

Mark Overview

January 21, 2024

KEY VERSE IN MARK

Mark 10:45 (ESV)

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

Introduction:

Text: Mark 1-16

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Big Challenge: Let Mark's gospel story of Jesus _____ your world!

#1-Who was John Mark?

- He was the son of a _____ – Acts 12:12
- He was the servant (co-worker) of _____ – Acts 12:25
- He was the _____ of Peter - 1 Peter 5:13
- He was mentored by Peter – Acts 10:34-43
 - Peter's sermon resembles an outline of the Gospel of Marks

#2-How is the Gospel of Mark distinct?

- Audience--Most scholars agree that the gospel of Mark was intended for Gentiles, likely those residing in Rome.
- This gospel answers big questions about Jesus:
 - _____ --Who is Jesus?
 - Jesus is King over all things (Mark 1-8)
 - _____ --Why did Jesus come?
 - Jesus came to die on the cross (Mark 9-16)

#3-Mark begins with anchoring the Gospel in a PERSON

- _____ -- He is truly HUMAN (has a human name)
 - The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah is Salvation"
- _____ -- The title "Christ" identifies Jesus as the "Jewish Messiah", or "the Anointed One"
 - The title "Christ" declares His Position as the DELIVER
- _____ of _____ -- He is truly UNIQUE – He is the Son of God.
 - He is both humanity & deity in one Person.

Truth into Action:

#1- There is no failed life that Jesus cannot redeem.

#2- Let Mark's gospel story of Jesus change your world!

CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1- Find yourself on the stages of a disciple.

#2- Begin asking God to help you take THAT NEXT STEP.

#3- Set a plan to begin reading through the Gospel of Mark personally or as a family.

#4- Let us know how we can prayer for you.



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: If you were to tell the story of Jesus, how would you begin it?

1. Write out Mark 10:45 in your words (paraphrase it).
2. Based upon Mark 10:45, what is the purpose and plan behind Jesus' life?
3. What do we know about the author?
4. Who was the book specifically written to?
5. What differences have you noticed between the gospel of Mark and other gospels?
6. What monumental truth does Mark reveal in the first sentence of his book?
7. What do you hope to learn as we study this book?
8. What goals do you have for yourself as we study it?

Closing Prayer: Father help me to take that next step for Jesus as we journey through the gospel of Mark in 2024. The stakes are high, and the end is near. Amen!