

Mark Intro + Overview

Why Study the Bible?

Deuteronomy 32:47

For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

Psalm 19 (see also Psalm 119)

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

Why Study the Gospel of Mark?

We get to focus on Christ.

Hebrews 13:8-9

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

- **Short and punchy**
- **Focus on discipleship and following Christ**
- **To the Gentiles**

Why Study the Gospel of Mark *in this way*?

Teaching differs from “inductive Bible Study”

- Extended study and wrestling
- James 3:1 - not many should be teachers
- Literal-grammatical-historical hermeneutics
- Acts 17:11 - Be a Berean

Teaching differs from preaching

- Ability to take longer chunks and cover topics more systematically
- More flexibility to cover concepts in detail
- Interactive

Class Format

Schedule

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j0agUTgnwcL_LKmKeEPYmfHPNr3MOHKsMaO4md-r08A/edit?usp=sharing

Pedagogy

- Understand the challenge to pay attention
- Interactive elements
- Purpose of homework
- Questions
- Additional Resources
- Recordings

Rewards!

Quiz Link

<https://forms.gle/isoSJeeuoYjXA87Y6>

Question 1

Which verse(s) says that **all Scripture is
breathed out by God?**

Question 1

- A - Deuteronomy 32:47
- B - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- C - John 17:17
- D - 2 Peter 1:3

Overview of Mark

Historical Context

- John Mark is the author, “Peter’s Gospel”
- “Kata Markon”

Eusebius (~A.D. 326) writing about Papias's (~A.D. 140) testimony

“Mark, having become Peter’s interpreter, wrote accurately as many things as he remembered, not, indeed, in order, of the things spoken and done by the Lord. For he neither heard the Lord nor did he follow Him, but afterwards, as I said, he followed Peter, who used to give his teachings according to the needs [i.e., of his hearers], but not as though he were making a connected account of the Lord’s oracles. So then Mark made no mistake in thus recording some things as he remembered them, for he made it his one concern not to omit anything of the things he heard nor to falsify anything in them.

Historical Context

- Justin Martyr (~A.D. 150); Irenaeus (~. A.D. 185); Clement of Alexandria (~A.D. 195); Origen (~ A.D. 230)
- Combined testimony of Asia, Rome (Gaul), and Alexandria

John Mark

- Barnabas's cousin and Peter's "son" (Colossians 4:10; 1 Peter 5:13)
- Deserted, but then was restored (Acts 12:12, 25; 15:37; 13:5, 13; 15:39; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24)

Written in Rome, to the Gentiles

- Early witnesses almost uniformly agree on Rome
- Latin versus Greek (6:27; 7:4; 12:14; 15:15, 16, 39)
- Careful explanation of Jewish customs (7:3-4; 12:42; 14:12)
- Aramaic words (3:17; 5:41; 7:11, 34; 14:36; 15:22, 34)
- Rufus (15:21, Romans 16:13)

Date

- Peter's death in A.D. 64 by Emperor Nero
- Earliest reasonable date around A.D. 45
- More probably between 64 and 67 A.D.
- Less likely (though has been argued) after A.D. 70 due to Mark 13

Chapter 1

- 1:1-13 Preparations for the Christ
- 1:14-28 Jesus's Message and Authority
- 1:29-45 Jesus's Ministry

Chapter 2

- 2:1-12 The First Challenge: Forgiveness of Sins
- 2:13-17 The Second Challenge: Dining with Sinners
- 2:18-22 The Third Challenge: Lack of Fasting
- 2:23-28 The Fourth Challenge: Lord of the Sabbath

Chapter 3

- 3:1-12 Confrontational Climax and Conclusion
- 3:13-19 Choosing of the Twelve
- 3:20-35 Considering the Christ

Chapter 4

- 4:1-20 The Parable of the Soils
- 4:21-34 The Kingdom of God in Parables
- 4:35-41 Jesus's Authority over the Wind and the Sea

Chapter 5

- 5:1-20 Jesus's Authority over the Unclean Spirits
- 5:21-43 Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Fear

Chapter 6

- 6:1-6a A Prophet in His Hometown
- 6:6b-13 The Sending of the Twelve
- 6:14-29 The King's Cowardice and the Greatest Prophet
- 6:30-44 Feeding of the Five Thousand
- 6:45-56 The Second Wind and Sea

Chapter 7

- 7:1-13 Hypocrisy of the Pharisees
- 7:14-23 Sin and the Heart
- 7:24-30 Humility of a Gentile
- 7:31-37 Healing in the Decapolis

Chapter 8

- 8:1-10 Feeding of the Four Thousand
- 8:11-21 Beware the Pharisees
- 8:22-30 Blindness and True Sight
- 8:31-38 Suffering of the Son of Man

Main Themes

Discipleship

- Call - Mark 1:15
- Examples
 - Simon, Andrew, James, John (1:16-20)
 - Simon's mother-in-law (1:30-31)
 - Levi (2:13-14)
 - Twelve (3:13-19)
 - Whoever does the will of God (3:35)
 - Peter (8:27-33)

Jesus Compassion

- 1:41; 6:34; 8:2; 9:22 - “splugchnizomai”

Mark 3:5

And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Jesus the Suffering Servant

- Omission of long discourses and teachings

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus the Son of God

- Mark - 1:1; 8:31; 9:9
- God the Father - 1:11; 9:7
- Demons - 1:24; 3:11; 5:7
- Jesus - 2:10; 2:28; 8:38; 9:12; 9:31; 10:33; 10:45; 12:35; 13:26; 13:32; 14:21; 14:41; 14:62

Jesus the Son of God

- Peter - 8:29
- Blind beggar - 10:47; 10:48
- High priest - 14:61
- Centurion - 15:39

Action-oriented

- And is used roughly 800 times, and starts about 61% of verses (“kai”), ~410 / 673
- Immediately used a few dozen times (~42, “euthys”)

Question 2

Which main theme sticks out to you the most?

Question 2

- Discipleship
- Jesus's Compassion
- Jesus the Suffering Servant
- Jesus the Son of God
- Action-oriented

Icebreaker Exercise!

Put the events in order!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19sbHV8c6qJCD4APETKpaHERuU9vp9Vqd/view?usp=sharing>

Question 3

Who do you say Jesus is?

Homework

Read (or listen to) the book of Mark!

~11,304 words = ~45 minutes