

Mark Introduction: Servant King Jesus

[Mar 1:1 ESV] 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

I. Intro

- A. Mark is a great read, and a great study
- B. I have fallen in love with this book in the preparation leading up to this study.
- C. Facts about Mark:
 1. Key passage: [Mar 10:37-45 ESV] 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
 2. Basic Facts:
 - a) 16 Chapters
 - b) 578 verses
 - c) 17,171 words
 3. Main sections
 - a) Chapters 1-8: Jesus' ministry in Galilee
 - b) Chapters 8-10: Jesus prepares His disciples for His death
 - c) Chapters 11-16: Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus
 4. More detail:
 - a) The writer Mark is John Mark.
 - (1) John's mother had a large house that was used as a meeting place for the church in Jerusalem.
 - (2) According to Acts 12:12, Barnabas and John Mark were cousins.
 - b) It may be that Peter led Mark to Christ. 1 Peter 5:13 - "Mark my son."
 - c) Barnabas & Saul took John Mark with them when they returned from the Jerusalem conference in Acts 15.
 - (1) Mark proceeded with them on the 1st missionary journey.
 - (2) Mark turned back in Phrygia in Pamphylia, and returned to Jerusalem.
 - d) When Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them on the 2nd missionary journey, Paul refused. The disagreement led to:
 - a) Barnabas taking Mark and traveling to Cyprus.
 - b) Paul taking Silas and traveling through Syria and Cilicia.
 5. Eventually matters worked out between Paul and John Mark as is evidenced by:
 - a) Approximately 12 years later Paul wrote that Mark was with him during his first Roman imprisonment.
 - b) Near the end of his life, Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:11 "Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry."
 7. Only four parables are given in Mark.
 8. 19 miracles are recorded in rapid fashion.
 9. EUTHEOS used 41 times,
 - a) "Immediately" - As soon as"
 - b) "Anon" - "Shortly"
 - c) "Forthwith" - Straightway"

- d) "By and by"
- e) Examples :
 - (1) [Mar 1:10 ESV] 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.
 - (2) [Mar 1:12 ESV] 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.
 - (3) [Mar 1:18 ESV] 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.
 - (4) [Mar 1:20 ESV] 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.
- f) The URGENCY jumps off the page
 - (1) Sometimes Jesus does something immediately
 - (2) Sometimes the disciples respond immediately
 - (3) But the word is hard to miss once you start seeing it.
 - (4) This word is only used 11 times outside the gospel of Mark

D. Homework:

1. Read the entire gospel several times this week
2. Begin marking key words and phrases, themes and sections
3. Get familiar with this book, it'll make our study way more fun

II. Text

A. The beginning of the gospel

1. The beginning of the gospel
2. There is good news for us, and it is the life changing message of hope that came from Christ.
3. The good news of the gospel had been long awaited, now we hear the story.

B. Jesus Christ,

1. Jesus was the name given Him by instruction to Joseph
 - a) [Mat 1:20-21 ESV] 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
 - b) Yeshua, same name as Joshua in the OT
2. Christ
 - a) Title given that means anointed one
 - b) This was the word that designated Him as messiah

C. the son of God,

1. A huge statement
2. The deity of Christ, and promise of Christ fulfilled

III. Points

A. Christ is King

1. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords
2. He is all the way king
3. He is the boss of our lives, and His word instructs us
 - a) We get this upside down too often
 - b) We need to put this in proper order as we follow Christ
 - c) We cannot expect Him to bend to our will, but we should yield to Him
4. Fact: Christ is King, whether you recognize Him as such or not.
 - a) He is always and forever king
 - b) He is not more king or less king based upon our view of Him.
5. There is a sense of urgency in this declaration, urgently declare it with your life.

B. Christ Served

1. Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
2. Christ served as He was born to do

3. Christ served all the way to the cross, and beyond
4. Christ served, though He was preeminent over all things, and we also should serve
5. Christ is our example in service: sacrifice
6. There is urgency in our serving

C. Christ Be Glorified

1. Jesus died for us, was raised again, and ascended to the right hand of the father
2. HE is glorified today in the response of the church in worship
 - a) We declare His worth through the actions of our lives
 - b) We worship Him by responding in actions of faith
 - c) He produces the fruit of the Spirit in us
3. So, we leave with this, Christ be glorified in us.
 - a) Serve like Christ
 - b) Live for Christ
 - c) Christ be glorified!
4. There is urgency in this declaration, Christ be glorified through us!

IV. Close