

Mark

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

MARK

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

2

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

16

TYPE

GOSPEL, SYNOPTIC



OVERVIEW

As one of the Gospels that detail the ministry of Jesus Christ, Mark is written by John Mark, who was a friend of the Apostle Peter. He later traveled with the Apostle Paul and his assistant Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey around Asia Minor. Mark's account is unique in that it is written to a Gentile audience, and he emphasizes Christ's actions more than His teachings. As such, the book is filled with miracles Jesus Christ performed during His ministry. Mark's testimony shows how powerful, kind, and merciful God is.



WRITTEN
50-60 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED
23-26 AD



AUTHOR
John Mark, a friend
who traveled with the
Apostle Paul

Key Verse

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

Background

About the Author

Mark was a Roman writing from and for the perspective of the Romans

Other Bible references to Mark or "John Mark"

His mother opened her home to the disciples in Jerusalem. (Acts 12:12)

He went with Paul and Barnabas on the first part of a missionary trip. (Acts 13:13)

He is a cousin to Barnabas (Colossians 4:10)

He reconciled with Paul (2 Timothy 4:11)

Peter calls him "my son" (1 Peter 5:13)

About the Book

Focuses more on what Jesus did than what He said.

Mark's favorite word is _____.

Mark's focus is more on the humanity of Jesus and how the crowds reacted to Jesus.

Major Themes in the Book

Discipleship (Mark 3:35)

Belief and Unbelief (Mark 1:27-28)

Crucifixion and resurrection (Mark 11-16)

Outline of Mark

The Servant Introduced and Prepared (Mark 1:1-13)

John the Baptist preaches

Jesus is baptized

Jesus is tempted

The Servant at Work (Mark 1:14 – 8:30)

Chapter 1

Preaching, training, and healing

Chapter 2

Healing of a paralyzed man

Jesus raises eyebrows

Chapter 3

Jesus heals on the Sabbath

Jesus appoints the Twelve

Gospel of Matthew Matthew 10:1-4	Gospel of Mark Mark 3:13-19	Gospel of Luke Luke 6:12-16	Gospel of John	Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:13
Simon (who is also called Peter)	Simon (who he named Peter)	Simon	Simon Peter (Cephas)	Peter
Andrew (Peter's brother)	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew (Simon Peter's Brother)	Andrew
James (son of Zebedee)	James (son of Zebedee/ sons of thunder)	James	son of Zebedee	James
John (brother of James)	John (brother of James/ sons of thunder)	John	son of Zebedee/the disciple whom Jesus loved	John
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Nathanael	Bartholomew
Thomas	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas (also called Didymus)	Thomas
Matthew (the tax collector)	Matthew (Levi)	Matthew (Levi)	not mentioned	Matthew
James (son of Alphaeus)	James (Son of Alphaeus)	James (son of Alphaeus)	not mentioned	James (son of Alphaeus)
Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Judas (son of James)	Judas (not Iscariot)	Judas (son of James)
Simon (the Zealot)	Simon (the Zealot)	Simon (the Zealot)	not mentioned	Simon (the Zealot)
Judas Iscariot (betrayer)	Judas Iscariot (betrayer)	Judas Iscariot (traitor)	Judas (son of Simon Iscariot)	(Judas replaced by Matthias)

Chapter 4

Jesus teaches in parables and calms the storm.

Chapter 5

Jesus heals a demon possessed man, a dead girl and a sick woman

Chapter 6

Jesus rejected in his hometown

Jesus sends out the Twelve

John the Baptist beheaded

Jesus feeds the 5,000 and walks on water

Chapter 7

Jesus teaches about true purity

Jesus heals more people, including a Greek woman

Chapter 8

Jesus feeds the 4,000

Peter confesses Christ

The Servant Resisted and Rejected (Mark 8:31 - 15:47)

Chapter 8

Jesus predicts His crucifixion and resurrection.

Peter does not accept Jesus' prediction and is rebuked.

From this point forward in Mark, the shadow of the cross is the primary focus.

Jesus predicts His impending suffering at least three more times.

Mark 9:12; Mark 9:31-32; Mark 10:33-34

Chapters 9 & 10

To prepare His disciples, Jesus begins to give them instructions about carrying His message after He is gone. He gives lessons on...

Confidence (Mark 9:23-24)

Divorce (Mark 10:5; 10:9)

Faith (Mark 10:14)

Greatness (Mark 10:43-45)

Chapters 11-15 Events Leading to The Cross

Chapter 11

Jesus curses a fig tree

Jesus clears the temple

Authority of Jesus questioned

Chapter 12

Parable of the tenants

Paying taxes to Caesar

Marriage at the resurrection

The greatest commandment

Whose son is Jesus?

Warning against the teachers of the Law

The widow's offering

Chapter 13

The destruction of the temple

Signs of the end times

Day and hour unknown

Chapter 14

Jesus anointed at Bethany

The last supper

Gethsemane

Jesus arrested

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

Peter disowns Jesus

Chapter 15

Jesus before Pilate

Soldiers mock Jesus

Crucifixion, death, and burial of

Jesus

The Servant, Triumphant and Exalted (Mark 16:1-20)

Explanation about the notation regarding vs 9-20

A brief account of the resurrection.

Lessons/Applications

Jesus wants us to be _____ and not just _____. (Mark 3:45)

Truly understanding God's will is a _____.

True greatness is found in _____.