

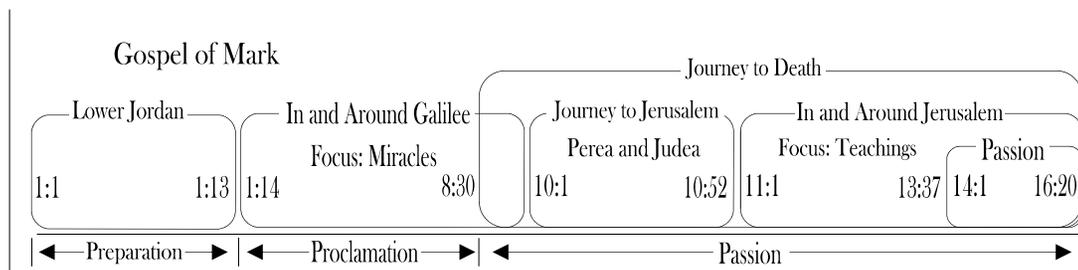


The Gospel of Mark

1. Mark wrote the first Gospel. It is written in a style made to be read out loud and to be shared with the GENTILES.
2. Mark was Peter the Disciple's close friend & interpreter for Peter's story, Journey with Jesus. So The Gospel of Mark, is the collection of 'PETER'S' stories.
3. Mark was known as 'John Mark' or 'Marcus', son of (a) Mary. His mother's home was a meeting place for the Disciples. As a teen, Mark, was immersed in the newly forming church and their families 'home meetings' with the Disciples, Peter referred to him as 'my son Mark' (1 Peter 5:13). Mark is also know as the 'Winged Lion'.
4. The Gospel of Mark sometimes reads out of order; yet it is the 'FIRST WRITTEN ACCOUNT of JESUS' LIFE'. This collection as been referred to as the 'Most Important Book In The World'; and Mark's Gospel is the richest and the most vivid in eyewitness details. The probable date of this book is AD 55-65 and written in Rome, which was the final home of Peter and Paul.
5. After the resurrection, Mark traveled with Peter and Paul. Also, later, Mark traveled with Paul and his first cousin Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey (see Acts 13:5) but Mark left that journey early which led to an argument between Paul and Barnabas on the second journey. We see in 2 Timothy 4:11 the later reconciliation.
6. Mark (and Peter) believed that the Trinity "SURROUNDS" us. Example: God is before and behind you, Jesus is to the left and right of you and the Holy Spirit is above and below you.
7. Mark (Peter) was tough on the Disciples in speaking to them. He generally portrays them as rather dumb/bumbling at times.

Mark wants us to know JESUS IS CHRIST

- 1:1 "the good news of Jesus Christ, Son of God"
- 8:29 Peter said, "You are the Christ."
- 15:39 The centurion said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God."



Prediction of Death

Instruction to Disciples

First: Mark 8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Second: Mark 9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

Mark 8:34-35 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Mark 9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

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Third: Mark 10:33-34 saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

Mark 10:43-45 ...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

THREE PREDICTIONS OF CHRIST'S OWN DEATH

Accompanied by THREE Defining DIRECTIONS TO DISCIPLES

Third Death Prediction

Accompanied by Third definite Instructions to Disciples

PRAYER Characteristic of Jesus

- Mark 1:35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. (After curing the sick.)
- Mark 6:46 After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. (After feeding the 5,000.)
- Mark 14:34 And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." (Prayer made it possible for him to move forward with the cross.)

Beginning	Middle	End
<p>Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of <u>Jesus Christ, the Son of God.</u></p> <p>Mark 1:10-11 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "<u>You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.</u>"</p> <p>Mark 1:24 he (the demon) cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the <u>Holy One of God.</u>"</p>	<p>Mark 8:29 And He continued by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "<u>Thou are the Christ.</u>"</p>	<p>Mark 15:39 And when the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "<u>Truly this man was the Son of God!</u>"</p>

DECLARATION OF JESUS as UNIQUE - "the Son of God, the Christ."

Divides Mark's Gospel into 3 parts.