



PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Recordings of Mark can be found on Instagram (IGTV) at [yl_discipleship](#) (beginning 5/4/20).

You can find important theological and historical background at any of the resource study sites linked on **THIS PAGE**. (discipleship.younglife.org/digital-devos)

Watch these two Bible Project videos for important background and narrative structure information:

THE GOSPEL OF MARK (5:35)

Basic background and message.

READ SCRIPTURE: MARK (9:31)

Overview of structure and message.

Presumed author:

John Mark

- travelled with Barnabas and Saul (Acts 12:25, Acts 13:5)
- left Barnabas and Saul early (Acts 13:13)
- travelled with Barnabas (Acts 15:36-41)
- cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10)
- connected to earliest Christians (Acts 12:12)
- close relationship with Peter (1 Pet 5:13)

Date:

Early to mid 50s AD (generally agreed upon by scholars)

- most scholars believe Mark was earliest gospel to be written

Where, Why, Who:

Most scholars throughout history agree that John Mark wrote in Rome, and was perhaps there with Peter. He may have written for several reasons: to record Peter's eye-witness account of Jesus' life, to encourage the Roman Christians, and most importantly to share "the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God." (1:1)

Views on the Ending:

Mark 16:9-20 is identified in most Bibles as "not appearing in the earliest manuscripts." Many people believe it was added later in order to complete the story. They argue that Mark 16:8 makes sense as the intended ending because it matches the tone, style, and purpose of the book.

Old Testament References in Mark's Gospel Account:

1:2 Malachi 3:1
1:3 Isaiah 40:3
4:12 Isaiah 6:9 - 10
7:6-7 Isaiah 29:13
7:10 Exodus 20:12, 21:17
8:18 Jeremiah 5:21
9:44 Isaiah 66:24
10:4 Deuteronomy 24:1
10:6 Genesis 1:27
10:7-8 Genesis 2:24
10:19 Exodus 20:12 - 17
11:9 Psalm 118:26
11:10 Isaiah 9:6 - 7
11:17 Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11
12:10 Psalm 118:22 - 23
12:19 Deuteronomy 25:5
12:26 Exodus 3:6
12:29 Deuteronomy 6:4
12:30 Deuteronomy 6:5
12:31 Leviticus 19:18
12:32 Deuteronomy 6:4
12:33 Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18
12:36 Psalm 110:1
13:14 Daniel 12:11
13:24 Isaiah 13:10
13:26 Daniel 7:13
14:27 Zechariah 13:7
15:24 Psalm 22:18
15:28 Isaiah 53:12
15:34 Psalm 22:1

Listening Prompts (pre and post) and Additional Reflections (chat+):

- (pre) Listen for names/titles/descriptions of Jesus.
- (post) What is the strongest image/impression you have of Jesus after hearing this chapter? Why?
- (+chat) Are there any words or actions of Jesus that surprise you? Why?
Which conversation/interaction of Jesus do you most relate to? Why?
What is something new you heard or realized about Jesus from this reading?
Do you sense the Spirit speaking to you through this reading? In what way?

Additional Resources:

"How Mark's Use of the OT Contributes to His Christology" (from the Logos Academic Blog) [HERE](#)
"Theology of Mark" (from Bible Study Tools) [HERE](#)
"Son of God" (video from Bible Project) [HERE](#)