

Through the Bible Course

Mark

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Key Word: Straightway

Key Verse: 10:45

Mark is generally conceived to be the author. He was not an apostle. Some believe he received his information largely from Peter but, of course, this is not known. The following references to Mark are interesting – Acts 12:12-25; Acts 13:5, 13; Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11; 1 Peter 5:13

Mark was written to Romans and emphasizes Christ in action. He omits many of the longer discourses and parables. This Gospel is more chronological than others. It deals primarily with the Galilean portion of Christ's ministry as does Matthew.

Purpose: To set forth Jesus Christ, the Son of God as “the servant of the Lord” (Isaiah 40-53; Zechariah 3:8), the Mighty Worker accomplishing the will of God. Everything in mark accentuates activity. The emphasis is upon miracles.

- I. The Coming of the Servant of the Lord (Chapter 1:1-13)
 1. The Servant is divine; “Son of God” – His origin (1:1)
 2. Foretold in prophecy – human testimony (1:2-8)
 3. Advent of the Servant – divine testimony (1:9-11)
 4. Fitted for service – Satanic testing (1:12, 13)

- II. The Ministry of the Servant of the Lord (Chapters 1:14 through 8:30)
 1. The ministry of the Servant of the Lord, unassisted (1:14-3:12)
 - a. The Servant working (1:14-2:12)
 1. Jesus announces the kingdom (1:14, 15)
 2. The call of the first four disciples (1:16-20)
 3. Casting out an unclean spirit (1:21-28)
 4. Healing various diseases (1:29 – 2:12)
 - b. The Servant teaching (2:1 – 3:5)
 1. Forgiveness of sins (2:1-12)
 2. Christ's mission to the world (2:13-17)
 3. Fasting (2:18-22)
 4. The Sabbath (2:23 – 3:5)
 - c. The Servant in conflict (3:6-12)
 2. The ministry of the Servant of the Lord, assisted – the call of the twelve to continual service (3:13 – 6:32)
 - a. With Him for companionship (3:13 – 6:6)

1. The call and commission (3:13-20)
2. The opposition of relatives and friends (3:21, 31-35)
3. Teaching by parables (4:1-34)
4. Various miracles and their effect (4:35 – 6:6)
- b. The disciples sent out (6:7-32)
 1. The commission (6:7-13)
 2. Herod and John (6:14-29)
 3. The return of the disciples (6:30-32)
3. The united ministry of the Servant of the Lord and His apostles (6:33 – 8:30)
 - a. The feeding of the five thousand (6:33-44)
 - b. The miraculous walking on the sea and its effect (6:45-56)
 - c. The conflict with the Pharisees from Jerusalem (7:1-23)
 - d. The visit to Tyre and Sidon, Decapolis (7:24-37)
 - e. The feeding of the four thousand (8:1-10)
 - f. Conflict again with the Pharisees (8:11-21)
 - g. The healing of the blind man (2:22-26)
 - h. The effect produced by these wondrous works (8:27-30)

III. The Servant of the Lord Rejected and Crucified (Chapters 8:27 through 15:47)

1. The rejection, crucifixion, and resurrection foretold (8:31 – 9:13)
2. The training of the twelve (9:14 – 10:45)
 - a. Faith and unbelief (9:14-29)
 - b. Humility and charity (9:33-50) (10:35-45)
 - c. Divorce (10:1-12)
 - d. Children and the kingdom (10:13-16)
 - e. Riches and the kingdom (10:17-30)
3. The healing of blind Bartimaeus (10:46-52)
4. On the way to Jerusalem (11:1 – 12:44)
 - a. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem (11:1-10)
 - b. The visit to the temple courts (11:11)
 - c. The fig tree curses (11:12-14; 20-23)
 - d. The cleansing of the temple (11:15-18)
 - e. The authority of Christ questioned (11:27-33)
 - f. The parable of the husbandmen (12:1-12)
 - g. The question of tribute (12:13-17)
 - h. Jesus and the Sadducees – the doctrine of the resurrection (12:18-27)
 - i. The greatest commandment (12:28-34)
 - j. The scribes denounced (12:35-40)
 - k. The widow's mite (12:41-44)
5. The Olivet Discourse (13:1-37)
 - a. The destruction of Jerusalem foretold (13:1, 2)
 - b. The question of the disciples (13:3, 4)
 - c. The Olivet Discourse proper (13:5-37)
6. The Passover and The Last Supper (14:1-26)
 - a. The plot to take Christ (14:1, 2)
 - b. The anointing of Christ beforehand for His burial (14:3-9)

- c. The plan of Judas to betray Christ (14:10-11)
 - d. The preparation for the Passover supper (14:12-16)
 - e. The Passover supper (14:17-26)
 - 7. On the way to Olivet (14:27-31)
 - 8. Jesus in Gethsemane (14:34-42)
 - 9. The arrest and trial of Jesus (14:43 – 15:15)
 - a. The arrest (14:43-50)
 - b. The trials (14:53-64; 15:1-15)
 - c. Peter's denial (14:54, 66-72)
 - 10. The crucifixion (15:16-47)
- IV. The Servant of the Lord Exalted (Chapter 16; cf. Philippians 2:5-11)
 - 1. The resurrection (16:1-8)
 - 2. The appearances (16:9-14)
 - 3. The commission (16:15-18)
 - 4. The ascension (16:19, 20)

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