

The Gospel of Mark

Wednesday, October 12th

“The Gospel of Mark is just the book for busy people who want to use every opportunity to serve God. It presents our Lord ‘on the move,’ meeting the physical and spiritual needs of all kinds of people (Warren Wiersbe).

Matthew who wrote to Jews and presented Christ as King begins with His genealogy.
Luke who wrote to Gentiles and presented Christ as the Son of Man begins with His birth.

John who wrote to the whole world and presented Christ as the Son of God begins in eternity.

Mark who wrote to the Romans and presented Christ as the Servant (10:45) begins with His baptism.

1. *The Servant to the Multitudes (1-7)*
 - A. Early Galilean Ministry (1:14-3:6)
 - B. Later Galilean Ministry (3:7-6:6)
2. *The Servant to His Disciples (8-10) Six months before His death (8:31)*
3. *The Servant to the World (11-16) The last eight days take up 40% of Mark*

I. The Author

- A. *Mark was closely associated with two apostles (Peter and Paul)*
- B. *1 Peter 5:13; Colossians 4:10; Mark 14:47-52; Acts 12:12; 12:25; 13:5; 13:13; 15:36; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:10*

II. The Recipients

- A. *No references to Jewish Law*
- B. *Mark explains Jewish terms and customs (1:5; 3:17; 15:12)*
- C. *Mark used Latin terms (5:9; 6:27; 12:14, 42; 15:15, 16, 39)*
- D. *Mark uses the word “straightway” or “immediately” 42 times*
- E. *Mark stresses the actions of Christ not His words (in contrast with Matthew)*
 1. *Mark only records two sermons of Christ (4:1-34; 13:37)*
 2. *Mark records 18 miracles of Christ*
- F. *Mark wrote to comfort his readers who were being persecuted (13:9-13).*
- G. *Mark mentions Roman centurion proclaiming Christ’s deity (15:39)*

III. The Purpose

- A. *Convince the Roman reader Jesus is the Son of God (1:1)*
- B. *Convince the Roman reader Jesus died for them and would save them (10:45)*
- C. *Convince the Roman believer that following their suffering Servant meant suffering (8:34)*