

# The Gospel According to Mark

## Introduction



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I. **WRITER** (Acts 12:12, 25; Col. 4:10; Acts 13:5, 13; Acts 15:36-39)

II. **DATE**

III. **ORIGIN AND DESTINATION**

“Matthew is directed to the religious man. Mark was written to the strong man. Luke is addressed to the thinking man. The Gospel of John is directed to the wretched man, the man who needs salvation.”  
– J. Vernon McGee

IV. **CHARACTERISTICS**

- Jewish customs explained
- Aramaic words translated
- Latinisms and Latin loan words
- Peter’s eye-witness experiences

V. **PURPOSE**

- “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...” (1:1)
- suffering theme (1:12-13; 3:21-22, 30-35; 8:34-38; 10:30, 33-34, 45; 13:8, 11-13)

VI. **POSITION AMONG THE GOSPELS**

- Markan priority?

VII. **OUTLINE** (on back, from Thomas Constable)

**Conclusion:** (chart from Swindoll)

Section	DISCIPLES CALLED	DISCIPLE CULLED	DISCIPLES CULTIVATED	DISCIPLES CHALLENGED
Passage	1:1 - 3:35	4:1 - 8:38	9:1 - 13:37	14:1 - 16:20
Themes	The call to follow Jesus Jesus’ ministry begins	Jesus, the emissary of peace Repent and be ready for the kingdom	Jesus pours wisdom into His disciples Jesus prepares His disciples for ministry	The victory of the kingdom of God over Satan Challenges of discipleship
Key Terms	Follow Forgiveness Arise Immediately Preach	Hear Disciple Parable Encourage Understand	Kingdom Gospel Amazed Season Fear	Surrender Flee Messiah

- I. Introduction (1:1-13)
  - A. The title of the book (1:1)
  - B. Jesus' preparation for ministry (1:2-13)
    - 1. The ministry of John the Baptist (1:2-8)
    - 2. The baptism of Jesus (1:9-11)
    - 3. The temptation of Jesus (1:12-13)
- II. The Servant's early Galilean ministry (1:14 - 3:6)
  - A. The beginning of Jesus' ministry (1:14-20)
    - 1. The message of the Servant (1:14-15)
    - 2. The first disciples of the Servant (1:16-20)
  - B. Early demonstrations of the Servant's authority (1:21-34)
    - 1. Jesus' teaching and healing in the Capernaum synagogue (1:21-28)
    - 2. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law (1:29-31)
    - 3. Jesus' healing of many Galileans after sundown (1:32-34)
  - C. Jesus' early ministry throughout Galilee (1:35-45)
    - 1. The first preaching tour of Galilee (1:35-39)
    - 2. The cleansing of a leprous Jew (1:40-45)
  - D. Jesus' initial conflict with the religious leaders (2:1 - 3:6)
    - 1. The healing and forgiveness of a paralytic (2:1-12)
    - 2. The call of Levi and his feast (2:13-17)
    - 3. The religious leaders' question about fasting (2:18-22)
    - 4. The controversies about Sabbath observance (2:23 - 3:6)
- III. The Servant's later Galilean ministry (3:7 - 6:6a)
  - A. The broadening of Jesus' ministry (3:7-19)
    - 1. Jesus' ministry to the multitudes (3:7-12)
    - 2. Jesus' selection of 12 disciples (3:13-19)
  - B. The increasing rejection of Jesus and its result (3:20 - 4:34)
    - 1. The increasing rejection of Jesus (3:20-35)
    - 2. Jesus' teaching in parables (4:1-34)
  - C. Jesus' demonstrations of power and the Nazarenes' rejection (4:35 - 6:6a)
    - 1. The demonstrations of Jesus' power (4:35 - 5:43)
    - 2. Jesus' rejection by the Nazarenes (6:1-6a)
- IV. The Servant's self-revelation to the disciples (6:6b - 8:30)
  - A. The mission of the Twelve (6:6b-30)
    - 1. The sending of the Twelve (6:6b-13)
    - 2. The failure of Antipas to understand Jesus' identity (6:14-29)
    - 3. The return of the Twelve (6:30)
  - B. The first cycle of self-revelation to the disciples (6:31 - 7:37)
    - 1. The feeding of the 5,000 (6:31-44)
    - 2. Jesus' walking on the water and the return to Galilee (6:45-56)
    - 3. The controversy with the Pharisees and scribes over defilement (7:1-23)
    - 4. Jesus' teaching about bread and the exorcism of a Phoenician girl (7:24-30)
    - 5. The healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment (7:31-36)
    - 6. The preliminary confession of faith (7:37)
  - C. The second cycle of self-revelation to the disciples (8:1-30)
    - 1. The feeding of the 4,000 (8:1-9)
    - 2. The return to Galilee (8:10)
    - 3. Conflict with the Pharisees over signs (8:11-13)
    - 4. Jesus' teaching about the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod (8:14-21)
    - 5. The healing of a blind man near Bethsaida (8:22-26)
    - 6. Peter's confession of faith (8:27-30)
- V. The Servant's journey to Jerusalem (8:31 - 10:52)
  - A. The first passion prediction and its lessons (8:31 - 9:29)
    - 1. The first major prophecy of Jesus' passion (8:31-33)
    - 2. The requirements of discipleship (8:34 - 9:1)
    - 3. The Transfiguration (9:2-8)
    - 4. The coming of Elijah (9:9-13)
    - 5. The exorcism of an epileptic boy (9:14-29)
  - B. The second passion prediction and its lessons (9:30 - 10:31)
    - 1. The second major prophecy of Jesus' passion (9:30-32)
    - 2. The pitfalls of discipleship (9:33-50)
    - 3. Lessons concerning self-sacrifice (10:1-31)
  - C. The third passion prediction and its lessons (10:32-52)
    - 1. The third major prophecy of Jesus' passion (10:32-34)
    - 2. Jesus' teaching about serving (10:35-45)
    - 3. The healing of a blind man near Jericho (10:46-52)
- VI. The Servant's ministry in Jerusalem (chs. 11 - 13)
  - A. Jesus' formal presentation to Israel (11:1-26)
    - 1. The Triumphal Entry (11:1-11)
    - 2. Jesus' judgment on unbelieving Israel (11:12-26)
  - B. Jesus' teaching in the temple (11:27 - 12:44)
    - 1. The controversy over Jesus' authority (11:27 - 12:12)
    - 2. The controversy over Jesus' teaching (12:13-37)
    - 3. Jesus' condemnation of hypocrisy and commendation of reality (12:38-44)
  - C. Jesus' teaching on Mt. Olivet (ch. 13)
    - 1. The setting (13:1-4)
    - 2. Warnings against deception (13:5-8)
    - 3. Warnings about personal danger during deceptions (13:9-13)
    - 4. The coming crisis (13:14-23)
    - 5. The second coming of the Son of Man (13:24-27)
    - 6. The time of Jesus' return (13:28-32)
    - 7. The concluding exhortation (13:33-37)
- VII. The Servant's passion ministry (chs. 14 - 15)
  - A. The Servant's anticipation of suffering (14:1-52)
    - 1. Jesus' sufferings because of betrayal (14:1-11)
    - 2. Jesus' sufferings because of desertion (14:12-52)
  - B. The Servant's endurance of suffering (14:53 - 15:47)
    - 1. Jesus' Jewish trial (14:53 - 15:1)
    - 2. Jesus' Roman trial (15:2-20)
    - 3. Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial (15:21-47)
- VIII. The Servant's resurrection (ch. 16)
  - A. The announcement of Jesus' resurrection (16:1-8)
  - B. The appearances and ascension of Jesus (16:9-20)
    - 1. Three post-resurrection appearances (16:9-18)
    - 2. Jesus' ascension (16:19-20)