

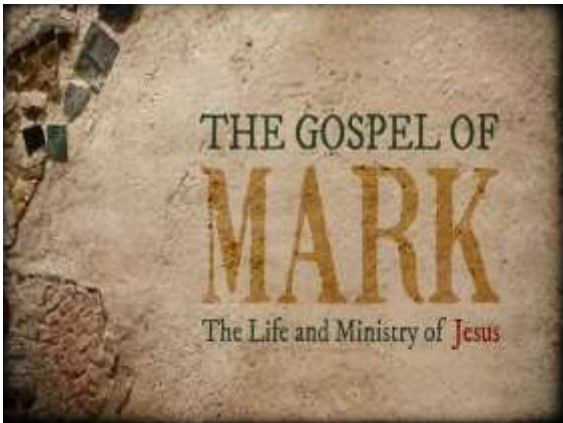


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Star Wars: The Force Awakens becomes highest-grossing film of all time in US...

JJ Abrams' space-saga movie has now outstripped previous record-holder...., making over \$700m in the US since its release...

<http://www.theguardian.com/film/2016/jan/06/star-wars-the-force-awakens-becomes-highest-grossing-film-of-all-time-in-us>



MARK - STYLE

- Short (678 verses); simple Greek.
- Action-packed, concise, graphic, abrupt, vigorous, forceful, realistic = DRAMA!
- Designed to be read out loud!
- Written for target audience.

MARK – TARGET AUDIENCE

- Romans and their slaves.

The "hero" of the book is a Son (Master) who became a Slave/Servant!

MARK - AUDIENCE

- The book uses a number of Latin terms in place of Greek equivalents.
- Mark explains Jewish customs and terms.
- Mark uses fewer Old Testament references than the other gospels.
- Mark divides the night watch into four divisions (Roman) versus three divisions (Jewish).
- Mark speaks of women divorcing their husbands.

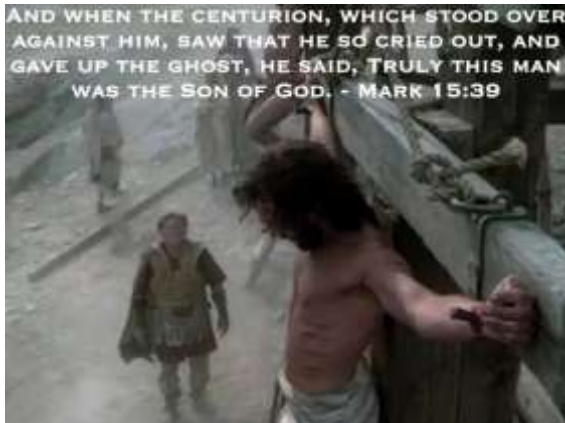
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MARK

*Following the **Servant** Son*

MARK – PURPOSE

By the gospel drama of the Servant Son,

- To evangelize sinners and to disciple converts.
- To bring the reader / hearer to a decision to follow Christ.



“THE BEGINNING”

- MARK 1:1

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Celebration of Augustus’ birthday:

“the birthday of the god was for the world the beginning of joyful tidings (gospel) which have been proclaimed on his account.”

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- It was 400+ years since God had spoken to Israel through a prophet.
- The Roman Emperor seeking to be worshiped as God.
- The land of Israel was being governed by a pagan = Pontius Pilate.
- Herod the Great, an Edomite, sat on the throne at Jerusalem.

“GOOD NEWS”

New Era in Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

- “Jesus” – His human name, “salvation”
- “Christ” – His mission, the Messiah, the “anointed One”
- “Son of God” – His deity and equality to the Father

THEME – The Son who Serves

- MARK 10:45

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

1-10 The Servant Son’s ministry

11-16 The Servant Son’s sacrifice

Introducing... the Servant Son

MARK 1:1-13

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 - Became a good servant
- “Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.” (2 Tim 4:11)

MARK - BACKGROUND

Papias, the pastor at Hierapolis, *Exegesis of the Lord's Oracles*, A.D. 140:

“And the elder John used to say this: Mark, having become Peter’s interpreter, wrote accurately as many things as he remembered, not, indeed, in order, of the things spoken and done by the Lord.”

MARK - BACKGROUND

“...., but afterwards, as I said, he followed Peter, who used to give his teachings according to the needs (i.e. of the hearers), but not as though he were making a connected account of the Lord’s oracles.”

MARK - BACKGROUND

- I PETER 5:13

The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

MARK - BACKGROUND

The Gospel of Mark does not mention Mark’s name.

- MARK 14:51-52

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

Narrative Setting:
The Identity & Mission of The Servant Son

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| Preface: | Wilderness |
| Act 1: | Galilee and the surrounding area
- <i>Jesus received and followed</i> |
| Act 2: | Trip to Jerusalem |
| Act 3: | Jerusalem
- <i>Jesus rejected and crucified</i> |

Preface: Prepare the Way!

- MARK 1:2-3

As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

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His way is prepared by the greatest prophets

“in the prophets”

- EXODUS 23:20

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

“in the prophets”

- ISAIAH 40:3,

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

“in the prophets”

- MALACHI 3:1,

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Messenger

- MARK 1:4-6,

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 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. ...

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- 2 Kings 1:8

And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

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The Messenger

- MARK 1:7

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.

I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

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The Old Testament Prophecies of the Son

PSALM 2:7, I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee.

ISAIAH 42:1, Behold *my servant*, whom I uphold; mine elect, **in whom my soul delighteth**; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

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Servanthood: Submission

- Matthew 3:13-15

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Servanthood: Submission & Reality

- Mark 1:12-13

And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

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

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Setting: “the wilderness”

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“The voice of one crying in the wilderness”

- MARK 1:4

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- MARK 1:12

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“Baptism of Repentance”

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