

Series "The God Who Serves"
"The Witness Of God"
Mark 1:1-8
Study-1

The Introduction & Background – To The Gospel of Mark:

Why do we have 4 Gospels? Why didn't God give to us just one account of the life of Jesus Christ? John 21:25

So God has given 4 Gospels – The first 3, Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called "Synoptic Gospels." Synoptic is made up of two Greek words meaning, "To see together."

Matthew – was written to the Jews. The theme is "Jesus, The King Of The Jews." Matthew starts with a genealogy. Every King has to be able to trace their lineage. There are more quotes from the O.T. than any other Gospel because Matthew is showing the Jew that Jesus is their King.

Luke – was written to the Greeks. The theme is "Jesus, The Perfect Man." After His birth there is a genealogy that traces Jesus back to Adam, the first man. The Greeks were obsessed with man so Jesus comes as the perfect man that is the standard.

Mark – was written to the Romans. The theme is "The God Who Serves". Mark does not start with a genealogy because servants don't need a genealogy; what a servant needs is a resume, showing that they can do the job and then perform. The Romans were a people of action, getting the job done.

John – John's Gospel is unique in that 93% of its content is not in the other Gospels. John's purpose is "That we might believe." The theme is "The Deity Of Jesus Christ." There are 7 Signs, there are 7 "I Am" Statements, the word "Believe" is used 98X.

Mark – Words "immediately," "straightway," "forthwith," are all using the same Greek word which is used 49X. Jesus is quick to deal with disease, death, demons, sin and even nature.

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

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

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

Introductory Verses To Jesus – Mark – 13, Matthew – 76, Luke – 183.

The Author – “John Mark”

Key Chapter – Mark 8

The Key Passage of Mark – Mark 10:45

The Theme: “The God Who Serves”; “Jesus Christ, God’s Perfect Servant”

Outline: Mark 1-10 – “Serve”; Mark 1:1-13 Period of Preparation; Mark 11-16 – “Sacrifice”

1. Verse 1 – The Witness Of Mark:

2. Verses 2-3 – The Witness Of The Prophets:

3. Verses 4-8 – The Witness Of John:

1. Verse 1 – The Witness Of Mark:

Mark 1:1

Who Is This Author John Mark? “John” – was his Jewish name which in Hebrew means “Beloved of God”; “Mark” – was his Roman surname.

Acts 12:12

Col. 4:10

Acts 12:25

Acts 13:13

Acts 15:38-40

2 Tim. 4:11

1 Pet. 5:13

Mark 14:51-52

The Gospel Of Mark Was Written Between 55-65 AD At Rome:

Gospel – Means “good news,” or “glad tidings” 1 Cor 15:1-4

Jesus – (Person/Humanity) Is the Greek form of the Hebrew name for Joshua – “Jehovah Savior,” or “Jehovah Saves.” Matt. 1:21

Christ – (Purpose/Mission To Save) “Anointed one”, “Messiah”

“the Son of God.” – (Deity/God) Not “A Son of God.”

1. Declared the Son by the Father – Mark 1:11; 9:7
2. Declared the Son by demons – Mark 3:11; 5:7
3. Declared the Son by Jesus Himself – Mark 13:32; 14:36; 61-62
4. Declared the Son by a Roman soldier – Mark 15:39

2. Verses 2-3 – The Witness Of The Prophets:

Mark 1:2

Malachi 3:1

Mark 1:3 (Isaiah 40:3)

Isaiah 40:4

Romans 3:10-12

3. Verses 4-8 – The Witness Of John:

Mark 1:4

John the Baptist – Matt 3; Luke 1, 3; John 1, 3

John’s Message: “preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”

“preaching a baptism” – “to dip, die, to submerge”

“baptism of repentance” – “Baptism of repentance,” not a “Baptism for repentance.” John’s baptism said, “I need to be saved.”

“repentance” – “Change of mind, Change of heart, To turn around”

Luke 13:3

Mark 1:5

The Response To John’s Message: “And all the country of Judea was going out to him,”

“confessing” – “To agree,” “to say the same thing”

"sins" – "Missing the mark" Romans 3:23-24

Matthew 3:7-8

Mark 1:6

John's Character: 2 Kin. 1:8

John's Diet: "and his diet was locusts and wild honey."

John's Character Lined Up With His Message: Matthew 11:11

Mark 1:7

John Message Glorified God, Not Himself: "After me One is coming who is mightier than I,"

Mark 1:8

Application:

1. The Gospel Is Good News That Jesus Christ The Son Of God Died For Our Sins, Was Buried, And Resurrected."
2. "One's Character Needs To Be Consistent With One's Message."
3. "Law – You Are A Condemned Sinner. Grace – Jesus Can Forgive Because He Became Our Substitute For Sin."
4. Our Message, Like John's Message, Should Be God-Glorifying, Not The Glorification Of Man."