



A dirt path leads through tall, dry grass. The text "THE KINGDOM COMES" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background is a soft-focus landscape of a field with a path leading into the distance.

THE KINGDOM COMES

Things to Consider to Read Mark Well:

Author – Mark (coworker of Peter) **inspired by the Holy Spirit**

Audience – Jews and Gentiles, with an emphasis on nonbelievers

Agenda – The ending of the Gospel shows us how Mark intended to invoke a response to both the suffering of the Son of Man and the reality of the empty tomb

The Theme of Suffering and Success in Mark

Suffering - John the Baptist prepares the way for the Messiah, but is betrayed and imprisoned before Jesus begins his ministry

Success - The way is prepared and Jesus begins proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God

After John was handed over, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Mark 1:14-15 CSB

How Does the King Usher in His Kingdom?

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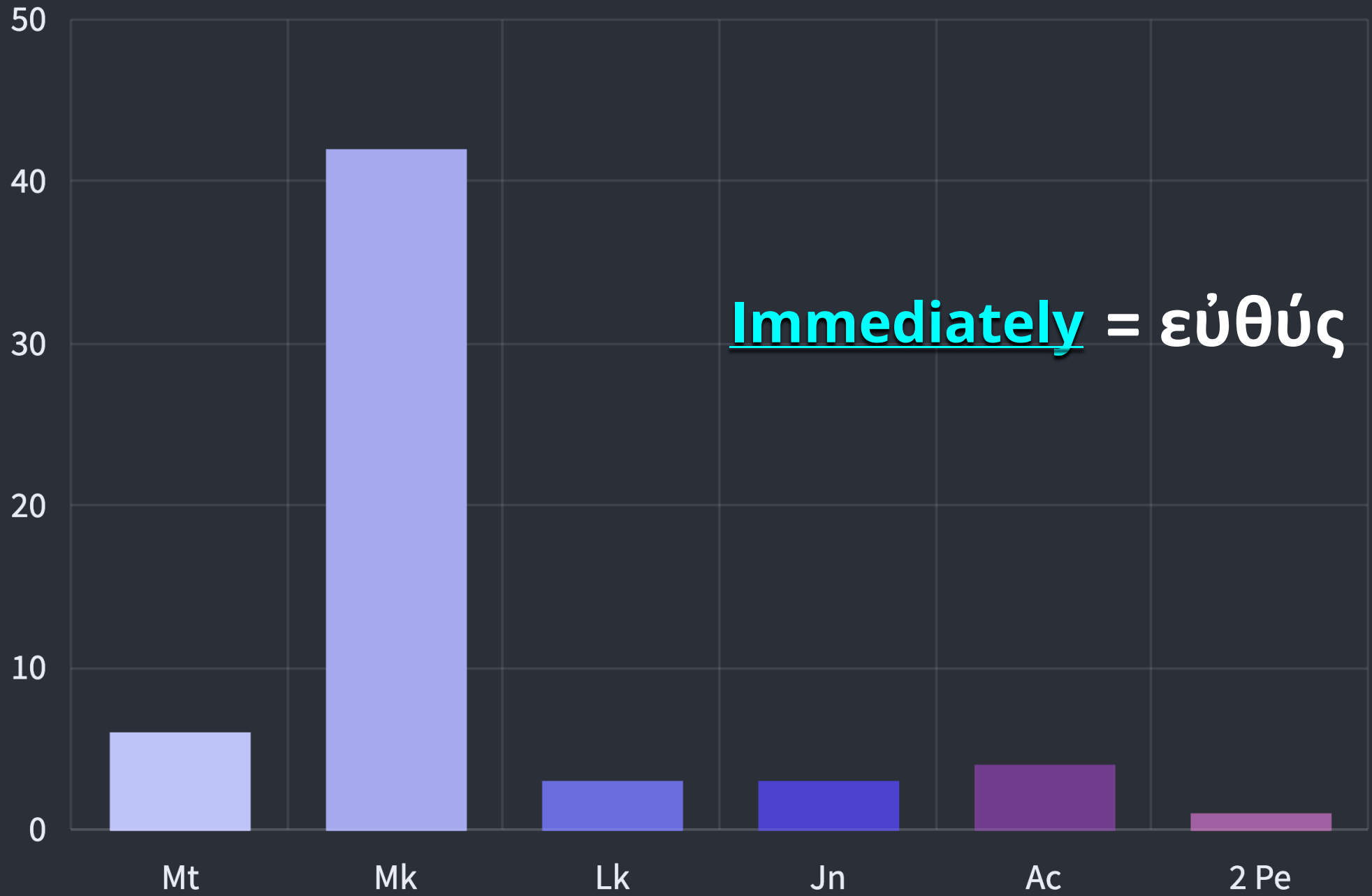
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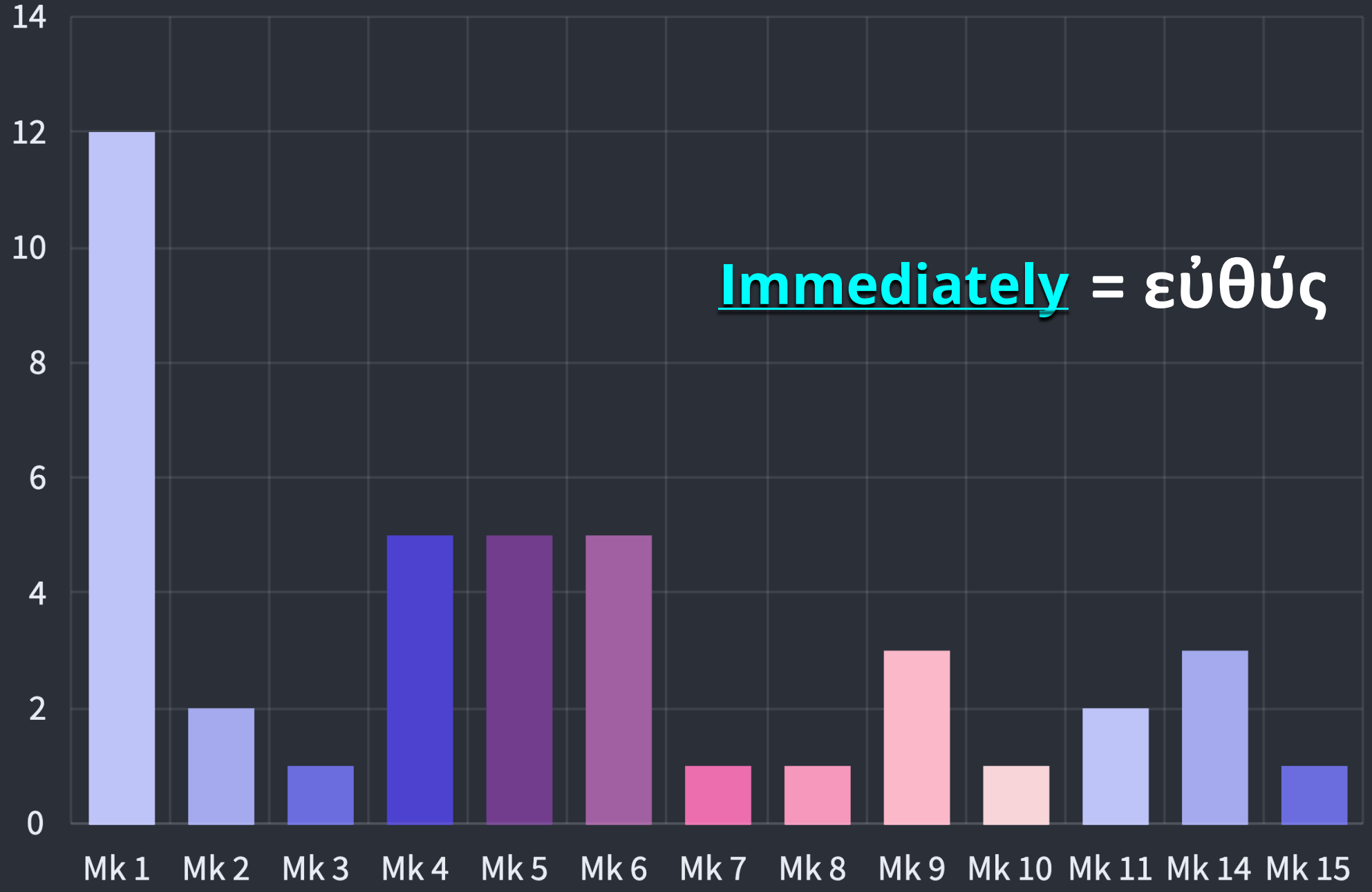
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Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat putting their nets in order. **Immediately** he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:19-20 CSB

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Jesus rebuked him saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"
And the unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted
with a loud voice, and came out of him.

Mark 1:25-26 CSB

They were all amazed, and so they began to ask each other, "What is this? A new teaching with **authority**! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." **At once** the news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity of Galilee.

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When evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him all those who were sick and demon-possessed. The whole town was assembled at the door, and he healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1:32-34 CSB

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying. Simon and his companions searched for him, and when they found him they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

Mark 1:35-37 CSB

And he said to them, "Let's go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come." He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Mark 1:38-39 CSB

Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on his knees, begged him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. "I am willing," he told him. "Be made clean." **Immediately** the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

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Leprosy was an unattractive skin disease for which the Bible had prescribed quarantine from the rest of society (Lev 13:45–46), although the Bible did not go as far as many Jewish teachers who blamed the disease on the leper's sin (often the sin of slander). Lepers were thus outcasts from the rest of society, the kind of people most healthy people preferred to ignore. Touching a leper was forbidden, and most people would have been revolted by the thought of it.

Keener, IVP Bible Background Commentary: NT

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Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely and to spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly. But he was out in deserted places, and they came to him from everywhere.

Mark 1:45 CSB

When he entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and he was speaking the word to them.

Mark 2:1-2 CSB

They came to him bringing a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying. Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:3-5 CSB

But some of **the scribes** were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: “Why does he speak like this? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Mark 2:6-7 CSB

Right away Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were thinking like this within themselves and said to them, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat, and walk’?”

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I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly **one like a son of man** was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14 CSB

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