

## **I. Introduction**

- A. The study of the book of Mark and its description of the life of Christ offers many people hope but also brings about questions as to the authenticity of the writing. Some individuals believe the book is a consortium of writings by others in which the author utilized to tell a particular story. The challenge with this has been the validity of eyewitness accounts and the authenticity of the reports. In this writing, we will present research that describes the writer and the style of writing for the audience. We will explore the relationships that were necessary to gain insight into the life of Christ and His disciples. Lastly, we will explore the effects this writing has had on the culture of the specific time and how it affects believers today.
- B. The mission of Christ is to preach the good news of salvation to sinners. In this writing, we will explore the journey of this writer and the results of this writing on sinner and believers alike.

## **II. The origin of the Gospel of Mark**

- A. This section will explore the writer(s) and contributing writers of the book of Mark and attempt to validate the source information and accounts as given in the text.
- B. Various sources will be utilized to determine who (if any) the contributors were and why their contributions were necessary for this book to take formation and have validity to be a part Holy Bible.
- C. If determining the writer(s) and its validity, believers can firmly stand on the truths this book conveys and expect the manifestation of promises of God.

## **III. Mark, the Disciples, and Peter**

- A. Understanding the relationship between Mark and the disciples will uncover the motive of the writing and how their lives affect Mark and His depiction of the life of Christ.
- B. Many writers have connected the life of Peter with Mark, we will explore their relationships, and it affects the writing of this book.

- C. Understanding the relationships will help others understand how their connections and encounters with Christ can move others into living and serving Christ.

#### **IV. What Mark is Saying to the Culture Then and Now**

- A. The book of Mark describes many of the acts/works of Christ. From exorcisms, deliverances, to miraculous healings, we see Christ doing things that are outside of our natural abilities. We will explore how this affected the culture then and how it should affect the culture now.
- B. Mark describes Jesus as one who moves and spoke against the religious and political establishment of the times. In this writing, we will explore those encounters and how the culture today should engage the community as a whole, religious, political, social, and economically.
- C. The shift in the relationship of believers with God has postures them to do “greater” works than that of Christ. We will explore the meaning of this and whom those works should be directed.
- D. In this exploration, our relationship with God by way of salvation will be discussed to identify the new life in Christ and the benefits of being a believer.

#### **V. Conclusion**