

The Gospel of Mark

Introduction

The Gospel of Mark - Written by John Mark, a close friend of Peter and Barnabas' cousin. He accompanied Barnabas and Saul on their first missionary journey (Acts 12:25; Philemon 24; Colossians 4:10) and likely ministered to Peter while he was imprisoned in Rome.

Mark wrote first

Mark's source was Peter

Mark was in Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:51-52)

Mark's treatment of the disciples is honest - 'cowardly, blind and hard hearted'

Mark's gospel was meant to be read aloud

Mark wrote in the "historical present"

Jesus is heroic, humiliated, let down by friends and killed by a hostile establishment

Mark is troubled by the ending of Jesus' human life

Mark outlines three important things about Jesus:

Jesus is the Messiah

Jesus is calling all to total commitment

Jesus was totally committed to paying the ransom for sin

Mark reveals Jesus' 'authority', 'people's awe' and 'public opposition'

Mark's favorite word is (1:20) translated "straightway" or "immediately".

Mark was the first to write the story of Jesus in a 'common man' genre

Mark wove together the story of Jesus and the way of salvation

Mark skillfully ties faith in Jesus to historical events

Mark prepared his readers to become lifelong disciples of Jesus

Mark's two challenges.

First, Mark 16:9-20 is missing in a number of manuscripts.

Second, Mark highlights Jesus' need for secrecy.

Mark made Peter the 'second character'

Mark wrote from Rome to Roman Christians

Mark's Historical high-point is Mark 15:33-39

Mark's Theological high-point Mark 8:27-29

Mark 1:1-8:21	Jesus' ministry in <u>Galilee</u>
Mark 8:22-10:52	Jesus' journey to the <u>Cross</u>
Mark 11:1-16:8	Jesus' ministry in <u>Jerusalem</u>

Mark only records Jesus teachings twice - Mark 4, 13.

Mark's Purpose:

Christology in Mark's Gospel - Jesus was divine and compelling - (1-8)

Discipleship in Mark's Gospel - Jesus asks for all of me, even when its hard (9-16)

Mark 1:1-13 - Opening & Prologue

Who is Jesus? - Mark 1:1 - Jesus Christ is the Son of God! (7+2) No verbs necessary!