

Book of Mark

Mark, the Man

- ✓ Actual name is John, "also called Mark" (Acts 12:12, 15:37)
- ✓ Son of Mary, whose house is an early church meeting place in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12)
- ✓ Joins Paul and Barnabas (a cousin) after their famine visit to Jerusalem (Colossians 4:10/Acts 12:25)
- ✓ Leaves Paul and Barnabas early in first missionary journey (Acts 13:13)
- ✓ Sails with Barnabas to Cyprus while Paul and Silas go on second missionary journey (Acts 15:36-41)
- ✓ With Paul during his first Roman imprisonment (Colossians 4:10/Philemon 24)
- ✓ With Peter in Rom when he writes his epistles (I Peter 5:13)
- ✓ Paul ask for him during his second Roman imprisonment (2 Timothy 4:11)

Date and Place of Writing

- ✓ Around 65-68 AD, likely from Rome

Purpose of Writing

- ✓ To show that Jesus the Savior is the almighty Son of God.
- ✓ The Romans though of Jesus as a lowly and despised Jew. Mark shows the Son of God in action. The Romans didn't ask, "Where did He come from?" or "What did He say?" but "What has He done?"
- ✓ Mark shows Jesus as Lord and Conqueror of all (cf. 1:1 and 15:39)

Style of Writing

- ✓ Mark has a vivid style of writing. He records Jesus in action - most of the miracles, but few of the parables, and almost none of the sermons of Jesus. He frequently uses the word "immediately" - The narrative almost runs. While John in his gospel gives a studied portrait of Jesus, and Matthew and Luke offer a series of colored slides, Mark gives a moving picture of His public ministry.
- ✓ That being said consider the following as you read:
 - stories are often longer than the same stories in Matthew and Luke
 - vividness of detail
 - translates Jewish terms
 - 3:17 Boanerges
 - 5:41 "Talitha koum!"
 - 7:11 Corban
 - 7:34 "Ephphtha!"
 - 10:46 Bartimaeus
 - 14:36 Abba
 - 15:22 Golgotha
 - 15:34 "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani!"
 - explains Jewish customs
 - 7:3-4 ceremonial washing
 - 12:18 Sadducees

Outline*"Jesus Is the Son of God in Action"*

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| I. Nazareth Ministry | 1:1-13 |
| II. Capernaum Ministry | 1:14 - 6:29 |
| III. Travel Ministry | 6:30 - 10:52 |
| Withdrawals (6:30 - 9:50) | |
| Perean Ministry (10:1-52) | |
| IV. Final Ministry | 11:1 - 16:20 |
| <i>Sabbath Supper (14:1-11)</i> | |
| <i>Palm Sunday (11:1-11)</i> | |
| <i>Angry Monday (11:12-19)</i> | |
| <i>Busy Tuesday (11:20 - 13:37)</i> | |
| <i>Maundy Thursday (14:12-42)</i> | |
| <i>Good Friday (14:43 - 15:47)</i> | |
| <i>Easter & Appearances (16:1-20)</i> | |