

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## JESUS AS THE SUFFERING SERVANT



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# WHAT ARE THE GOSPELS?

A DEFINITION: SELECTIVE TOPICAL NARRATIVES (OR MOSAICS) OF JESUS CHRIST WITH A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE. THEY COMPLETE, COMPLEMENT, AND CONFIRM EACH OTHER.



# COMPARISON OF THE GOSPELS

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Portrait</b>	King & Lion-like	<b>Servant &amp; Ox-Like</b>	Perfect Man & Like Us	Savior of the World & Eagle-Like
<b>Date</b>	60-65 AD	<b>50-60 AD</b>	65-68 AD	90 AD
<b>Style of Writer</b>	Teacher	<b>Preacher</b>	Historian	Theologian
<b>Presentation</b>	Structured	<b>Dramatic</b>	Thematic	Theological
<b>Emphasis</b>	Sermons	<b>Miracles</b>	Parables	Doctrines
<b>Audience</b>	Jews	<b>Romans</b>	Greeks	World
<b>Key Words</b>	Fulfilled	<b>Immediately</b>	Son of Man	Believe
<b>Key Chapter</b>	12	<b>10</b>	9	10
<b>Key Verse</b>	28:19-20	<b>10:45</b>	19:10	20:28-31



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## OUTLINE:

- PRESENTATION (1)
- OPPOSITION & HARDNESS OF HEART (2-7)
- INSTRUCTION & PREDICTIONS (8-10)
- REJECTION (11-15)
- RESURRECTION (16)

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**AUTHOR:** JOHN MARK

- CAME TO CHRIST THROUGH PETER'S MINISTRY (1 PETER 5:13)
- DESERTED PAUL ON HIS FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 15:37-39), BUT WAS LATER REUNITED WITH HIM (2 TIMOTHY 4:11; COLOSSIANS 4:10)

**DATE/SETTING:** WRITTEN FROM ROME IN AD 55-65 TO GENTILE ROMAN CHRISTIANS WHO FACED PERSECUTION

**PURPOSE:** TO SHOW JESUS AS THE PERFECTLY OBEDIENT SERVANT OF GOD AND WHAT IT COSTS TO FOLLOW HIM

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## THEMES:

- SERVANTHOOD OF CHRIST
- COST OF DISCIPLESHIP
- PORTRAYS JESUS AS A MAN OF ACTION & POWER WHILE ALWAYS ON THE MOVE (TRAVEL MOTIF -- GALILEE & PEREA, JUDEA & JERUSALEM)
- QUESTIONS REGARDING JESUS' IDENTITY & MESSIANIC SECRET

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**JESUS As:** SUFFERING SERVANT

**KEY CHAPTER(s):** 10

**KEY VERSE(s):** MARK 10:45

**KEY WORDS:** IMMEDIATELY, AT ONCE, AND (OVER 1,100)



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## UNIQUE FEATURES:

- MARK IS THE SHORTEST OF THE FOUR GOSPELS
- PROPORTIONATELY, IT HAS THE MOST MIRACLES (18) & FEWER PARABLES (4) THAN MATTHEW OR LUKE
- SCARCITY OF OT QUOTATIONS
- FREQUENT EXPLANATION OF JEWISH WORDS (3:17; 5:41; 7:11, 34; 14:36) AND CUSTOMS (7:3, 14:12, 15:42)
- IT USES THE GREEK WORD "IMMEDIATELY" OR "AT ONCE" FORTY-TWO TIMES, MORE THAN THE REST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT COMBINED
- HE RECORDS ONLY ONE LONG DISCOURSE BY JESUS, AND OMITTS BACKGROUND AND BIRTH NARRATIVES

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- JESUS OFTEN DEMANDS THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD REMAIN QUIET ABOUT HIM (1:34, 43-44; 3:11-12; 5:43; 7:36; 8:26, 30)
- MARK FEATURES AN APOCALYPTIC POINT OF VIEW -- THE WORLD IS SEEN AS A BATTLE GROUND BETWEEN GOD AND SATAN, GOOD AND EVIL
- ABOUT 20% OF MARK FOCUSES ON THE PASSION OF JESUS
- VIVIDNESS OF DETAIL (PLACES, DESCRIPTION, TIME)

# CHAPTER DETAILS

Ch.	Section	Title	Contents	Key Verse(s)	?
1	Presentation	Fishers of Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John the Baptist;</li><li>• Baptism of Jesus;</li><li>• Temptation of Jesus;</li><li>• Calling of the First Disciples;</li><li>• Jesus Heals: Unclean Spirit;</li><li>• Peter's Mother-in-Law; Leper</li></ul>	1:17	1:34, 43-44



**Small Group Discussion Questions**  
**(Mark 1:1-13)**  
**February 18, 2016**

1. Why did you sign up for Summit? What do you hope to get out of our time together?
2. What reservations, if any, do you have about participating in this Bible study?
3. How would you finish this statement, “Spiritually speaking, I would describe this time in my life as . . . .”
4. Have you ever studied the Book of Mark? What do you remember? What questions do you have about the book that you hope we discuss?
5. One of the primary themes of Mark is servant leadership. How was Jesus a servant leader? What are the characteristics of a servant leader today? What is one thing you can do over the course of this week to grow as a servant leader?
6. How can this group pray for you this week?

<b>MARK:</b> <b>JESUS AS SUFFERING SERVANT</b>  <b>Outline:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation (1)</li> <li>• Opposition &amp; Hardness of Heart (2-7)</li> <li>• Instruction &amp; Predictions (8-10)</li> <li>• Rejection (11-15)</li> <li>• Resurrection (16)</li> </ul>	<b>Author:</b> John Mark, who came to Christ through Peter's ministry (1 Peter 5:13) who later deserted Paul on his first missionary journey (Acts 15:37-39) but was then reunited with him (2 Timothy 4:11; Colossians 4:10)  <b>Date/Setting:</b> Written from Rome in AD 55-65 to Gentile Roman Christians who faced Roman persecution:  <b>Purpose:</b> To show Jesus as the perfectly obedient Servant of God and what it costs to follow Him  <b>Themes:</b> Servanthood of Christ; Cost of discipleship; Jesus as the Son of God, a Man of action & power while always on the move (travel motif -- Galilee & Perea, Judea & Jerusalem); Messianic secret; hardness of heart; Jesus' touch of healing; Questions regarding Jesus' identity  <b>Jesus As:</b> Suffering Servant  <b>Key Chapter(s):</b> 8-10  <b>Key Verse(s):</b> Mark 8:34-37; 10:45; 15:39  <b>Key Words:</b> immediately, at once, repent, hear/understand, touched, amazed, the way, and (over 1,100), disciple
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<b>Unique Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels.</li> <li>• Jesus is shown as a man of action, which would have appealed to the Roman mindset</li> <li>• Proportionately, it has the most miracles (18) &amp; fewer parables (4) than Matthew or Luke.</li> <li>• Scarcity of OT quotations</li> <li>• Frequent explanation of Jewish words (3:17; 5:41; 7:11, 34; 14:36) and customs (7:3, 14:12, 15:42)</li> <li>• Its omission of parables meaningful to Jews, such as the Good Samaritan and the pharisee and tax collector</li> <li>• It uses the Greek word "immediately" or "at once" forty-two times, more than the rest of the New Testament combined.</li> <li>• He records only one long discourse by Jesus, and omits background and birth narratives.</li> <li>• Emphasizes people's reaction to Jesus (at least 23 references -- 1:22, 27; 2:12; 4:41; 5:20; 6:2, 51; 7:37; 11:18) while portraying the disciples as slow to understand and believe.</li> <li>• Jesus often offers private instructions to His disciples.</li> <li>• Emphasis on threes: 3 predictions of Jesus' death, 3 boat scenes, 3 times the disciples are sleeping, 3 times Peter denies Christ</li> <li>• Jesus often demands that the people should remain quiet about Him (1:34, 43-44; 3:11-12; 5:43; 7:36; 8:26, 30)</li> <li>• Mark features an apocalyptic point of view -- the world is seen as a battle ground between God and Satan, good and evil</li> <li>• About 20% of Mark focuses on the Passion of Jesus</li> <li>• Vividness of detail (places, description, time)</li> </ul>
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