

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Week One: The Interesting Facts

SO, WHO IS MARK?

- “Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga. And John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem.” Acts 13: 13

- “Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.” Acts 15: 38-39

- “And a young man followed Him, with a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away.”

Mark 14: 51-52

- “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very helpful to me for the ministry.”

2 Tim. 4:11

SO WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- * God is ALWAYS giving us “another chance”
- * God makes heroes out of losers and cowards
- * Somebody invested big time in Mark – who was it? (Remember: ‘Love People’)
- * When things are a mess, God is just beginning to do His thing!



WHEN DID MARK WRITE HIS GOSPEL, AND WHERE?

- c. 55- 60 A. D.
- Probably from Rome

WHO IS MARK TRYING TO REACH?

- The Gentiles in the church at Rome
- Any Gentile who would eventually read it
- Any Jews he could reach

“ Mark’s simple, vivid writing style and explanation of Jewish customs prove that he wanted a wide audience, including non-Jews, to be able to read his book.”

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WHAT ARE THE MAIN GOALS OF MARK'S GOSPEL?

- Give the apostles' witness of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Show that Jesus is truly the Son of God
- Show that Jesus is a true Israelite, who fulfills God's law
- Show the power of God in the gospel over evil and sickness
- Show the salvation from heaven is for all people – Jew and Gentile

MARK 1: 1-4

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—

3 “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

