

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

<p>The Awesome Power of Jesus, the Son of God 1:1 - 8:30</p> <p>Entrance to Ministry</p> <p>The Authority of Jesus & the Blindness of the Pharisees</p> <p>The Parables/Signs of Jesus & the Blindness of the World</p> <p>Ministry to Gentiles & the Blindness of the Disciples</p>	<p>1:1-13</p> <p>1:14 - 3:6</p> <p>3:7 - 6:6</p> <p>6:7 - 8:30</p>	<p>The Surprising Passion of Jesus, the Son of God 8:31 - 16:8</p> <p>Death Predictions & the Meaning of Discipleship</p> <p>Jesus in the Temple</p> <p>Crucifixion & Resurrection</p>	<p>8:31 - 10:52</p> <p>11:1 - 13:37</p> <p>14:1 - 16:8</p>
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Mark

Mark 1:1

Sunday, October 18, 2015

The Gospel of Mark is the earliest and shortest of the 4 Gospels and was written by Mark and records the eyewitness account of the Apostle Peter. Mark "tips his hand" and previews what his book is all about in chapter 1, verse 1. . .

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark tells us the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God.

- Mark gives _____ that Jesus is the Son of God. (Ch 1 - 8)
 1. Demonstrations of Jesus' _____
 2. Declarations of _____
(1:1; 1:11; 9:7; 3:11; 5:7; 12:6; 13:32; 14:61-62; 15:39)
- Mark highlights the _____ of Jesus, the Son of God. (Ch 8 - 16)

The Son of God who possesses all power marched toward His own death.

Mark doesn't completely flesh out _____ Jesus is Good News.

1. The world is not an _____ and life is not _____.
2. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to give His life a _____ for us. (Mk. 10:44)
3. A relationship with God and forgiveness is possible by _____ through _____ in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Mark tells us only the _____ of the Good News . . .



Mark

Mark 1:1

Sunday, October 11, 2015

CONNECTING TOGETHER (20 - 30 min.)

In Week 3 of our Fall Growth Groups, take some time to connect and share “highs and lows” from the last week with one another.

STUDYING GOD’S WORD TOGETHER (20 -30 min.)

1. What was one personal takeaway from this message on the Gospel of Mark?
2. Based on your own reading and this message, how is Mark’s Gospel similar to Matthew’s? How is it different? What are some of the characteristics and unique features of Mark’s Gospel?
3. In the first half of the book, Mark is trying to prove that Jesus is the Son of God by showing His power. Read Mark 4:35 - 5:43. What do these 4 miracles demonstrate that Jesus has power over?
4. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, different “witnesses” declare that Jesus is the Son of God. (1:1; 1:11; 9:7; 3:11; 5:7; 12:6; 13:32; 14:61-62; 15:39) Look up these passages and identify who makes these declarations. By implication then, who doesn’t make these declarations?

5. If Jesus’ power is the focus of the first half of the book, what is the focus of the second half of the book? Why is this ironic and paradoxical?

6. Mark is a little cryptic and doesn’t fully flesh out why the fact that Jesus is the Son of God is good news. In the message we explored some reasons that are fleshed out in the rest of the New Testament. Share why the fact is Good News to YOU and how that impacts your life.

7. “Trusting and following Jesus can often be a powerful but paradoxical experience.” Explain that and share how that’s been true for you.

8. Why does Mark say that his Gospel is the beginning of the Gospel and how does Mark 13:10 relate to this question? In what ways is the Gospel not yet complete?

PRAYING TOGETHER (20 - 30 min.)

1. Share and pray for one another’s needs in light of the POWER and PARADOX of Jesus, the Son of God.
2. Pray for those in your “circles of influence” who don’t yet know the Good News of Jesus.
3. Pray for our many other Growth Groups that are meeting this week.