

MARK

FOR BEGINNERS

THE URGENT GOSPEL

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Mark for Beginners

The Urgent Gospel

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Mark's gospel is a rapid-fire account of Jesus' ministry focusing primarily on His many miracles. This eyewitness account presents the boldest and clearest witness of Jesus' identity as the Son of God with power!



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1. Introduction and Background

The first lesson in this series reviews the background information on the author of this gospel and the style he uses in presenting Jesus' life and ministry. (Mark 1:1-13)

Intro - Mark is the "urgent" gospel because: _____

Background

Oral – 33-60 A.D. _____

Written – 60-100 A.D. _____

Inspiration

Inspired because:

1. It makes a stated claim _____

- John 14:26 _____

- II Timothy 3:16 _____

- II Peter 1:20-21 _____

2. Fulfilled _____

3. Quality _____

John Mark - The Person

30-40 A.D. _____

40-50 A.D. _____

50-60 A.D. _____

60-70 A.D. _____

Gospel of Mark

Early church historians:

- Papias _____
- Clement _____
- Origen _____

Criteria for entry into Bible canon:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mark - Text

Mark is an historical narrative that _____

Mark's gospel is _____.

Mark's gospel is short and _____ .

The reader is _____ to _____ with the _____ he is

The central theme is _____

Book decision:

1. Introduction _____ 1:1-13

2. Proof _____ 1:18 - 8:26

3. Proof _____ 8:27 - 16:20

Uses for Mark's gospel:

A. World-wide _____.

B. Great first book to read with a _____ .

2. Jesus the Divine

From the opening verse, we immediately see Mark's goal of presenting Jesus as a divine being through the witness of His teaching and miracles.
(Mark 1:1-45)

Intro - Mark's text is divided into three main sections:

1. Mark 1:1-13 _____

2. Mark 1:14 – 8:26 _____

3. Mark 8:27 – 16:20 _____

Introduction of Jesus – 1:1-13

Vs. 1 _____

Vs. 2-3 _____

Vs. 4-6 – John the Baptist _____

Vs. 7-8 – John’s Baptism _____

Holy Spirit’s baptism _____

Jesus immerses us with the Spirit by:

1. _____ John 6:36
2. _____ Acts 2:38
3. _____ Ephesians 1:13

Vs. 9-10 – Why was Jesus baptized? _____

Vs. 11 – The Godhead is represented by:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

Vs. 12-13 – Jesus’ temptation _____

The word “tempt” means to “test” or “examine” not only _____.

Why test Jesus?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Good lessons from His desert experience:

1. We are _____

2. We are _____

3. When tested _____

4. Jesus was _____

Jesus established quickly as a “Divine” being.

1. He arrived _____

2. At His baptism _____

3. In the desert _____

4. He receives _____

Proof of Jesus' Divinity

Vs. 14-15 _____

Vs. 16-20 _____

Different stages in Peter's call:

1. General _____ John 1:35-42

2. Called to _____ Mark 1:17

3. Jesus confirms _____ Luke 5:1-11

Mark presents Jesus as Divine in two ways:

A. Teaching and Reaction _____

B. Miracles _____

1. Casting out spirits – vs. 23-28 _____

2. Healing Peter's mother-in-law – vs. 29-31 _____

3. General healing – vs. 32-34 _____

4. Teaching and Confirmation – vs. 35-39 _____

5. Heals leper – vs. 40-45 _____

3. Encounters and Parables

In this lesson, we get an overview of how Mark sets out to prove his opening declaration that Jesus is the Son of God. (Mark 2:1-4:34)

Intro - Review

Mark establishes three ideas right from the beginning of his gospel.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

7 Encounters

1. Scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy – Mark 2:1-12

2. Scribes and Pharisees accuse Jesus of immorality – Mark 2:13-17

3. Disciples of John question His spirituality – Mark 2:18-22

4. Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of disobeying the Law – Mark 2:23-28

5. Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath – Mark 3:1-6

6. Scribes accuse Jesus of being possessed – Mark 3:20-30

7. Family thinks Jesus is crazy – Mark 3:31-35

Accusation

- 1. Blasphemy
- 2. Immorality
- 3. Unspiritual
- 4 & 5. Disobedient
- 6. Crazy

Reality

8. Disloyal _____ - Mark 3:33-35

Four Parables

The word “parable” means to lay beside or to compare

When we put all the parables together about the kingdom we learn:

A. _____

B. _____

1. Parable of the Sower and Seed – 4:1-20

2. Parable of the Lamp – 4:21-22

Commentary by Jesus – 4:23-25 _____

3. Parable of Growth in the Kingdom – 4:26-29

4. Parable of the Mustard Seed – 4:30-32

Commentary by Jesus – 4:33-34 _____

4. Jesus: Lord of All

In this section of Mark's gospel, the author profiles four powerful situations where those who witness Christ's power believe in Him as Lord and Savior. (Mark 4:34-6:56)

Jesus, Lord of Hopeless Situations – Mark 4:35-5:43

1. Lord of Nature – 4:35-41

2. Lord of the Spirit World – 5:1-20

3. Lord of Illness – 5:21-34

Synagogue official's daughter _____

Woman with issue of blood _____

4. Lord over Death – 5:35-43

Expansion of Jesus' Ministry – 6:1-56

1. Jesus' Hometown – 6:1-6

2. Sending of Twelve – 6:7-13

3. Jesus and Herod – 6:14-29

4. Jesus and His Disciples – 6:30-56

A. The Retreat – vs. 30-32

B. The Rally – vs. 33-44

C. The walking on water – vs. 45-52

D. More Miracles – vs. 53-55

Summary

Jesus was preparing His disciples to understand two important truths about Himself:

A.

B.

5. Truth, Tradition and Other Miracles

In this section of Mark's gospel, the writer uses the miracles where Jesus heals the blind and deaf as a preview of the opening of the Apostles' unbelieving eyes and ears. (Mark 7:1-8:38)

Intro - In the first six chapters Mark has clearly presented the case for the deity of Christ.

Religious Tradition - 7:1-23

Jesus teaches His disciples the great difference between human traditions and God's Word.

Vs. 1-2 - A group questions Jesus.

Vs. 3-4

Vs. 5

Vs. 6-8 – Jesus accuses them of hierocracy.

Isaiah 29:13 _____

Vs. 9-13 _____

Corban was not a bad thing, however _____

Vs. 14-23 _____

What you do and say – these things can defile you. _____

The Syrophenician woman – 7:24-31

Vs. 24 _____

Vs. 25-26 _____

Vs. 27-28 _____

She understood her position in Jewish society and asked for a small portion.

Vs. 29-30 _____

The Deaf and Dumb Man - 7:31-37

Vs. 31-32 _____

Vs. 33-36 _____

Vs. 37 _____

Feeding the 4,000 - 8:1-21

Curing the Blind - 8:22-26

The Great Confession - 8:27-30

The Cost of Discipleship- 8:31-38

Vs. 31 _____

Vs. 32-33 _____

Vs. 34-38 _____

At some point everyone has to _____.

6. Advanced Training

Now that the Apostles have acknowledged Jesus' true identity as the Son of God, the Lord begins more in-depth teaching on the subjects of His mission and the nature of His Kingdom. (Mark 9:1-10:52)

Intro - Mark tells his story on three levels:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Teaching the Apostles – 9:1-50

A. Teaching on the Kingdom

1. Return of Jesus _____

2. Destruction of Jerusalem _____

3. Pentecost Sunday _____

B. Teaching on His Deity and Authority – vs. 2-8

Vs. 2 _____

Vs. 3 _____

Vs. 4 _____

Vs. 5-6 _____

Vs. 7-8 _____

C. Teaching on the Messiah – vs. 9-13

The apostles were struggling with the difference between their concept of the Messiah and what Jesus was teaching them. _____

Jewish concept of Messiah:

- Orthodox _____
- Conservative _____
- Reform _____
- Zionist _____

Jesus presented a Messiah who would:

- Free _____
 - Regain _____
 - Provide _____
 - Rule _____
 - Bring _____
 - Accomplish _____
- _____
- _____

D. Teaching about Power – vs. 14-50

Healing of demon possessed boy. _____

1. The father lacked _____.

2. Lack of _____.

3. Lack of _____.

Sex, Money, Power – 10:1-52

1. Sex – Mark 10:1-12 _____

2. Money – 10:17-34 _____

3. Power – 10:35-52 _____

Jesus dispels these false ideas in two ways:

A. Kingdom _____

B. Miracle _____

7. Final Confrontations

As the time for Jesus' death grows near Mark recounts several confrontations with various Jewish leaders and groups that will seal their rejection of Him as their Messiah. (Mark 11:1-12:44)

Intro - Mark is telling his story on three levels

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

This section has three main events:

- Entry _____
- Fig _____
- Cleansing _____

Entry into Jerusalem - 11:1-11

Zechariah _____

Vs. 1-6 _____

Vs. 7-8 _____

Vs. 9-10 _____

Vs. 11 _____

The Fig Tree - vs. 12-14; 19-26

Tree was on public property.

When questioned about the tree, Jesus speaks to His disciples concerning faith.

Cleansing of the Temple - vs. 15-18

The Jews were defiling the temple in various ways.

The challenge of the Priests - 11:27 - 12:12

The priests question His "authority."

Pharisees' Challenge - vs. 13-17

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus.

The Sadducees' Challenge - vs. 18-27

The Sadducees did not believe in the afterlife or spirits.

The Greatest Commandment – vs. 28-34

So far Jesus has had confrontations with

- Politicians (Pharisees and Herodians)
- Aristocrats (Priests)

He now deals with intellectuals (scribes)

Warning against the Scribes – vs. 35-40

What the Apostles learned – vs. 41-44

8. Final Teachings

In the last hours before His suffering Jesus will provide teaching concerning the judgment coming on the Jewish nation, and how His Apostles will remember Him after He is gone. (Mark 13:1-14:72)

Intro - Mark tells his story on three levels:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus will give His apostles three final teachings

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Judgment on the Nation of Israel. 13:1-37

The first four verses in this passage establish the context for what Jesus will be teaching them.

Vs. 1-2 _____

Vs. 3-4 _____

“Apocalyptic” language _____

(See “Matthew for Beginners” for a complete treatment of this teaching)

Jesus mentions phases leading to the event in 70 A.D.

The false prophet and rumor stage – vs. 5-8

The persecution stage – vs. 6-13

The siege stage – vs. 14-23

The gospel stage – vs. 24-27

The final warning – vs. 28-37

- _____
- _____
- _____

The Passover Meal – 14:1-42

As a Jew, Jews observed the Passover

Vs. 1-2

Vs. 3-9

Vs. 12-16

Vs. 17-21

Vs. 22-25

Vs. 27-31 _____

Vs. 32-42 _____

Vs. 43-52 _____

Vs. 53-65 _____

Vs. 66-72 _____

9. The Passion

In this last class in the series, Mike will focus on the key passages that describe Jesus' death, burial and resurrection - an experience referred to as the Lord's "Passion." (Mark 15:1-16:20)

Intro - All prophecies and teachings about Jesus lead Him to the cross.

Jesus Before Pilate - 15:1-5

The Jewish leaders did not have the cause or authority to put Jesus to death.

Vs. 1-5

Mark does not record the dialogue between Pilate and Jesus.

Vs. 6-15

Pilate makes three attempts to free Jesus:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Crucifixion - vs. 16-41

Vs. 16-20 _____

Vs. 21 _____

Vs. 22-26 _____

Vs. 27-32 _____

Vs. 33-41 _____

1. The veil _____

2. A Roman Centurion _____

The Burial - vs. 42-47

The body was taken down and buried before sundown and the beginning of the Sabbath day.

The Resurrection - 16:1-8

Vs. 1-8

Jesus' Appearance and Instructions - 16:9-20

In most translations these verses are called into question.

Vs. 9-20

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