

MARK

1. TITLES:

- A. Mark = polite, shining (John Mark)
- B. The Gospel According to Mark
- C. The Book of The Servant

2. AUTHOR:

Written by John Mark, who was a cousin of Barnabas and a companion of Peter.

Many conclude that Mark was actually writing the “Gospel according to Peter”.

3. DATE:

- A. Covers approximately 4 years from John's ministry to the beginning of the ministry of the early church.
- B. Probably written between 55 and 68 A.D.

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Straightway, Immediately, Forthwith, Anon, As soon (same Greek word) - 42
- B. Multiple, People, Press (same Greek word) - 38
- C. Gospel ('s) - 8

5. KEY VERSES: 10:45

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To present Jesus of Nazareth as the perfect and faithful Servant of Jehovah.
- B. To show to the Romans that Jesus was the Servant acting under the authority of Jehovah, giving immediate and full obedience to all commandments.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. The way to be great in the Kingdom of God is to be servant of all.
- B. He that humbleth himself under the hand of God shall be exalted in due time (1 Peter 5:6).

8. OUTLINE:

- I. The Separation of the Servant ----- 1:1–13
- II. The Service of the Servant ----- 1:14–8:30
- III. The Sacrifice of the Servant ----- 8:31–15:47
- IV. The Session of the Servant ----- 16:1–20

9. SUMMARY:

The distinctive characteristic of Mark's Gospel is its appeal to the Roman mind. It was probably written in Rome and contains more Latinisms than the other Gospels. Jewish customs, places, coins, and Aramaic expressions are explained, which would be necessary in order for the Roman mind's to comprehend them. Mark's Gospel presents the Servant - Son as a man of action, of deeds more than words, recording more miracles than any other Gospel. It opens with the presentation of the Servant and closes with the Servant being made Lord (Mk 16:19; Phil 2:6–11; Acts 2:36).

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Son of God (1:1) who became the Son of Man (10:45), the Sent-One (9:37), and the suffering Servant who after giving his life a ransom for many became the exalted Lord (16:19).