



Beginning Theology

Coming Alive: the Gospel of Mark

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Getting into the gospels (Mark)

- Task 1: Type into chat any key takeaways from last session on Matthew's gospel OR if you weren't at the last session type in your favourite gospel story and why it is your favourite...
- Task 2: Jumping into the Gospel of Mark, I want you to grab a Bible and look up the following verses:

Mk 1:27; Mk 2:6-7; Mk 3:22-23; Mk 4:35-4; Mk 6:2-4; Mk 8:27-30

What do these verses have in common?

Gospel of Mark: Christology

1. Jesus is the Son of God
(1:11; 9:7; 15:39)
'God in person'
2. Jesus is the long-awaited
'Christ' or Messiah (1:1;
8:29; 14:61-62)
3. Jesus kickstarts the
Kingdom of God (4:1-29;
4: 30-33)

(1) Gospel of Mark - *One story in two parts*

Galilee (chapters 1-8)

- Messianic mid-point of the story Mk 8:29-30

Jerusalem (chapters 9 -16)

- Enigmatic ending of the story Mk 16:8

Gospel of Mark: Discipleship

1. Following Jesus along the way (1:17; 8:34-5; 10:52)
2. Insight and faith at sea (4:35-41; 6:45-52)
3. 'Seeing' who Jesus truly is (8:22-26; 10:46-52)

Gospel of Mark: Salvation

1. Jesus brings a new
exodus

(1:2-3; 1:7; 1:12-13)

2. Jesus brings redemption
(10:45; 14:22-24)

3. Jesus' brings victory over
evil

(1:7; 3:27; 15:37-39)

Who was Mark?

- John Mark – one of Paul's mission team (Acts)
- Thought to be the secretary of Peter
- Since he has both a Hebrew name 'John' and a Greek name 'Mark' he was probably a bilingual Jewish guy.

When, for whom and why did Mark write his gospel?

- The gospel was probably written c.60-65AD but we cannot be 100% sure.
- 'Mark' was likely written for a mixed audience including Gentiles, possibly based in Rome but we cannot be 100% sure.
- With the apostles dying out the gospel is probably written to preserve and pass on the good news.