

Markan Sandwiches

Mark 3:20-35

Family said Jesus was out of His mind	Casts out demons by Beelzebul = Blasphemy against Holy Spirit	He who does the will of God is my brother, sister, mother
3:20-21	3:22-30	3:31-35

Mark 5:21-43

Jairus appeals to Jesus for his daughter	Jesus heals bleeding woman	Jesus raises Jairus' daughter
5:21-24	5:25-34	5:35-43

Mark 6:6b-32

Send out the twelve	Death of John the Baptist	Apostles return and report
6:6b-13	6:14-29	6:30-32

Mark 11:12-25

Jesus curses the fig tree	Cleanses the temple	Fig tree withered
11:12-14	11:15-19	11:20-25

Mark 14:1-11

Chief priests and scribes plot Jesus' death	Jesus anointed at Bethany	Judas goes to chief priests to betray Jesus
14:1-2	14:3-9	14:10-11

Mark 15:53—15:15

Jesus before the high priest and the council	Peter denies Jesus	Jesus before Pilate
14:53-65	14:66-72	15:1-15

Mark 15:6-32

Final trial of Jesus	Mock coronation	Execution of Jesus
15:6-15	15:16-20	15:21-32

*There is another characteristic arrangement of traditions Mark used
when he wished to indicate that two stories are to be linked, and are thus to interpret one another:
that was to bracket one tradition with another.*

Paul J. Achtemeier, Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary, 549-551