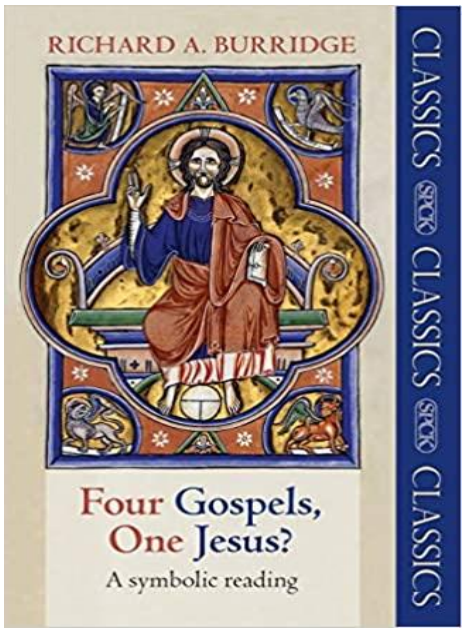
STUDY GROUP ON MARK'S GOSPEL

A study group course on the Gospel According to St Mark, following last year's successful Lent study group about Jesus' crucifixion sayings. In response to requests, this group will provide an opportunity to "go deeper" in three directions: deeper **into** the text itself and its original meaning; deeper **back** to its origins, background and historical setting (as much as we can discover that today); and, thirdly, deeper **forward** to its meaning and significance for us today. The group will meet in person in the Church Hall at St Luke's, but there will also be the opportunity to participate remotely via Zoom (using a laptop, tablet or smartphone; no extra software needed), **7.30-9.30pm on Wednesdays in October and November**, hosted by our vicar, the Rev'd John MacKenzie, and led by the Rev'd Canon Professor Richard Burridge (for log in and more details, email one or both of them, or to sign up: **john@saintlukeschurch.org.uk** or **richard.burridge@manchester.ac.uk**).

Session 1 (Oct 12) **What are the Gospels?** What kind of books? How to interpret them?
Session 2 (Oct 19) **Ministry in deeds and words**: miracles & parables (Mark 1-8.26)
Session 3 (Oct 26**)** **Who, what, when, where, why, and for whom?** Mark's setting.
Session 4 (Nov 2) **Who is this?** The identity of Jesus, 'Christology' (Mark 8-10)
Session 5 (Nov 9) **Entry into Jerusalem and ministry in the temple** (Mark 11-14)
Session 6 (Nov 16) **The Last 24 Hours of Jesus' Life:** Arrest & crucifixion (Mark 14-15)
?Discussion: (Nov 23) *Informal discussion in church, or a break, because of clash with PCC.*
Session 8 (Nov 30) '**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord'** Advent, Christmas, and Resurrection

All welcome. Those who wish to undertake background reading before each session might like to read parts of Chapter 2 of *Four Gospels, One Jesus? A Symbolic Reading* (SPCK 2013).



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