

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

KEY—FACTS

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Author: John Mark. John was his Jewish name; Mark his Roman name. He was the young man who went with Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but for some reason, he left them at Perga and went home (Acts 12:25; 13:5, 13). That displeased Paul, so he refused to let Mark go on the second missionary journey (Acts 15:36-41). Later in Paul's ministry, Mark won Paul's favor again and was considered an important coworker (2-Tim 4:11).

Timeline of Key Events

37 B.C—Herod the great begins to rule
6/5 B.C—Jesus is born
5/4 B.C—Jesus' family escapes to Egypt
4 B.C—Herod the great dies
4/3 B.C—Jesus' family returns to Nazareth
6/7 A.D—Jesus visits the Temple as a boy
14 A.D—Tiberius Caesar becomes Emperor
26 A.D—Pontius Pilate appointed as governor
26/27 A.D—Jesus begins his ministry
28 A.D—Jesus chooses the 12 disciples
29 A.D—Jesus feeds 5000
30 A.D—Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension.
Also during this time, saddles were first used in Europe(A.D 1), Judea becomes a Roman Province (A.D 6), Zealots in Judea rebelled against Rome (A.D.7) and Paul was converted on the Damascus road (A>D>34).

Note: Almost all the events in Jesus' life happened in the area that is present –day Israel and Jordan.

Date

Written: Mark was probably written between A.D 55 and 65.

Setting: The Roman Empire was under Tiberius Caesar. The empire, with its common language, excellent

transportation and communication system was ripe to hear Jesus' message, which spread quickly from nation to nation. Mark addressed his Gospel to Gentile Christians in Rome.

Special

Features: Mark was the first Gospel written. The other Gospels quote all but 31 verses of Mark. Mark records more miracles than any other Gospel.

Real-Life subjects

Covered:

FAITH—Chapters 4:40; 5:24-29 & 34; 9:21-24

HELP—Chapters 4:36-40; 5:22-23; 6:47-51

HOPE—Chapters 1:15; 5:36; 13:29-30

HURTING—Chapters 2:17; 5:22-23

JUDGING OTHERS—Chapters 2:6-7 & 23-24; 3:22

LOVE OF GOD—Chapters 12:28-31; 14:3-9

LOVE FOR OTHERS—Chapters 9:36-37; 12:31

MERCY—Chapters 2:5; 9:21-22; 10:47-52

MONEY—Chapters 10:21-22; 12:41-44

OBEDIENCE—Chapters 1:16-20; 4:8; 9:7

POWER—Chapters 1:23-26; 3:11; 5:6-13

SEEKING—Chapters 1:35; 8:34; 10:17

SERVICE—Chapters 1:31; 9:35; 10:42-45

WILL OF GOD—Chapters 1:40-41; 3:33-35; 14:36

Key verses to ponder upon and remember by heart:

Chapter 5, Verses 19 and 36

- *Importance of witnessing to those in our home, family and friends circle as well as community and city.*
- *Believing God firmly, strongly and vigorously, eliminates fear. Fear is the opposite of trust, faith, assurance and confidence in God.*

Chapter 6, Verse 34

- *True compassion is willing to take action in need.*
- *It is the character-trait of God and His son Jesus Christ.*

Chapter 8, Verses 34-38

- *Jesus addresses the issue of discipleship.*
- *Being a Christ follower boils down to one primary requirement—we must deny ourselves.*
- *Knowing following in His footsteps lead to death before they lead to glory.*

Chapter 9, Verse 35

- *If anyone desires to be first, he/she must be last of all and servant of all.*
- *Jesus teaches a profound lesson on becoming great.*
- *The way to greatness is service—humble service using our gifts and abilities.*

Chapter 10, Verses 15, 26-27 and 45

- *Receiving God's Kingdom like a child is an essential requirement.*
- *Like children, we must trust God, accept His love and care and have tendency to eagerly respond & surrender to Him.*
- *God's concern is Spiritual Blessings, not material blessings.*
- *Righteousness and Prosperity have nothing to do with each other.*
- *The rich must live sacrificial n order to meet the needs of poor and needy.*
- *Jesus came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.*

Chapter 16, Verses 6 and 15-16

- *The Great Commission is a straight forward command. It is brief but forceful: go---preach.*
- *It is a permanent commission, given to every church in every generation.*
- *The great commission does not consider difficulties, dangers or barriers to be the reason for not going.*
- *It is concerned about the issue of Eternal Life and eternal damnation.*
- *There is desperate need to save human beings from sin, death and hell.*