

An open scroll with Hebrew text is shown against a dark background. The scroll is unrolled, revealing two pages of text. To the left of the scroll is a wooden handle, likely for a scroll. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew, and the overall scene is lit from the side, creating a dramatic effect.

The Gospel of Mark

Christ the Servant

Outline

- Introducing... John Mark
- The time of writing
- The good news Mark has given the world!
- Deliberate design
- Mark Chapter 1

John Mark

- John Mark was a young man totally overwhelmed by Jesus Christ of Nazareth!
- This man's life had been transformed by Jesus and he wants to tell the world!
- He came from a wealthy family
- He had a love for & fascination with scripture

- The first mention of John Mark?
 - Many will point to Acts 12
 - But we seem to encounter him as a young boy

Mark 14:47-52

- 47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
- 48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?
- 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

Mark 14:47-52

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50 And they all forsook him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him:

52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

Mark 14:50-52

- It has often been suggested, perhaps correctly, that Mark was making a veiled reference to himself. There seems to be no other reason why this insignificant event was included - *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*

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- Mark was the nephew of Barnabas
- Acts 15 records the tension with Paul when Barnabas wanted to take Mark on their 2nd missionary trip:
 - Mark had previously left them on their first trip

Acts 15:36-40

- 36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas,
Let us go again and visit our brethren in every
city where we have preached the word of the
Lord, and see how they do.
- 37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John,
whose surname was Mark.

Acts 15:36-37

Acts 15:36-40

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

Acts 15:38-39

Acts 15:36-40

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

Acts 15:40

Mark & Peter

- Peter calls Mark his 'son' in the faith
 - Suggesting that Peter had been involved in Mark's conversion to Christianity (1 Peter 5:13)
- Mark had accompanied Peter to Babylon
- It is often proposed that the Gospel of Mark is the 'Gospel according to Peter'
 - Mark acting as his amanuensis
- Peter is the 1st Apostle mentioned
- Peter is the last Apostle mentioned
- But here we have Mark's testimony, based on the first-hand experience of Peter.

Mark & Peter

- Picture Mark sat at Peter's feet eagerly asking him questions of his experience and scribbling down all his notes
- Mark being then so overwhelmed that he has to tell the world!

Mark & Peter

- *“But as to his Gospel, the tradition regarding Peter's hand in it is so ancient, so uniform, and so remarkably confirmed by internal evidence, that we must regard it as an established fact. 'Mark,' says Papias (according to the testimony of Eusebius)”*

- Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown

Mark's Journeys

- *He was at first the companion of Paul and Barnabas in their journeys to propagate Christianity, Acts 12:25; 13:5; 15:37. He chose not to attend them through their whole journey, but left them in Pamphylia, and probably returned to Jerusalem, Acts 15:38. Probably at this time he was the companion of Peter, and traveled with him to Babylon, 1 Pet. 6:13. Afterward he went with Barnabas to Cyprus, Acts 15:39. Subsequently he went to Rome, at the express desire of Paul, in company with Timothy, 2 Tim 4:11. He remained at Rome while Paul was a captive there, but how long is uncertain, Col 4:10; Philem 24. From Eusebius, Epiphanius, and Jerome we hear that Mark went from Rome to Alexandria, in Egypt, where he planted a church, and died in the eighth year of the reign of Nero, 64 A.D.*

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Time of Writing

- *The time when this Gospel was written is not certainly known. It is supposed to have been between the years 56 and 63 A.D. It is allowed by all that it was written at Rome; of course it was during the latter years of his life, after the apostles had left Judea, Mark 16:20. Mark was for a considerable time the companion of Peter. Though he had not himself been with the Saviour in his ministry, yet, from his long acquaintance with "Peter," he was familiar with the events of his life, and with his instructions.*

Time of Writing

- *The uniform testimony of the fathers is that he was the "interpreter" of Peter, and that he wrote this Gospel under the eye of Peter and with his approbation. It has come down to us, therefore, with the sanction of Peter's authority. Its right to a place among the inspired books has never been questioned. That it was written by Mark, that it was with Peter's approbation, that it was a record of the "facts" which Peter stated in his ministry, and that it was therefore an inspired book, has never been questioned.* - Barnes

Time of Writing

- *That it was not for Jews but Gentiles, is evident from the great number of explanations of Jewish usages, opinions, and places, which to a Jew would at that time have been superfluous, but were highly needful to a Gentile. We can here but refer to Mark 2:18; 7:3,4; 12:18; 13:3; 14:12; 15:42, for examples of these.*

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Time of Writing

- Likely written during Mark's time with Peter in Babylon
- This is the only time we know for certain that Peter & Mark spent a reasonable amount of time together
- Paul's change of heart toward Mark is indicative that Mark had accomplished something such that Paul now valued his company
 - The Gospel of Mark is a 1st class introduction to Jesus for any softened heart!

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John Mark's Good News!

- Mark's Gospel is fast paced, giving us snapshots of Jesus ministry
- Yet there is significant detail not recorded in the other Gospels
 - Particularly the timings of Passion Week
- Mark just gives us the facts
 - 42x Straightway / Immediately
- It is suggested that Peter/Mark sought to assist Paul's case in Rome, and that the writing was intended for a Gentile audience
 - Jewish customs explained & Romans seen in a positive light!

John Mark's Good News!

- In his opening chapter we see:
 - The miracle of fulfilled prophecy
 - The miracle of forgiveness of sin
 - The miracle of Jesus Christ
 - The miracle of the Holy Spirit
 - The baptism of Jesus
 - The Temptation in the wilderness
 - The imprisonment of John
 - The teaching & message of Jesus
 - The calling of the disciples
 - The authority of Jesus (over the scribes)
 - The authority of Jesus (over demons)
 - The authority of Jesus (over sickness)
 - The authority of Jesus (over the impossible)

The Design of the Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Presents as:	Messiah	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy:	Abraham (Legal)	--	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Preexistence)
What Jesus	Said	Did	Felt	Was
To the:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
1st Miracle:	Leper cleansed (Jew = sin)	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to Wine
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit: Acts	Promise of Return: Revelation
Camp Side:	East	West	South	North
Ensign:	Judah	Ephraim	Reuben	Dan
Face:	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Style:	Groupings	Snapshots	Narrative	Mystical

Chapter 1

- 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
- 2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Mark 1:1-3

Chapter 1

- 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
- 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:4-5

Chapter 1

- 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;
- 7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Mark 1:6-7

Chapter 1

- 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.
- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Mark 1:8-9

Chapter 1

¹⁰ And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

¹¹ And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mark 1:10-11

Chapter 1

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Mark 1:12-13

Chapter 1

- 14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
- 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 1:14-15

Chapter 1

- 16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
- 17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
- 18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

Chapter 1

- 19 And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.
- 20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

Mark 1:19-20



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