessity: the Son must suffer, die, be raised
6) Spoke the Word “openly” (no instructions not to tell this time!)
7) Peter’s rebuke for rejecting the Word, God’s way (33)
8) Now Jesus teaches about discipleship, following this Jesus
9) Taking up the cross and following is about saving and losing life
Overall Themes:

Wisdom’s reflections on the world and on central issues of life
How do we imagine the world, then things go well or when things go badly
Do we still place our trust in the Lord, and imagine that the Lord is on the side of righteousness?
Views of life from perspective of righteous; of evil doers
Way of following Jesus (discipleship) is often a way of hiddenness and trust
Jesus teaching points to his way of Passion, and his role as servant
To be a disciple is to follow this Jesus on the way to the cross
Jeremiah 11:18-20 – The prophet calls on Lord to protect the righteous and punish their enemies

1) This is a reality check: the Lord has revealed the way of evil doers
2) Good and evil are at loggerheads, and the evil are about seeking to harm the innocent
3) Still, the call of the prophet is to know God’s essential justice, and that our call is to trust the Lord in the midst of troubles

Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22 – Wisdom speaks of how to deal with the troubles of this life

1) “life is full of sorrows” and death is the end for all people
2) There is a gulf between righteous and evil doers
3) This is a test: to trust that God is on the side of righteous and that God has a good end in store for the righteous
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a – (Continues sequential reading, #4 of 5) A compendium of teaching on True and False Wisdom. A key understanding is to know the dangers and power of inordinate or uncontrolled wants and desires

1) The big question: Who is wise? And What’s to know?
2) Answer: Good works are a mark of one who possesses wisdom
3) Such wisdom comes only as a gift from above (from God) and is marked by peace, gentleness, etc. in contrast to envy, ambition and selfishness
4) Above all wisdom leads to peace
5) While wanting more leads to conflicts and wars
6) The key is to know how to ASK, and then to live in confidence in the gifts of God:
   God gives the Spirit; God gives grace to the humble
7) So, Draw near to God and place your trust in God
Mark 9:30-37 – Jesus’ Second foretelling of the Passion: The Way of the Servant

1) A story of discipleship; “on the way” with Jesus toward the cross. Twice the text reminds of being “on the way.”
2) Again a strange blending of secrecy and hiddenness: he didn’t want anyone to know, BECAUSE he is teaching his disciples about the way of the Son of Man.
3) Once again: handed over, killed, after 3 days arise.
4) Once again: they did not understand “the Word” and they are afraid to ASK!
5) So Jesus asks for them: What were you discussing?
6) They are silent! Because they were talking about who was greatest.
7) Somehow Jesus knows! And he calls disciples and teaches them again:
8) It’s about reception; whom do you welcome.
9) It’s about being a servant: irony: first shall be last and be a servant.
10) Just like the little children: to welcome ones who have no power is to welcome Jesus.
11) And to welcome Jesus, is to welcome the one who sent him.
Overall Themes:

What is our attitude when things don’t go right, when we long for the way things were
Why does the past often seem better than the present?
James gives an image of the caring community of prayer and restoration in the midst of sickness or suffering
The disciple calling is to give no offense to the gospel and to the Name of Christ
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 – Moses laments the people’s grumbling and longing for the way things were. Again God answers with more gifts and not punishment.

1) Setting: Israel’s grumbling in the wilderness
2) Longing for Egypt and the “good old days of slavery and 3 squares a day”
3) “If only....” they cry; and Moses joins them: “Why me?”
4) So God promises meat...so much meat that it will be coming out of their ears!!
5) And God instructs Moses to organize a distribution of gifts and responsibilities for a more satisfying solution.
James 5:13-20 – (Continues sequential reading, #5 of 5) The power of prayer in the caring community of the faithful

1) Key instruction: hold on to the power of prayer in the midst of suffering

2) When things are going well: sing

3) When there is sickness: lay hands on people and pray for them

4) Confidence in the power of prayer for healing and forgiveness

5) A vision of a caring community:
   Confess to one another; pray for one another; live in the testimony and power of the scriptures; bring back those who are wandering or going astray
Mark 9:38-50 – Jesus teaches about the dangers of offenses that get in the way of the journey of discipleship and the way of the cross

1) Discipleship is serious business, but who has the proper credentials? Who is legitimate?
2) Disciples bring one who is “not on the way,” not “following” with us. Is he a disciple?
3) These questions lead to Series of sayings on discipleship
4) The key is not being a “stumbling block” (an offense, getting in the way of the good news. 4 times in this passage we hear of “offenses” (cf also 4:17; 6:3; 14:27, 29)
5) This is serious: it’s about “entering life” or “entering the kingdom” (3 times; see 43, 45, 47)
6) The call is for disciples who don’t lose their “saltiness”
7) Who live at peace with one another, and who don’t let anything get in the way of their following this Jesus
8) The key mark is following and doing in the Name of this Jesus and in so doing to bear the name of Christ