



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 12 September 2021 | Pentecost 16



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

In this week's gospel reading, Mark like all the other Gospel writers give us an idea of the

disciples' narrow understanding of Jesus. Jesus asks the disciples what people think of him. The different answers they gave simply reflect their own similar misunderstandings of who Jesus is. I think Jesus was expecting these kinds of answers, it gave him an idea of where his disciples were on their faith journey as well as what they had heard people say about him.

Then came the doozy, the question Jesus really wanted answered; "Who do you say that I am?" Ok so next take a step back and refocus that question. When people are confronted with this question "who is Jesus?", what people immediately remember are the lessons they got from their Sunday school, or religious instruction teacher, or something they heard from a minister in Church or something they heard or read somewhere. Something like, "Jesus is the Son of God." Of course that is true, but what does that really mean? They don't often think any further to find out what

calling Jesus the Son of God actually means to their lives. The thing is that most people are content with that simple understanding. Now, that is fine but that doesn't give the whole, amazing, and wonderful knowledge of and intimate relationship with God.

But this relationship and knowledge of God is only possible through the grace of God and when we are in constant communication with God. And I tell you, that is not easy. I know for sure, it will take your time, a lot of energy, and even resetting your goals and plans so they are in line with God's. This knowledge of God is very crucial in our lives. It will decide who we are and what we are and what we can become.

Yes, God has given us freedom. But we can only act accordingly if we follow God's path. Every day, every minute, every moment of our life, we can't do something worthwhile aside from being in the mind and heart of God. So, our hearts must beat God's own beat, sing his own song, and whisper his own silence. But this is only possible if we know who God is in our life, his place, and his role in our life.

Who do you say Jesus is?

If you or someone you know is in need of help or support during these difficult times, please let us know and how we can help by calling either;

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- .Rev. Aaron: 0411 325 527
- .Your Pastoral Carer

"We are all in this together"



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Our Mission: To love God and love our neighbours

A Message From Elizabeth

"Trust in the lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take!"
Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NLT)

As I write my message, I am unsure as to whether I will be greeting you in person on Sunday or whether we will be watching Rev Aaron's Worship Service in the comfort of our own homes, should the current lockdown be extended. I encourage everyone to uphold Rev Aaron and his family in their thoughts and prayers. At any time, a minister and family taking up a new placement requires patience and understanding from the to church members, in order to allow the minister to connect and relate with his/her "new flock". As you would be aware, Aaron has had very little opportunity to meet face to face with the people of BPUC. He, like all of us, has to abide by the rules/restrictions of lockdown. I trust that you are looking forward to welcoming Aaron to your small group or into you home as soon as we are permitted to do so.

Did you like the new format of "the Pointer" which you received last week? Leslie sought permission to trial a new format as some members were having difficulty in reading the information. If you would like to offer any feedback, feel free to email Leslie at bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au

Continue to "trust in the Lord with all your heart", and have a happy and healthy week.

Elizabeth Wells,
BPUC Church Council Chairperson

What's Happening This Week

Due to current stay at home orders, all activities are on hold until further notice

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Jill	Audrey
Pianist	Adrienne	Jan
Greeter	Janice & Alan	Neil & Nellie
Bible Reader	Audrey & Dudley	Jill & Stephanie
Prayer	Virginia	Robyn
Morning Tea	Sylvia & Dorothy	Joan B & Shirley
Hall Set Up	Walter & Neil	Alan & Ray
Cleaning	Sylvia & Nigel	Terryl

If you are unable to do your roster, please organise a swap AND let Janice know ASAP.

Take Up Your Cross

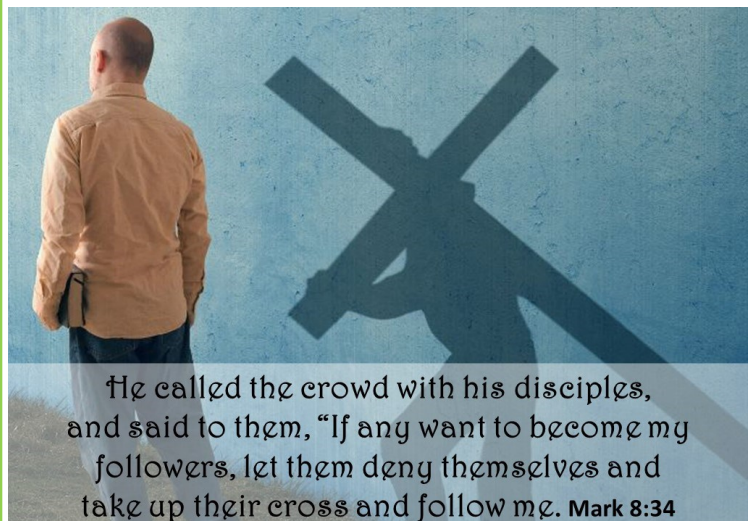
What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37

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