



Purpose of Summit



Help you take the next step in your relationship with Christ . . .

- Learn
- Live
- Lead



The Gospel of Mark:
“Jesus, The Suffering Servant”
An Introduction

What are the Gospels?



Selective topical narratives (or mosaics) of Jesus Christ with a theological perspective. They complete, complement and confirm each other.



Gospel Comparison



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

Background



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

Background



Purpose: To show Jesus as the perfectly obedient Servant of God and what it costs to follow Him

Themes:

- Servanthood of Christ
- Cost of discipleship
- Portrays Jesus as a Man of action & power
- Questions regarding Jesus' identity & Messianic secret

Background



Key Chapter: 10

Key Verse: Mark 10:45

Key Words: immediately, at once, and (over 1,100)

Outline



- Presentation (1)
- Opposition & Hardness of Heart (2-7)
- Instruction & Predictions (8-10)
- Rejection (11-15)
- Resurrection (16)

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" 42x, more than the rest of the New Testament combined

Unique Features



- He records only one long discourse by Jesus and omits background and birth
- 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 battleground between God and Satan, good and evil
- About 20% of Mark focuses on the Passion of Jesus
- Vividness of detail (places, description, time)



Servant Leadership

Lofty Ideal or Way of Life?

Servant Leader



What does it mean to be a servant leader?

Servant Leader



Leads by serving the best interest of others rather than leading to be served.

| Servant | Hierarchy |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Good of the whole | Good of the individual |
| Aims to give | Aims to get |
| Marked by humility | Marked by pride |
| Credits others | Seeks the credit |
| “Happy to pitch in!” | “That’s beneath me.” |

Servant Leader



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:45)

Servant Leader



Spouse

Children

Friends

Neighbors

Clients

To Note



- Parking
- Nametags and Room Numbers
- Use Sky Bridge to access rooms on 2nd & 3rd floors of the Tower
- Open Group
- Workbooks



Mark: Jesus as the Suffering Servant Syllabus (Fall 2016)

| Date | Passage | Keller Chapters | Memory Verse |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Sep 29 | Overview | None | None |
| Oct 6 | Mark 9:2-50 | 10 | Mark 9:35 |
| Oct 13 | Mark 10:1-31 | 11 | Mark 10:15 |
| Oct 20 | Mark 10:32-52 | 12 | Mark 10:45 |
| Oct 27 | Mark 11:1–13:37 | 13 | Mark 13:31 |
| Nov 3 | Mark 14:1-52 | 14-16 | Mark 14:36 |
| Nov 10 | Mark 14:53–15:41 | 17 | Mark 14:61b-62 |
| Nov 17 | Mark 15:42–16:8 | 18 | Mark 16:6 |

Key Idea: Jesus as the Suffering Servant

Key Verse: Mark 10:45

- Outline:**
- Presentation of the Servant (1)
 - Opposition to the Servant (2-7)
 - Instruction by the Servant (8-10)
 - Rejection of the Servant (11-15)
 - Resurrection of the Servant (16)



Mark: Jesus as the Suffering Servant Syllabus (Fall 2016)

Memory Verses (ESV)

Mark 9:35

And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

Mark 10:15

“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 13:31

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Mark 14:36

And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Mark 14:61b-62

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Mark 16:6

And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”



**Small Group Discussion Questions
(Mark Overview)
September 29, 2016**

1. Why did you sign up for Summit? What do you hope to get out of our time together? What reservations, if any, do you have about participating in this Bible study?
2. How would you finish this statement, “Spiritually speaking, I would describe this time in my life as”
3. 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?
4. One of the primary themes of Mark is servant leadership. What is a servant leader? What are the characteristics of a servant leader today?
5. How would you summarize what today’s speaker shared? What did you learn? How can you apply what you heard? What was your impression of the video featuring Howdy Homemade Ice Cream? Practically speaking, how can you raise the value of servant leadership within your workplace? Your home?
6. How can this group pray for you this week?

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| MARK: JESUS AS SUFFERING SERVANT Outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (1) • Opposition & Hardness of Heart (2-7) • Instruction & Predictions (8-10) • Rejection (11-15) • Resurrection (16) | Author: 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) Date/Setting: Written from Rome in AD 55-65 to Gentile Roman Christians who faced Roman persecution: Purpose: To show Jesus as the perfectly obedient Servant of God and what it costs to follow Him Themes: 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 Jesus As: Suffering Servant Key Chapter(s): 8-10 Key Verse(s): Mark 8:34-37; 10:45; 15:39 Key Words: immediately, at once, repent, hear/understand, touched, amazed, the way, and (over 1,100), disciple |
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 - 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)
 - Its omission of parables meaningful to Jews, such as the Good Samaritan and the pharisee and tax collector
 - 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 omits background and birth narratives.
 - 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.
 - Jesus often offers private instructions to His disciples.
 - Emphasis on threes: 3 predictions of Jesus' death, 3 boat scenes, 3 times the disciples are sleeping, 3 times Peter denies Christ
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| Chapter | Section | Title | Contents | Key Verse(s) | ? |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | Presentation | Fishers of Men | John the Baptist; Baptism of Jesus; Temptation of Jesus; First Disciples; Jesus Heals - Unclean Spirit; Peter's Mother-in-Law; Leper | 1:17 | 1:34, 43-44 |
| 2 | Opposition & Hardness of Heart | A Friend with Sinners | Who can forgive sins? Why does He eat with sinners? Why don't His disciples fast? Why don't they keep the Sabbath? | 2:7, 17 | |
| 3 | | A Threat to the Pharisees | Withered Hand; Great Crowds; Twelve Called; Accusation of Blasphemy; Jesus' Family | 3:24 | 3:29 |
| 4 | | Parables | Parable of Sower; Growing Seed; Mustard Seed; Jesus Calms Storm | 4:23-25 | |
| 5 | | Miracles | Gerasene Demoniac; Woman Touches Jesus; Raising Jairus' Daughter | 5:39 | 5:43 |
| 6 | | Carpenter's Son? | Rejected in Nazareth; Sending of the Twelve; Death of John; Feeding of the 5,000; Walking on Water; More Healings | 6:4, 50 | 6:52 |
| 7 | | Upholding Traditions | What defiles a man? Syrophenician Woman's Faith; Deaf Man Healed | 7:9, 20-23 | 7:36 |

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| 8 | Instruction & Predictions | Cost of Discipleship | Feeding of the 4,000; Seeking a Sign; Leaven of the Pharisees; Blind Man Healed; Peter's Confession; Jesus Foretells of His Death & Resurrection (1); Cost of Discipleship | 8:29, 34-37 | 8:23-25, 33 |
| 9 | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | |
| 11 | Rejection | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | |
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| 16 | Resurrection | | | | |
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