

STUDY PACK 2

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

“What he knew of the work of Jesus directly we do not know, probably not much. The early Christian writers universally say that he was the interpreter of Peter and that he based his gospel upon information gained from him.”

~ J. B. Tidell, *The Bible Book by Book*, p. 97. ~

I. THEME

- A. Jesus Christ is the _____.
- B. Jesus Christ is the _____.
- C. Mark is written in a straight to the point summary form known as _____.

II. KEY WORDS

- A. _____ – 19 times, other words like immediately, forthwith and anon from the same Greek word – 40 times.
- B. Multitude – 17 times.

III. DATE

A.D. 50.

IV. HUMAN AUTHOR – JOHN MARK

- A. Cousin of Barnabas; Colossians 4:10.
- B. Son of Mary of Jerusalem; Acts 12:12.
- C. Had a serious falling out with Paul but the two were later reconciled; Acts 15:36-39; 2 Timothy 4:11.

V. RECIPIENTS

- A. Probably for the _____
- B. _____ are explained. There are few Old Testament references.

VI. BOOK NOTATIONS

- A. Number in the Bible – 42.
- B. Number in the New Testament – 2.
- C. Chapters – 16.
- D. Verses – _____.

VII. DIVISIONS

- A. Introduction of the Savior.
- B. Ministry _____.
- C. From the transfiguration to the ascension.

VIII. SPECIAL NOTES

- A. Mark focuses more on _____ than _____.
- B. A servant does not need a genealogy. There is no genealogy like Matthew or Luke.

IX. OUTLINE OF MARK

- I. The Servant Gives His Life in Service: Chapters 1-10
 - A. Servant's Work: chapters 1-3
 - 1. Work begun: chapter 1
 - 2. Work belittled: chapters 2:1-3:6
 - 3. Work blessed: chapters 3:7-19
 - 4. Work blasphemed: chapter 3:20-25
 - B. Servant's Words: chapters 4-5
 - 1. Exact in purpose: chapter 4:1-34
 - 2. Executive in power: chapters 4:35-5:43
 - C. Servant's Ways: chapters 6:1-8:26
 - 1. Attitude of Others Toward God's Servant: chapter 6:1-29
 - 2. Actions for Others by God's Servant: chapters 6:30-8:26
 - D. Servant's Worth: chapters 8:27-9:13
 - E. Servant's Will: chapter 9:14-29
 - F. Servant's Wisdom: chapters 9:30-10:52
- II. The Servant Gives His Life in Sacrifice: Chapters 11-16
 - A. Previews the Crisis of Calvary: chapters 11-12
 - B. Portrays the Consequences of Calvary: chapters 13:1-14:31
 - C. Permits the Cross of Calvary: chapters 14:32-15:47

- D. Proves the Crime of Calvary: chapter 16
 - 1. By conquering the grave: chapter 16:1-4
 - 2. By circling the globe: chapter 16:15-20

X. COMMENTARY

- A. G. Campbell Morgan.

The Gospel according to Mark has its own peculiar charm, much of which is created by _____ of the writing of a man, evidently untrained in literary methods; and also by its chronological continuity. There is a _____ and a _____ about it, which grips and holds the reader.

In reading it we are able swiftly, but with keen and alert interest, to move with Jesus of Nazareth through the wonderful crowded years of His more public ministry.”

- B. A. J. Gordon (commenting on Mark).

“The look saves but the gaze sanctifies.”

- C. J. Vernon McGee.

“The style of Mark is brief and blunt, pertinent and pithy, short and sweet. This is the gospel of _____ and _____.”

- D. Matthew Henry.

“St. Jerome saith that, after the writing of this gospel, he went into _____, and was the first that preached the gospel _____, where he founded a church, to which he was a great example of holy living.”