

Series "Route 66"
"Mark"
Book-41

Why are there four gospels?

Why didn't God give to us just one account of the life of Jesus Christ?

All the books in the world could not capture the life of Jesus Christ. John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books which were written.

So God has given to us four Gospels. The first 3 are **Matthew, Mark, and Luke** are called the "Synoptic Gospels." Synoptic is made up of two Greek words meaning, "*To see, together.*" All three of these Gospels writers have seen the same events but give the testimony to a different audience.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The beginning - The beginning of the message. Where did the message come from?

The Author – Tradition says it is John Mark. History and early Church fathers and historians tell us that the Gospel was recorded by "John Mark."

"John"- was his Jewish name in Hebrew it means "*Beloved of God.*"
"Mark"- was his Roman surname, like Paul was called Saul.

Acts 12:12 And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

Most commentators refer to John Mark's mother as being wealthy and Mark coming from this up scale home.

He was related to Barnabas. **Col. 4:10 ¶ Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and also Barnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him);**

Mark went with Paul and Barnabas on some Church business. **Acts 12:25 ¶ And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their mission, taking along with them John, who was also called Mark.**

Mark went with them on their first missionary trip and returned home. **Acts 13:13 ¶ Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John left them and returned to Jerusalem.**

We don't know what the reason was for John Mark turning back. There has been a lot of speculation why, and he has been raked over the coals for 2000 years.

When Paul and Barnabas planned to go out again, Barnabas wanted to take Mark along again.

Acts 15:38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

Acts 15:39 And there arose such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

Acts 15:40 But Paul chose Silas and departed, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

We don't hear about Mark at all for a while. Then in Paul's last book he wrote this about Mark. 2 Timothy 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.

There is a lesson for each one of us. That we can make mistakes in life and ministry, but God can forgive and reinstate us and use us. Maybe you have blown it, God can forgive and use you! Good friend of mine became a Pastor and had a rough time of it, I asked a friend of both of us what was the answer! He said like boxing it depends on if you get up or not! We can have a come back with God!

Tradition and early Church leaders said that Mark was good friends with Peter, that he received his information and details from Peter. Possibly led Mark to the Lord. 1 Peter 5:13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

There is this one passage that could be Mark, because like the Gospel of John he never identifies himself as the author but one of the disciples that Jesus loved. Mark 14:51 And a certain young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they *seized him.
Mark 14:52 But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

When Written – 55-65 AD

Where it was Written – Rome

Purpose – To reach the Romans with the message that Jesus Christ is God's Perfect Servant. Mark's Gospel utilizes 37% of its content dealing with the events of the last week of Jesus ministry on earth.

Ezekiel 1:10; Revelation 4:6-8 - Lion - Bull – Man - Eagle -

Matthew – (Lion - Strength, Authority) was written to the Jews. The theme is "Jesus Christ the King" It starts with a genealogy of the king. Every king has to be able to trace their lineage. More quotes from OT than any other Gospel 129X because he is showing the Jew that Jesus is their king.

Mark – (Bull – Service, Power) was written to the Romans. The theme is "The Servant who Rules." He does not start with a genealogy because servants don't need this, what they do need is a reassurance, that they can do the job and then just action. The Romans were into action, getting the job done. The word "immediately" is used 49X.

Luke – (Man - Wisdom, Character) was written to the Greeks. The theme is "Jesus the Perfect Man." After His birth there is a genealogy that goes back to Adam tracing this perfect man. The Greeks were obsessed with man so Jesus comes as the perfect man that will meet every need.

John – (Eagle - Deity, Person) So we might believe. The theme is "The Deity of Jesus Christ." There are 7 signs, there are 7 "I Am", the word "believe" is used 98x. That 93% of the information contained in John's Gospel is not in the other Gospels.

Matthew and Luke are color slides of Jesus, John is a studied portrait, and Mark is a moving picture of the master's ministry.

Mark - is the shortest of the Gospels. The slowest reader can at one sitting read this Gospel in 2 hours.

Matthew, Luke, and John focus more on the words of Jesus. Mark focuses more on the works of Jesus.

Parables - Matthew - 15, Luke - 19, Mark - 4

Miracles - Matthew and Luke - 20, Mark - 18 but much smaller.

Introduction verses to Jesus - Mark - 13, Matthew - 76, Luke - 183.

Genealogy - Matthew - shows that Jesus is the King of Israel and mankind.

Luke - To trace back to Adam to show He was the perfect man, promised by God.

John - Spiritual genealogy to show that He was from the beginning God.

Mark - No need of genealogy because the Romans, the gentiles were only concerned about was performance.

Theme – “The Servant Who Rules” "The Servant King"

Key Words – “Immediately” is used 49X Jesus the servant is always on the move, He is always doing the will of the Father.

Key Chapter – Mark 8 The turning point of Marks gospel is the confession of Peter that He is the Christ.

Key Passage – Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Outline –

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Mark 1-10 Serve -

Mark 1:1 The Beginning: Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark does not start with a genealogy because servants don't need such things, what they do need is a reassurance, that they can do the job and then just action.

Mark 1:2-13 John The Baptist and Jesus:

Mark 1:9 And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

12 And immediately the Spirit * impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him. We see the Messiah as one of action on His part and that of God.

Mark 1:21-34 A Day In The Life Of Jesus: A day of teaching, confronting demons, healing the sick, visiting. The demands upon Jesus were from sun up to sun down.

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books which were written.

Mark 2:14 The Calling of Matthew: Mark 2:14 And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax office, and He * said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose and followed Him. What a choice instrument Matthew became to the Lord.

Mark 2:15-17 The Accusation Against Jesus: Mark 2:15 And it came about that He was reclining at the table in his house, and many tax-gatherers and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.

16 And when the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax-gatherers, they began saying to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax-gatherers and sinners?"

17 And hearing this, Jesus said to them, "it is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

This was the accusation that was leveled against Jesus that He ministered to the outcasts. **Luke 15:1** Now all the tax-gatherers and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Mark 3:7-9 The Popularity Of Jesus: Mark 3:7 And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea, 8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.

9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the multitude, in order that they might not crowd Him;

Mark 3:20 And He came home , and the multitude gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal.

21 And when His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."

The Paparazzi were after Jesus. Jesus was literally getting mobbed. You see these scenes on TV with celebrities.

Mark 3:22 Jesus Accused of Being in League With Satan: Mark 3:22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." (How blind to accuse Jesus)

Mark 4:1-34 Jesus Teaches in Parables: Mark 4:33 And with many such parables He was speaking the word to them as they were able to hear it;

34 and He did not speak to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples. The reason for this is that the crowd was with Jesus for selfish reasons. That what they heard they were responsible for so Jesus taught in parables so that those who wanted to know could know.

Mark 5:1-20 Jesus And The Demoniacs: Mark records that Jesus encounters one man. Matthew and Luke says that it was two men. **This is not contradictory but complimentary.** Romans were men of action and so Mark deals with the most severe of the two.

Mark 5:25-34 Healing the Woman, With The Issue of Blood: **Mark 5:28** For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall get well."

29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. A faith that just says I need to touch Him and I will be made whole.

Mark 5:35-43 Raising Jairus' Daughter from the Dead: Mark 5:38 And they * came to the house of the synagogue official; and He * beheld a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing.

39 And entering in, He * said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."

40 And they began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He * took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and * entered the room where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand, He * said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!").

42 And immediately the girl rose and began to walk; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this; and He said that something should be given her to eat.

Jesus is still laugh at today. When you have doctors, science and political science you have the experts how does Jesus compare to those who know? Jesus put them out and did the will of His Father.

Mark 6:1-6 Jesus Chilling Reception At Home: Mark 6:1 And He went out from there, and He * came into His home town; and His disciples * followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"

3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his home town and among his own relatives and in his own household."

5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them.

6 And He wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.

This encourages me and should you! The heart is so wicked. That He lived perfectly before them and did miracles and still was not enough. What does it take?

Mark 6:33-44 Feeding of the Five Thousand: All four gospels record this even. This is the only miracle that all four record. (Unlimited resources!)

Mark 7:24-30 The Syrophenician Woman with Great Faith: Mark 7:24 And from there He arose and went away to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice.

25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, immediately came and fell at His feet.

26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she answered and * said to Him, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

29 And He said to her, "Because of this answer go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30 And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having departed.

Mark 8:27-33 Peter's Great Confession And Blunder: Mark 8:27 And Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?"

28 And they told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets."

29 And He continued by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter * answered and * said to Him, "Thou art the Christ."

30 And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and * said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Mark 9:2-8 Transfiguration of Jesus: Jesus for just a moment pulled back the tent flap of His humanity and revealed to the disciples who He was.

Beware of The Party Spirit: Mark 9:38 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to hinder him because he was not following us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.

40 "For he who is not against us is for us.

Mark 10:1-12 Jesus Teaching On Divorce: Mark 10:2 And some Pharisees came up to Him, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 And they said, "Moses permitted a man TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY."

5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7 "FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,
8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

Divorce at times is permitted it is never commanded. God's highest is reconciliation. There are times when this is not possible, so God has made a way to protect the violated party. Divorce wrongly obtained can be forgiven.

Mark 10:32-45 Jesus' Sufferings Foretold:

Mark 10:32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,
33 saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles.

34 "And they will mock Him and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again."

35 And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, * came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

37 And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left."

This is really bad timing! Jesus is giving His life sacrificially for the sins of the world. It would be working for a company, the boss gives the state of the company and says we need to lay off workers, there will be no more bonuses and someone raises his hand and says, "When are we getting our raises?"

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

39 And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.

40 "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.

Key Passage – Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Mark 11-16 Sacrifice –

Mark 11:1-11 The Triumphal Entry: We have the "*Announcement of the King*" which is called "*The Triumphal Entry.*" It is also called "*Palm Sunday.*" This marks the beginning of the "*Passion Week.*" This would be Jesus last trip to Jerusalem.

This passage must be important because it is recorded in all four gospels. Jesus does not want us to miss the reality of who He is. That if we miss this it is the missing of life it's self. **Dan 9** The Seventy Weeks prophecy.

Mark 11:15-18 Jesus Drives Moneychangers from the Temple: Jesus does this 2 times, once at the beginning of His ministry, and then at the end.

Mark 11:15 And they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves;

16 and He would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple.

17 And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for all the multitude was astonished at His teaching.

Mark 11:27-12:37 The Examination of Jesus: (Passover Lamb)

1. **(Mark 11:27-12:12)** *He is asked by what authority He can cleanse the temple.*

Mark 12:1-12 The Parable of The Vine-growers: This was taken from **Isa 5:1-7** It is very clear that Jesus is speaking about the Jews that have been given life on a silver platter but have not produced spiritual fruit. They will even kill the Messiah.

2. **(Mark 12:13-17)** *He is asked about responsibility, government.*

3. **(Mark 12:18-27)** *He is questioned about eternity. (Life after death)*

4. **(Mark 12:28-34)** *He is questioned about priorities. (Great Commandment)*

5. **(Mark 12:35-37)** *He questions them as to His true identity. (Who is He)*

Mark 13 Olivet Discourse: This passage is recorded in **Matthew 24, 25** and **Luke 21**. Here in **Mark 13**. (Longest discourse in all 3 Gospels is important.)

We come to a famous passage that is referred to as the "Olivet Discourse" because of **Mark 13:3** And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, or some call it, "The Little Apocalypse." It is a prophetic passage dealing with the last days.

This describes the condition of the world before the second coming of Christ. Deals with a period of time called the tribulation. That will lead us up to the time of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

"The Tribulation" is a period of 7 years the "Great Tribulation" is the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation period.

Jeremiah 30:7 "Jacob's Trouble" It is not a time when God is just so ticked off that He just starts wiping people out. It is a Jewish event that will take place in which God will prepare His people Israel for His return, and that He will also judge the world for their repeated rejection of Christ.

Revelation 6-19 describes this period of time. It is called the 70TH week of Daniel. Daniel's prophecy of 69 weeks 483 years of that prophecy have been fulfilled and there remains a 7 year period still left for the children of Israel. (Tribulation)

Mark 14:12-31 The Passover and Last Supper:

Mark 14:32-42 Jesus in Gethsemane: The term **Gethsemane** – means "*olive press*" It was here that Jesus surrenders to the Father's will.

Mark 14:43-65 Jesus Arrest and His Accusers:

Mark 14:47 But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. (Peter John 18:10)

48 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as against a robber?"

49 "Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but this has happened that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

50 And they all left Him and fled.

51 And a certain young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him.

52 But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked. That young man is believed to be Mark. It is embarrassing to admit that you were the streakier in the Gospel!

Mark 15:1-15 Pilate Before Jesus: It is very clear by Jesus' encounter with Pilate that it was Pilate that was on the hot seat not Jesus. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and he allowed the pressure of the Jews to push him to deliver an innocent man.

Mark 15:16-41 Jesus Death - Crucifixion: Mark 15:37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.

38 And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

39 And when the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:42-47 Jesus Burial: Mark 15:42 And when evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,
43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.
44 And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.
45 And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.
46 And Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.
47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James were looking on to see where He was laid.

Mark 16:1-13 Jesus Resurrection: Mark 16:1 And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, they * came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they * saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he * said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. 7 "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you.'" 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. 9 [Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. 11 And when they heard that He was alive, and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it. 12 And after that, He appeared in a different form to two of them, while they were walking along on their way to the country. 13 And they went away and reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either.

Mark 16:14-20 The Disciples Commissioned: Mark 16:14 And afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. 17 "And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.][And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Application:

The Apostles and Prophets laid the foundation for the church (Ephesians 2:20), so their work is finished and the apostolic signs have ceased. But the Lord's working has not ceased, and He is still working in and through His people to save a lost world. His Servant-Son Jesus returned to heaven.

1. Jesus has His people on earth who can be His servants, if they will.
2. It is a privilege to have the Lord working with us!
3. We have been given an opportunity and obligation to carry the Gospel to the whole world!

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many"

4. Are we serving—or are we expecting others to serve us?