



MARK 
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The Really Good News!

THE Gospel according to Mark

Suffer with Him Serve beside Him

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

Mark 10:45



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*“Preach the gospel
to yourself every day.”*
Jerry Bridges

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Who is Mark?

Why 4 Gospels?

Plan of Mark?

Who was Mark?

- How did these guys get together? Shared experiences?
- Why the connection with Peter?
 - Peter denies 3x – John Mark @ Pamphylia (Acts 13)
- Mark given by Peter – Papias and others



Who was Mark?

- Mark wrote from Rome by Peter to a mostly Gentile audience – Aramaic terms:
 - ‘Talitha koum’ – Mark 5:41
 - ‘corban’ – Mark 7:11
 - ‘abba’ – Mark 14:36
- The forgiven shares forgiveness!



Jesus great love and compassion

- Man with leprosy – Mark 1:40-41
 - “Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him”
- Crowds following Him fed – Mark 6:33-34
 - “When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them”
- Rich Young Ruler – Mark 10:21,22
 - “Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack”



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“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.” Timothy Keller

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Why Four Gospels?

Time & Geography

Historical & Cultural

Son of David

Son of Abraham

Son of Adam

Son of God



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1st Verse – TITLE

1:1 ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου

Beginning the Gospel

Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ υἱοῦ Θεοῦ

of Jesus Christ – Son of God



Gospel According John

Papyrus 66 – P 66

Around 200 AD

κατα Μαρκον
According to Mark

Chapters 1-8

18 Miracles

7 Parables

Bridge: Mark 8:27

‘who do you say I am?’

Transfiguration

Death foretold – Mark 8, 9, 10

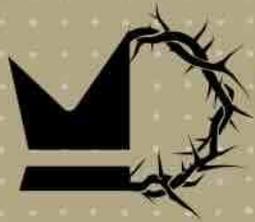
Chapters 11-16

Triumphal Entry – Cleansing – Olivet – Anointing – Passover

Arrest – Trials – Crucifixion – Burial – Resurrection – Ascension

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Mark 8:27 “Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?””



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28 “They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.”



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29 “And He continued by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”



Jesus Asked 8:27-29

- Who did they think He was?
- Who do we think He is?
- Who did He want us to know His as?



*“Jesus did not die to change
God’s heart toward us
BUT to change our heart towards
Him!”*

John 3:16

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“But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “**Are You the Christ**, the Son of the Blessed One?” And Jesus said, “**I am**; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”

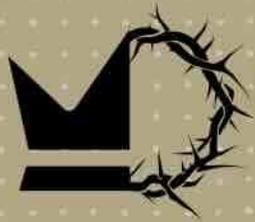
Mark 14:61,62



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“And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Mark 1:17



Jesus Presented

- Jesus is Messiah
 - OT Promises
- Jesus is Suffering Servant
 - Lamb to Lion
- Jesus Savior of Men
 - Once for all for all men



“If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.” Augustine

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Mar 15:12,13

Answering again, Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?”

They shouted back, “Crucify Him!”



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Mar 15:14.15

But Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify Him!”

Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.



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Mark 15:46

Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.



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Mark 16:6

And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.



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Jesus Paid

- Crucifixion
 - Innocent for the guilty – Eden
 - Righteous for the unrighteous – Gethsemane
- Burial
- Resurrection – 1 Cor 15



*“The heart of the gospel is redemption,
and the essence of redemption is the
substitutionary sacrifice of Christ.”* C.H.
Spurgeon

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Mark Takeaways – 2025-26

- It is all about the Gospel not church!
 - Good News
- It is all about Jesus not us!
 - Better life?
 - Better hope!



*“Only those who have learned well to
be earnestly dissatisfied with
themselves truly understand the
Christian gospel.”*

John Calvin

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A stylized landscape with a path leading to a mountain peak under a starry sky. The path is a light blue line winding through a field of tall grass. In the background, a large mountain peak rises against a dark blue sky filled with white stars. The overall style is painterly and evocative.

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