

## Bible Study – Outline

### Mark

#### Christ The Servant

It is possible that the Gospel of Mark was the first gospel written as all other gospels quote all of Mark except 31 verses.

Marks' focus was on those in Rome and the wider church, especially those who had not been raised as Jews.

John Mark accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey.

It is possible that Mark was the young man described in Mark 14:51-52

Date Written: Sometime between 55 and 65AD.  
During the time of Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey (Acts 18:23 – 21:16)

Places and Audience: The Christians in Rome

### Major Theme(s)

- Christ the Servant
- The Kingdom of God

### Key People

Jesus Christ

Mark

The Disciples

Peter, James (the son of Zebedee), John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot

The Jewish religious leaders at the time

Pontius Pilate

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<b>THE MINISTRY OF THE SERVANT Galilean Ministry (to 6:6) then Decapolis and Bethsaida</b>	<b>1:1 – 8:30</b>
The credentials of the Servant; John the Baptist announces and baptizes Jesus	1:1-11
The testing of the Servant; temptation in the wilderness	1:12-13
The ministry of the Servant; Miracles, healings, authority over demons, and disease	1:14 – 2:12
Controversy and opposition over Jesus' friendship with sinners; work on the Sabbath	2:13 – 3:35
Four parables of the Servant: The soils, the lamp, the growing seed, the mustard seed	4:1-34
Four miracles: The sea is calmed, demons cast into pigs, the raising of Jairus' daughter, the healing of the woman with a flow of blood	4:35 – 5:43
Increasing opposition to Jesus and the beheading of John the Baptist	6:1 – 8:21
The healing of the blind man	8:22 – 26
Peter's confession of Christ	8:27 - 30
<b>THW RANSOMING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST</b>	<b>8:31 – 16:20</b>
Jesus begins teaching about His impending death	8:31 – 8:38
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain	9:1 - 13
Jesus delivers a demon possessed son	9:14 - 29
Jesus prepares His disciples for His death	9:30 - 32
Teachings on being a servant; death and hell; marriage and divorce; children; wealth; the eternal reward and the story of the rich young ruler	9:33 – 10:31
Jesus continues His preaching of being a servant and foretells His upcoming death	10:32 - 45
Blind Bartimeus is healed	10:46 - 52
The triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the cleansing of the Temple	11:1 - 19
Introduction of prayer	11:20 - 26
Opposition from religious leaders	11:27 –12:44
Jesus tells of the end times, the tribulation, and His second coming	13
The Trial and Crucifixion	14 - 15
The resurrection, Jesus appears, and His ascension	16

## Key Scriptures

Mark 1:14-15	“.. Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news.”
Mark 2:27	The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath
Mark 4: 11-12	He told them, “The secret of the Kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that, “ they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”
Mark 7:6—8	He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “ These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”
Mark 8:31	And He began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (KJV)
Mark 9:31	For He taught His disciples, and said unto them, The Son of
Man	is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill
Him; and	after that He is killed, He shall rise the third day.
(KJV)	
Mark 10:14	“Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the Kingdom of God.”
Mark 10 44	Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all
Mark 10:45	“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 11:24	“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. “
Mark 11:25 – 26	Forgiveness of others
Mark 12:30-31	“Love the Lord your God with all our heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”
Mark 13:10	“And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.”
Mark 13:30-32	“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the Father.”
Mark 14:22-24	* Passover symbols
Mark 16:15	* He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

\* see note in Life Application Bible for this verse

## Discussion Questions

1. Why does Jesus ask “Who do people say I am?” Mark 8:27 – 30
2. What is the meaning of the Transfiguration? Mark 9:1 – 13. See also Luke 16:16, Romans 3:21; 2 Peter 1:16-18
3. Mark 10:13-16 How are we to receive the Kingdom of God? What does it mean to receive as a little child?
4. What is the message to be learned from Mark 12:32-34?
5. What chapter in Matthew is a parallel to Mark 13?
6. Who are we to rely on when confronted with what we believe? Mark 13:11
7. What is the admonition we are given in Mark 13:33-37? How are we to do this?

## Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman

Mark a 12 Week Study by J.I Packer and Dane C. Ortlund

Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House

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