

Scandalous Grace  
Introduction to The Gospel According to Mark  
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I. The Study

A. My Philosophy (simple gal)

1. What does it \_\_\_\_\_?
2. What does it \_\_\_\_\_?
3. How can I \_\_\_\_\_ it to my life?

B. The Questions

II. The Gospel of Mark

A. Bad Press

1. Judged by some authors as being rather “\_\_\_\_\_”
2. Fortunately, more recent scholarship has thought more \_\_\_\_\_ of Mark
3. Here’s what I think about Mark’s Gospel
  - a. It is \_\_\_\_\_

B. Earliest Gospel

1. Mark was the \_\_\_\_\_ gospel account

C. Synoptic Gospels

1. A term used for Matthew, Mark, & Luke
  - a. All three gospels share a good deal of \_\_\_\_\_
2. The early church only used the word gospel in \_\_\_\_\_ form
  - a. It was seen as \_\_\_\_\_ gospel in \_\_\_\_\_ versions

III. Who, When, Where

A. Mark

1. Here’s the problem, it was a common name
  - a. AND like the other gospels it is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Very early church \_\_\_\_\_ attributes this gospel to Mark

- a. So Mark wrote faithfully and \_\_\_\_\_ what Peter taught him
- 3. O.k...but which Mark?
  - a. We can't be 100% sure, but the \_\_\_\_\_ points to a man known as John Mark (but called Mark)
- 4. John Mark
  - a. Son of a woman named \_\_\_\_\_ in whose house the early church gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12)
  - b. Accompanied Paul and Barnabas on a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. He also worked with and for \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 5:13)
- 5. Makes even more sense when we realize two things
  - a. Mark's gospel reads like an \_\_\_\_\_ account
  - b. It reads like Peter wrote it – it's quick and full of \_\_\_\_\_

B. Date

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ evidence
  - a. Early church fathers pin the date of writing either shortly before or after \_\_\_\_\_ died
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ evidence
  - a. Mark emphasizes Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God
  - b. It seems to have been written before the fall of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Bottom line – mid to late \_\_\_\_\_ seems to make sense

C. Where

- 1. Definitely written to \_\_\_\_\_ Christians who were almost certainly in \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Most likely also written from \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Themes

A. Discipleship

- 1. Defined as being “\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus”

B. Faith

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and responding without certainty of the outcome
- 2. In Mark there are two different \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Journey

- 1. Much of what is learned about Jesus is learned “\_\_\_\_\_ the way” with him

V. Two Endings

A. Original Ending – 16:8

- 1. Abrupt...doesn't seem like a “\_\_\_\_\_” ending
- 2. So some copyists tried to fix that by adding what they knew about the \_\_\_\_\_

B. Second Ending – 16:20

VI. Jesus in Mark

A. The Undeniable Focus of the Gospel: Jesus

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ story but two is about him
- 2. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He \_\_\_\_\_ with authority
  - b. He \_\_\_\_\_ with authority
  - c. He \_\_\_\_\_ demons and they obey
  - d. He \_\_\_\_\_ and judges Israel's teachers and leaders
  - e. He \_\_\_\_\_ for himself that which only belongs to God
- 3. Presented as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. O.T. prophecy portrayed Messiah as a conquering \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. That is what the people \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah to be
- 4. Presented as the Suffering \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - a. Also found in O.T. prophecy (particularly \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. The people believed this was a \_\_\_\_\_ person from Messiah
- 5. Presented as the Son of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Also prophesied in the O.T., but the people believed this to be a \_\_\_\_\_ person
- 6. Presented as the Son of \_\_\_\_\_

B. In One Sense

- 1. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ than what the people expected
  - a. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ the Romans
  - b. He was not a \_\_\_\_\_ King...at least not yet

C. In Another Sense

1. Mark tells us that Jesus is so much \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone could have expected
2. He is the Son of Man who \_\_\_\_\_ and understands our existence
3. He is the Suffering Servant who \_\_\_\_\_ our sins and received our \_\_\_\_\_
4. He is the Son of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. God incarnate...in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Fully \_\_\_\_\_ and fully \_\_\_\_\_
5. He is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Who came the first time to bear our \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. And will come again to bear us to \_\_\_\_\_ so that we might live and reign with him forever