



## MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **John Mark, the Quitter**  
Series: **EYEWITNESS - ACTS**  
Text: **Acts 12:12-14, 25; Acts 13:5-13; Acts 15:36-41**  
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*But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit** comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
(Acts 1:8)*

### EYEWITNESS - \_\_\_\_\_, THE QUITTER (FALTERING FAITH)

❖ John Mark is influenced by many \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

- When this had dawned on him, **he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark,** where many **people had gathered and were praying.** 13 Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. 14 When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, “Peter is at the door!” (Acts 12:12-14)
- She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and **so does my son (like a son) Mark.** 1Pet. 5:13
- My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, **as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas.** (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) Col. 4:10

❖ Paul and Barnabas are \_\_\_\_\_ John Mark

*When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, **taking with them John, also called Mark.** (Acts 12:25)*

***The two of them,** sent on their way **by the Holy Spirit,** went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. **John was with them as their helper.** (Ac 13:4–5).*

### SOMETHING WENT \_\_\_\_\_

***They traveled through the whole island** until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, 7 who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. (Acts 13:6–7)*

*But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and **tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.** Acts 13:8*

From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where **John left them to return to Jerusalem.** (Acts 13:13)

**John Mark quits, deserts, leaves . . . \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- Mark was \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark \_\_\_\_\_ with Paul and Barnabas
- Mark was \_\_\_\_\_. The trip was too \_\_\_\_\_. Ministry is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SHARP DISAGREEMENT**

Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” 37 **Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them,** 38 but **Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them** in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 **They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company.** Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (Acts 15:36-40)

### **THREE FINAL THOUGHTS**

- 1. JESUS TOOK YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ AND YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ !**
- 2. WILL YOU HELP SOMEONE WHO HAS \_\_\_\_\_ ?**
- 3. HAVE YOU HAD A SHARP DISAGREEMENT WITH SOMEONE THAT NEEDS TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

Only Luke is with me. **Get Mark and bring him with you,** because **he is helpful to me in my ministry.** 2Tim. 4:11

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