

Greek Readings
Series B, Lent 2
Mark 8:27–38

● **Verses 27-28**

- Parse ἐξῆλθεν. Where has Jesus just been with the disciples? (cf. Mk. 8.22) _____
- Parse ἐπηρώτα. What are some of the potential nuances conveyed by the verb's tense? _____
- What prominent political figure identifies Jesus with Ἰωάννην τὸν βαπτιστήν? (cf. Mk. 6:14-16) How does Jesus reveal that a strictly prophetic understanding of his ministry is incomplete? (cf. Mk. 6.15; Lk. 16.16) _____

● **Verses 29-30**

- In verse 29, parse Ὑμεῖς and λέγετε _____
- What is conspicuously absent here and in Luke's account (cf. Lk. 9.20) that appears in Matthew? (cf. Mt. 16:16-19) _____
- What is Peter's function in relation to the other disciples throughout the Gospel of Mark and how does it relate to his confession? (cf. 9.5; 10.28; 11.21; and 14.37) _____
- How does Mark's use of the term ὁ χριστός throughout his Gospel help the reader understand how this term as applied to Jesus? (cf. Mk. 1:1-3; 12:34-38; 14.61; 15.32) _____
- Look up ἐπιτιμάω in BDAG (384). What does this verb suggest about the severity of Jesus' admonition to the disciples? _____

● **Verse 31**

- Parse διδάσκειν. _____ What nuances are reflected in the verb's tense? _____
- Look up δεῖ in BDAG (213-14). What is the relationship between δεῖ and the Scriptures in Mark? (cf. 9:11-13; 13:7-10) How does this relationship inform the reader's understanding of Christ's mission? _____
- What does ἀποδοκιμάζω mean? BDAG (110) _____

● **Verses 32-33**

- Look up λαλέω in BDAG (532). Where else is this verb used in the NT? (cf. Jn. 12.48; Ac. 4.29; 31) What does the use of this verb in the phrase τὸν λόγον ἐλάλει reveal about Jesus' words? _____
- Parse ἐπιστραφεῖς and ἰδὼν. _____ What is the relationship between these participles and the main verb ἐπετίμησεν?
- Account for Jesus' indictment of Peter as Σατανᾶ in light of the temptation accounts of the Synoptics. (cf. Mk. 1.13, Matt. 4:9-11 Lk. 4:7-9)

● **Verses 34-35**

- Look up προσκαλέω in BDAG (881). What group of people are usually the object of this verb in Mark (cf. 3.13; 6.7; 8.1; 9.35 and 12.34)? What is the significance of Jesus' summoning the crowd in addition to the disciples? _____
- Parse ἀπαρνησάσθω. How else is the verb ἀπαρνεόμαι used in the Gospels? (cf. Mk. 14.30; 72; Matt. 26.34; Lk. 12.9; 22.34; 61 and Jn. 13.38) _____

- What sort of conditional is Jesus' statement ὅς γὰρ ἐὰν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὅς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσει τὴν ¹ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου σώσει αὐτήν? _____
- The phrase καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου is unique to Mark's account of Christ's call to discipleship. Based on his use of the term (cf. Mk. 1.1; 1:14-16; 10.29; 13.10; 14.9 and 16.15) how does Mark describe the relationship between Christ and τοῦ εὐαγγελίου? _____
- **Verses 36-37**
 - Look up ψυχή in BDAG (1098) and consider this word's use in similar contexts. (cf. Matt. 10.28, 16.26, Heb. 10.39) _____
 - Parse ζημιωθῆναι. What does this rare verb mean? (See BDAG (1098) _____)
 - Look up ἀντάλλαγμα BDAG (86). What is the meaning of this word, how was it used in the Old Testament? (cf. Jer. 15.13; Job 28.15) How does the term ἀντάλλαγμα inform the reader's understanding of Jesus' mission as the Christ? _____ (cf. Mk. 10.45)
- **Verse 38**
 - What sort of conditional is found in this verse? How is this statement similar to that of verse 35? _____.
 - Look up ἐπαισχύνομαι in BDAG (357). What is a frequent object of this verb? (cf. Lk. 9.26; Rom. 1.16; 2 Tim. 1:8; 16) What might Jesus' question reveal about the circumstances of Mark's first hearers? _____.
 - Parse ἐπαισχυνθήσεται. To what event does this verb refer in this verse (ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων) and elsewhere in Mark's Gospel? (cf. 13:25-27; 14.62) _____

Integration of Meaning:

Provide a theme for a future sermon based on your consideration of this text.