

"The Gospel of Mark" - Two Themed Sessions by Zoom

facilitated by Dr Pam Thimmes OSC

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Session I: Saturday, 19 September & Session II: Saturday, 17 October (both 10 am - 12:30 pm)



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Session I: Identity of Jesus in the Gospel

Saturday, 19 September from 10 am - 12:30 pm

"The Gospel of Mark is a carefully conceived and artfully integrated narrative that is, in fact, a gripping drama filled with intrigue, confrontation, startling surprises, desertion, death, and resurrection." (P Thimmes, osc)

While the origins of the Markan Gospel remain mostly in the shadows of antiquity it is clear that the oldest of the four canonical gospels is dominated by the question, "Who do you say that I am?" This question is key to understanding and living from the Gospel. From the beginning of the Gospel (1:1) through the immediate post-crucifixion claim by the Centurion at the cross (15:39) Jesus' identity remains a primary concern. Those who surround the Markan Jesus struggle with their own expectations of him in the face of

Session II: Jesus the Teacher

Saturday, 17 October from 10 am - 12:30 pm

It is clear that the oldest of the four canonical gospels frequently portrays Jesus as a miracle worker. Throughout the Gospel Jesus heals, exorcises and multiplies food; each action is a teaching moment. There are more miracle stories in Mark than any of the other Gospels. Miracle working is the teaching vehicle that defines who Jesus is and what is required for discipleship.



About the Facilitator: Dr Thimmes, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at the University of Dayton, is a Poor Clare sister, who holds a B.S.Ed. from Ohio University in English Literature, M.A.s from Canisius College and Vanderbilt University in Religious Studies, and was awarded a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in Biblical Studies. Dr. Thimmes is the past president of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society. She lectures internationally on a range of biblical topics and has a special interest in the Gospel of Mark, the source of her doctoral thesis.

Degrees:

❖ Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, 1990

Research Interests:

❖ New Testament studies - particularly the Synoptic Gospels and the Apocalypse,

❖ Women in the biblical tradition, with special emphasis on the Mary Magdalene traditions

Selected Publications

BOOKS

❖ *Studies in the Biblical Sea-Storm Type-Scene: Convention & Intervention* (Mellen, 5336)

❖ Co-editor of *Escaping Eden: New Feminist Perspectives on the Bible* (Sheffield, 1998; New York University Press, 1999)

ARTICLES

❖ "Feminist Hermeneutics" in *Harper Collins Bible Dictionary*, rev. ed., Paul J. Achtemeier gen. ed. with the society of Biblical Literature (San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 1996)

The two sessions are open to all but may be of particular interest to teachers of GCSE Religious Studies.

You are welcome to attend an individual session at the cost of £25 or both for the reduced rate of £40.

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